



Ken Jacobson

January 28, 1952 - January 26, 2021

Kenneth A. Jacobson January 28, 1952 - January 26, 2021

Kenneth (Kenny) Allen Jacobson, age 68, passed away unexpectedly January 26, 2021, at the Swift County-Benson Hospital. Kenny was born January 28, 1952, in Benson, Minnesota, to Abner and Katherine (Pederson) Jacobson. He attended school in Benson and graduated with the Class of 1970. He went on to earn his degree in Mortuary Science at the University of Minnesota. As a teenager, Kenny experienced the tragic death of a younger cousin. The impact of seeing how his family was helped through the care and comfort given by the funeral led to his future career serving others as a funeral director.

On June 9, 1972, Kenny was united in marriage to Renae Simonson at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Benson. They made their home in Benson where they raised their children, Ben and Amanda, and owned Jacobson Funeral Home. After selling the funeral home Kenny enjoyed being a DJ and assisting his Dad with auctions. He later returned to funeral service and completed his career with Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels, Edina, MN. Kenny was devoted to serving and comforting families in their time of need.

One of his greatest highlights was earning the title "Gampa" with the arrival of Sophia, Clara, and Liam. He was the grooviest Gampa gifted with the

unmatchable ability to get everyone bouncing off the walls, laughing loudly, making a scene, and telling the silliest jokes. Gampa was the master of pranks. He prided himself in always convincing the grandkids to join in his shenanigans. His favorite retirement activities were driving the 'Gampa School Bus' every morning and attending sporting events while proudly being the loudest fan in attendance (the loud cheering was usually appreciated). He always made sure to say how much he loved them.

Kenny is survived by his wife, Renae of Hopkins; son Ben Jacobson of Minneapolis, daughter Amanda Jacobson of St. Louis Park; grandchildren: Sophia Bagne, Clara Bagne, and Liam Jacobson; brother Bruce Jacobson (Cathy Bentfield) of Forest Lake; brother-in-law: Robert Simonson of Benson; sisters-in-law: Rebecca Winge (Robert) of West Fargo, ND; Ramona Hilleren (Jon) of Willmar, MN; along with several nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. He loved them all greatly. He was preceded in death by his parents, Abner and Katherine Jacobson; an infant brother; father-and mother-in-law, Reuben and Ruby Simonson; his grandparents: Peter and Nana Jacobson, and Oliver and Bertha Pederson.

Memorial Service Saturday May 8th, 11:00 AM at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Benson, MN. Visitation 2 hours prior to service from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Burial following service at Benson City Cemetery.

The service will be livestreamed on Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church's Facebook page. Click on this link at <http://www.our-redeemers.com> then click on the Facebook logo.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
800 10th Street South
Benson, MN 56215

Memorial Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
800 10th Street South
Benson, MN 56215

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Ken Jacobson



Washburn-McReavy - May 05, 2021 at 12:11 PM

LO

A beautiful tribute ❤️ So evident, the loving and happy family created by Kenny and Renee. I will always remember the kindness shown in his eyes.

Linda Jaeger Odgers - May 05, 2021 at 06:03 PM



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Webcast in memory of Ken Jacobson



Washburn-McReavy - May 04, 2021 at 10:50 AM

LO

“ So many memories of a life long friend. I remember DANCING with Kenny in Kindergarten! I remember going to the pre-prom dinner event with Kenny. I remember the kindness and compassion of Ken and Renee when they arranged my Mother's service after we had brought her home from Texas. I remember spending time with Kenny when I returned to Benson for visits - though we hadn't seen each other for years, our friendship erased that time and distance. Always a good friend, for which I will always be grateful. Thank you, Ken. ❤️

Linda Jaeger Odgers - May 05, 2021 at 05:55 PM

LH

“ Kenny had a good sense of humor. I first knew him when my twin sister, Lilla Forbord and I , Linda, were eighth graders and Kenny was in seventh grade at Benson Junior High School. Each time Kenny saw either of us, he would ask with a huge smile, “Linda and Lilla, where is the band room?” This greeting lasted all year. In later years Kenny dropped the where is the band room question, but always addressed each of us as “Linda and Lilla”. Kenny will be remembered by many people. His outgoing, pleasant personality lit up a room. Renae and family, I am sorry for your loss. His departure makes me sad May God bless you and keep you in His care. Love and prayers, Linda Forbord Hanson

Linda Forbord Hanson - February 09, 2021 at 12:03 PM

CW

“ *Renaee and family, I am so sorry to hear of Ken’s passing. I really enjoyed our visits for the many years that I called on him as his Batesville Rep. He was always kind and courteous along with his impeccable dress and vehicles.*

You are in my thoughts and prayers and God Bless Ken!

Chuck Wolski

Chuck Wolski - February 04, 2021 at 03:35 PM