

# Million Dollar Music Mission

## The Ken Fritz Backstory:

Ken was a born audiophile. At the age of 15, he attended a hi-fi show in Chicago, where he met a man named Saul Marantz, a father of high-end audio. He was very interested in a preamplifier, but being a sophomore in high school he didn't have much money coming from his paper route and doing odd jobs. A friend of his father had an appliance and auto parts warehouse and offered to buy the preamplifier for him if he would work for his company on Saturdays to work off the cost. That was his first purchase of

high-end audio equipment. From that point on, he never did anything if he couldn't afford to buy the best. If he couldn't afford it, he just waited until he could, or he would build it. After high school he always knew people that needed help putting audio systems together and had the money to pay for high-end equipment. Later on, the significant business success of his Polymer Tooling Company gave him the wherewithal to build his own systems with the very best high-end components. Thus, the dream began and Ken spent almost 27 years building the best audio system he could with no holds barred. It was completed in 2018, shortly before he was diagnosed with ALS.

Ken wasn't just about the music or the gear, he also liked to educate and learn. He had an unlimited desire to share the knowledge he had with a very humble spirit. He wasn't just interested in how it sounded, but the process of how they got there. Ken said "It was a fun journey; the journey is better than the destination. Now that I've reached the destination, the music is going to tell me every time I put it on, you didn't waste your



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time and money and you spent your time and money wisely, so enjoy it and I will."

We hope that Ken's enthusiasm continues to inspire those who have an uncompromising love of music and sound, and that he will be remembered as one of the most fervent proponents of following your dream.

**Happy listening!**

**(And Happy Bidding!)**