**Kenneth R. Bryden, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**

On March 15, 2017 our favorite person in the whole wide world was taken from us by an unexpected brain stem ruptured aneurysm.  In our case there were no signs, or were there?  It has been our missions to advocate Brain Aneurysm with awareness and the need for research.  Symptoms; sudden extremely severe headaches, blurred or double vision, loss of consciousness, sensitively to light, nausea & vomiting, stuff neck.  In the past we have advocated by raising funds and donation to The Bee Foundation in Philadelphia.

We have decided to give back to our family alma mater Wyoming Area in the form ofscholarships.  This is our inaugural year (2024) The Kenneth R. Bryden Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund was started by his wife,  Debbie, his daughter, Danielle  and his son,  Kenneth III to celebrate his life and honor his legacy.

Kenny loved his family, had an outgoing, fun loving nature, an infectious laughter and a contagious smile.   He was always ready for each day’s adventure and embraced life to its fullest.  Ken was a 1972 graduate of Wyoming Area and earned his Eagle Scout Badge with Troop 352.  He was employed as an assistant operator with the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority.  He was a son, brother, husband father and a good friend to all who knew him. He understood the importance of having family and friends in his life.  At his memorial a good friend spoke “you want to go out, call Ken; you want to talk to someone, call Ken; you need help with a project, call Ken; you need a truck, call Ken.” That was the man he was. He enjoyed cruising with family and friends, a good cigar, and watching his favorite football teams with a nice cold beverage.

In the words of Mr. B **“Yeah Baby!”** Good luck seniors in your future endeavors.

**CRITERIA:** Applicant must be a Wyoming Area graduating senior who has been accepted as a full time student to a trade school, technical college, a one year school, a community college or a four year college/university.  Home schooled seniors are welcome to apply. All majors will be considered.

**REQUIRED ESSAY:** In a solid essay of at least 500 words, select one of the following prompts. In the first sentence of your essay identify the prompt that you have selected to address.

1.      After our tragedy our family became advocates for Brain Aneurysm Awareness.   Name a cause that you would like to bring more awareness to; with the possibility to be an advocate in the future. Why did you select this cause?

2.      Family and friends were important to Ken. Select one of these and tell us why and how that relationship has influenced your life.

3.      If you could meet, Ken, what would you like to talk to him about.