



Ken Ingwald Risvold Sr

May 6, 1948 - October 15, 2021

Ken Risvold Sr, age 73 of Otsego passed away suddenly at home on October 15, 2021. Preceded in death by his parents, Alan and Betty Risvold. Survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Judy; children, Bill (Christy) Hallbeck, Keith (Maria), Ken Jr. (Crystal); grandchildren, Shawn, Kayla, Kennedy, Kylie, Jackson; sisters, Karen, Kristine, Kay, Karla, and Kordi; and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. SMW Local10 retiree. Memorial service to be held Friday, Oct. 29th at 2pm with visitation one hour prior at the Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel.

Events

OCT **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Hillside Chapel

2610 19th Avenue N.E., Minneapolis, MN, US, 55418

OCT **Chapel Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Comments



“ His name is Ken but, to this day, I call him "Kenny," because he was my big brother -- and a really good brother. He was the oldest; I was the youngest. When Kenny was in high school at Minneapolis - Roosevelt, and I was probably in Kindergarten at Minneapolis - Cooper Elementary, I have crazy-fun memories of coming home from school to sometimes find Kenny watching All-Star Wrestling -- Anyone remember that? He would toss me into the air and onto our living-room couch. He'd also lay on his back, stretch out his arms and legs, and let me pile onto his feet, hold his hands, and "fly," pretending I was an airplane.

I must have been just 5 or 6 years old when Kenny moved away and Keith was born, but Kenny came home to visit on many Sundays and on all the special holidays. He would let me hold the baby as much as I wanted, and I loved that! When Kenny moved into an apartment with a pool, he would let my sisters and me come over and play all day at the pool.

When I was the female lead in "The Music Man," at Minneapolis South High in 1978, Kenny and Judy came to see the show. They made me feel important.

After college, I moved up to Frederic, Wisconsin. Our family and work lives were busy, and I rarely returned to Minneapolis, but there was always an open invitation to go to Kenny and Judy's home for Christmas. They kept our family together, and I admired that.

My most proud memories of Kenny connect to the integrity, industry and inspiration he showed following the unexpected death of our father in 2010. Our dad had talked with him about what I wanted in the event of Alan's death, but Dad never had a will drawn up. Still, Ken remembered the wishes Dad had expressed, and spent the next few years making sure things went the way Dad wanted them to go. He saved our late grandfather's legacy, by helping me complete a very challenging project with the people at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, that our dad and I had begun. The project was only half completed when Dad passed away. Many people -- even siblings -- did not believe we could complete the project but, together, we got the job done! Thanks largely to Ken, myriad waterfowl, such as the once-threatened Trumpeter Swans, and many, many other birds, still thrive here on the 120-acre wildlife property that Ken administered on our Dad's behalf.

We wanted to pay for the project and, to do that, we needed to buy the property. Ken allowed my husband, Ray, and me to purchase our dad's land on a contract that we were unable to satisfy for 8 years. (The original plan was to pay it off after 1 year!)

Every morning we awaken, thanking God for the privilege of completing my Dad's project and living here, surrounded by wildlife that can flourish here, because of the fact that Kenny had faith that we could keep Grandpa's legacy alive.

So Kenny is often on my "list" -- my PTLA (Praise The Lord Always) list, that is -- because of his integrity, industry and inspiration throughout a very challenging project following the death of our Dad. Thank you, Heavenly Father, for the life of Kenny

Risvold, Sr.

With admiration and gratitude,
Kordi Kurkowski
Frederic, Wisconsin

Kordi Kurkowski - October 29, 2021 at 07:59 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ken Ingwald Risvold Sr.



October 21, 2021 at 07:42 AM