



## Kenley John Rykken

October 11, 1935 - April 26, 2020

Rykken, Kenley John Age 84 of Bloomington, Minnesota. Died on Sunday, April 26, 2020 of Alzheimer's. He was born on October 11, 1935 in New Ulm, Minnesota to Clifford and Victorine Rykken (both deceased). Ken is survived by Judy, loving wife of 63 years, and children Scott Rykken (Anne), Sandra Rykken Rozzell (Ken), and Carol Gaupp. In addition, grandchildren Alex Rykken (Allison Larson), Allison Rykken (Kevin Johnson), Sara Gaupp, Daniel Gaupp, Angela Rozzell, Jake Rozzell, and Matthew Rozzell. Great-grandchildren are Lars Kenley Rykken, Anders Dallas Rykken, and Rosemary Louise Johnson. Ken is survived also by brother John Rykken (Toots deceased), sisters Rosemarie Rykken Whiting (Richard), and Jeanne Rykken Kane (Dan). He will also be missed by many nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors. Ken graduated from Southwest High School in 1953 and from the University of Minnesota in 1958 with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He worked for Dow Chemical in Midland, Michigan from 1958-1960 and then from 1960-1994 at 3M in St. Paul, finally retiring in 1994 from a position as Director of Medical Products. During 1972-3, he exchanged jobs with another 3M engineer and lived in Knowle, England for one year. Favorite activities included listening to classical music, canoe trips, running, triathlons, swimming, hiking in England, bicycle trips to Europe and South America, and cross-country skiing. After retirement, he took up golf and really enjoyed it. After family, friends, travel, competitive events, yard work, he loved making charts and analyzing golf mistakes, and anything outdoors, especially spring wildflowers and birds. A private traditional burial was held at Dawn Valley Cemetery, Bloomington. No memorials. A special thanks to Aurora Memory Care staff and residents. A Gathering of Remembrance will be announced at a later date. Washburn-McReavy.com Dawn Valley Chapel 952-941-7686

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“ Judy, Sandy and family,  
Sorry to hear about Ken's passing. I have very fond memories of our group runs around the lakes, bike rides and triathlons. I will never forget the kindness Ken showed in helping me with a flat tire on one of the long bike rides. Of course, I was naive at the time and had no patches or tubes or anything along. He was willing to make sure that I wasn't stranded along the side of the road...and not make me feel bad about not having the proper supplies along ( I always carry a spare now). That experience has always helped me whenever I have felt a bit impatient with others. Everybody needs a little help now and then and those little acts of kindness really do make a difference.

Warm regards, Shannon (McShane) Burns

**Shannon Burns** - May 18 at 09:26 PM