



## Kenneth Gooden

February 26, 1939 - November 25, 2022

Kenneth E. Gooden, age 83, of Plymouth, MN, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, November 25, 2022. He was preceded in death by his first wife Verna L. Gooden, his parents Clyde and Dorothy Gooden, and five of his six siblings. He is survived by his daughter Beth English, son Keith (Susan) Gooden, grandson Jacob (Madeleine Kellogg) Gooden, granddaughter Madison Gooden, and brother Clyde (Marita) Gooden. He is also survived by his loving wife of nearly six years Jeanne M. Gooden, Jeanne's son Jeffrey (Sue) Kaeder, daughter Connie (Scott) Silva, and an additional nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Ken will be remembered for his many years of service to the Wesleyan Church and other Christian Ministries, his deep love of music, and as a chaplain in his senior years. A Memorial Service will be held at 2pm. Friday, December 9, 2022, Christ Presbyterian Church, 6901 Normandale Rd., Edina, MN 56435. Visitation 1 hour prior. Coffee reception immediately following. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Second Harvest Heartland, 7101 Winnetka Ave. North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Christ Presbyterian Church  
6901 Normandale Road  
Edina, MN 55424

## Church Service

DEC 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Christ Presbyterian Church  
6901 Normandale Road  
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## Reception

DEC 9. 2:45 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

HW

“ Ken Gooden was a good man. As a student at Asbury Theological Seminary in the early 1970's I benefited greatly from his kind heart and gentle wisdom. He was the Director of The Wesleyan Foundation and assisted us students in so many strategic and helpful ways. He generated confidence in the denomination he served and the seminary he aligned with. I will never forget his showing up unannounced at our front door as we were unloading our U-Haul and moving into our residential housing. His bright smile, welcoming words and with needed gifts in hand he immediately provided a sense of peace to our family. I thank God for Ken and praise Him for sending such a servant of Christ to us students in those years. Dr. Harry F. Wood

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**Harry F. Wood** - December 15, 2022 at 02:56 PM

RF

“ We have very fond memories of our “Uncle Kenny” from all the family gatherings, holidays, special events like graduations and weddings, and the visits to the family cabin. Not only was he a man of virtue, held high standards, possessed great integrity, was highly skilled, and very intelligent, but he had a great sense of humor and was a joy to be around. He officiated at my wedding as well as others in our family. His council and advise to my wife and I are highly valued, and we often reflect on his words when facing challenges. Although he will be missed, his life on earth made a difference in many of our lives and we will always love, respect, and remember him.

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**Randy and Joan Campbell Family** - December 07, 2022 at 04:24 PM

JG

*Thank you for your kind words. Ken thought a lot of you too.*

*Jeanne*

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**Jeanne Gooden** - December 07, 2022 at 07:06 PM

HB

“ *Harold and Carol(Gooden) Barnett purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kenneth Gooden.*



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**Harold and Carol(Gooden) Barnett** - December 07, 2022 at 11:02 AM

JL

“ Dear Beth and Keith,

*To me he was just “Uncle Kenny”. While living in Arizona most of my life didn’t allow me to spend as much time with him as I would have liked, he still managed to make a big impact on my life.*

*As a boy I was very quiet and shy. Each time our paths crossed it seemed Uncle Kenny would seek me out and make sure I felt a part of what was going on. And if nothing was going on to start something fun.*

*As a young adult he sought me out on one of his business trips to Phoenix. Not something he had to do but something he chose to do despite his busy schedule. During that meeting he shocked me by giving me some financial advice that I had never heard before. It was great advice and changed the whole trajectory of my financial thinking for which I will be forever grateful.*

*Uncle Kenny was a thoughtful and caring person who always seemed to have a funny story to share. When you were with him, he made you feel as if you were his favorite person in the whole world.*

*I will miss him, until we meet again.*

*Love and Prayers,  
Jim Larcom*

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**Jim Larcom** - December 07, 2022 at 09:50 AM

JG

*Thank you for your kind words.*

*Jeanne*

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**Jeanne Gooden** - December 07, 2022 at 07:04 PM

JF

“ *Jim Larcom & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Gooden.*



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**Jim Larcom & Family** - December 05, 2022 at 06:56 PM

DP

“ Beth & Keith,

*I was blessed to be acquainted with your Father and Mother. I knew them and you back when you attended Lakeview Wesleyan Church in Marion, IN. I was the Puppet Team Leader in The Treehouse Ministry with Steve Broad. I regret that I do not have pictures of either to share here, but Your Father was an impressive man. If I remember correctly he played President Lincoln in one of the patriotic musical presentations back in the day. I also remember that he was the Director of the Wesleyan Foundation at Asbury Theological Seminary, of which I am a graduate [CE]. What I remember most is my working with your Father as he used to listen to the Book of Proverbs every day. He had me record the reading of Proverbs in a faster speed so he could listen in a shorter time. I was impressed with his determination to continually increase the speeds and his ability to listen and understand the gibberish speech. I believe this was what sparked me to use The Sermon on The Mount [Matt. 5-6] as the voices for our Aliens [Close Encounters] that premiered in our Childrens Evangelism Week with Dale & Liz VonSeggen of One-Way Street Puppets. Our Aliens would extend up to 6 feet into the air.*

*My sincerest condolences on the loss of your Parents. I pray God's Hope to You & Your's in this time of Sorrow, and His Comfort in the midst of Pain. I also rejoice with you in knowing that our lives will be forever joined with Your Father & Mother in Christ Jesus Our Lord!  
Amen*

*Love,  
Douglas E. Purdy*

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**Douglas E. Purdy** - December 02, 2022 at 11:41 AM

AW

“ *Mr. Gooden was a fine man. He officiated our wedding and I'm so glad he did. Being a friend of the family, he made us feel so comfortable. It's nice to have someone you have known be a part of our special day. Many prayers and good thoughts to the family.*

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**Angie Ward** - November 30, 2022 at 07:05 PM

BE

*Thank you Angie! I know he loved doing weddings and considered it an honor and a privilege to be a part of your special day.*

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**Beth English** - December 01, 2022 at 03:33 PM

AW

*Aw! We loved that he was our officiant! It was our honor as well.*

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**Angie Ward** - December 01, 2022 at 07:27 PM

DM

“ *Kenny and I were highschool classmates all 4 years also 1 year of college. He was the pitcher and I was the catcher on the baseball team*  
*He also was my bestman when Marie and I got and married. He was a great friend that I could always count on*  
*I will miss him very much*

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**Duane McHenry** - November 29, 2022 at 08:27 PM

BE

*Thank you Duane! I never realized that you were the catcher. I have fond memories of him playing baseball with my brother and I in the backyard. I know he treasured your friendship as well.*

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**Beth English** - December 01, 2022 at 03:37 PM

JG

*Thank you, Duane. I am so grateful that we stopped to see you in October. Ken really enjoyed spending time with you that day. I know he treasured your friendship over the years.*

*Jeanne*

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**Jeanne Gooden** - December 02, 2022 at 04:01 PM

 Sara  
Gowan

*Dear Jeanne,  
Saddened to hear the news. He was a good friend, roommate, classmate etc to David and even drove cross country to our wedding in 1960. So glad we got to meet you when Ken, David and Duane were at Bartlesville for their high school reunion years ago. Linda Gowan*

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**Sara Gowan** - December 13, 2022 at 09:37 PM

JE

*Thank you, Linda. It was good to meet you and David too. Our guys will be missed.*

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**Jeanne** - December 13, 2022 at 10:36 PM