



## Kenneth John Anthony Bloech

April 8, 1947 - June 18, 2025

Kenneth John Bloech, 78, passed away peacefully in Wilmington, NC on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 with his wife and children by his side.

Ken is survived by his wife of 55 years, Susan, his children: Christopher (wife Jennifer), Kevin (wife Courtney) and Lyndsay (husband Kyle) and five grandsons: Sam, Jack (of Wilmington, NC) Logan, Mason and Austin (of Columbus, OH) and his loyal K9 companion, Blu.

Ken was Born in the Bronx, NY on April 8, 1947. He was raised in River Edge, NJ by Frances and John Perkins where he met Susan in high school. With an incredibly strong work ethic and eagerness to provide, Ken found success in the automotive industry with Nissan and Hyundai. Never one to turn down an opportunity, his career took the family across nine states.

No matter how tough a businessman, Ken's tenacity was always rooted in the love of his family and the desire to provide a life of opportunity for Susan and the kids. In addition to his family, he encouraged and mentored many young professionals through his years in the automotive industry. In 2014, when Ken retired from Hyundai, he and Susan settled in Wilmington, NC.

Ken has always been a fighter, from early on in life, throughout his career and later his battles with cancer. If inclined, a donation can be made in Ken's memory to Lower Cape Fear Hospice or Hyundai's Hope On Wheels.

A Celebration of Life in Ken's honor will be held later this summer.

# Tribute Wall

BW

“ Working for Nissan North America, my first relocation in 1985 was from Los Angeles to Norfolk. I had the privilege to work for Ken in Norfolk and later in New Jersey. Thirty-three years with Nissan, and yes, Ken Bloech was my favorite boss (and I worked for a lot of great people). Way too many stories to tell, but I will miss our annual phone calls where we caught up on family, life, and relived hilarious times from the past.  
I think if Ken could come back and tell us just one thing; he would shout that ".....it's all true! What the bible says about God, His son Jesus, and the gift of eternal life.....it's all true!"

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**Brian Witt** - August 18, 2025 at 12:12 AM

DT

“ Ken reached out to me many years ago after I had left my first stint as a dealership manager in West Palm Beach and hired me to work for him in Jacksonville FL with Nissan. Over the years we lost touch except for sporadic occasions. However we reconnected a few years ago and since shared many conversations as long time good friends.  
Ken was the best type of manager. As an subordinate you never felt "managed" just supported.  
I miss Ken.

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**David Taylor** - August 12, 2025 at 08:42 AM

JB

“ I worked for Ken in the Nissan Jacksonville Regional Office . Ken is no doubt the best manager and mentor I have ever known and also a close friend. I knew his wife Sue as well as his kids. Ken will be missed by all of us who knew him!

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**John Busch** - August 08, 2025 at 10:43 PM

AL

“ Lyndsay...you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I always admired how close you were with your parents.

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**Anne Lineberry** - July 07, 2025 at 08:15 PM

RF

“ On top of being a great co-worker while we both served as District Managers in the Carolinas as well as a great boss when he became General Manager of the Southern Region.....Ken was my friend. He'll be missed.

Sorry to learn of his passing and my thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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**Ron Foshee** - July 07, 2025 at 04:47 PM

BH

“ Ken was a wonderful guy, a great car man. Gave me an opportunity with Hyundai.

Prayers for his family.

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**Bob Hogan** - July 06, 2025 at 09:20 PM

DF

“ What a great guy, He helped and advised me many times in my career. My thoughts and prayers go out to Sue and his family. He will be missed.

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**Dan Fabrizio** - July 06, 2025 at 03:37 PM

CM

“ He was a great man, as one of the many he mentored I will always be grateful for his teaching style ...nothing like the school of hard knocks and an occasional boot in the ass!

Chris Menteer - July 02, 2025 at 07:09 PM

TW

“ Ken was great and I truly appreciate all Ken did for me! I will miss the BLOECHINGS, great life lessons! Love Tim!

Tim Wallwork - June 27, 2025 at 10:16 PM

MW

“ Our prayers go to you and your family Susan as we (Sue and I) will always remember our great times together on the Hyundai trips with JM&A!

Mark Weis - June 27, 2025 at 05:32 PM

SD

“ To the Bloech family....what a wonderful tribute to Kenny's life...in this obituary. Your words are a perfect description of his well lived life. My family has many sweet memories of Kenny and will miss him very much. RIP Kenny. Love Sonya Ian Katie

sonya davenport - June 27, 2025 at 03:42 PM