



## Kenneth William Kallman

March 19, 1941 - March 28, 2025

Kenneth William Kallman was born on March 19, 1941, to Evert and Anna Kallman in Chicago, IL. He was the youngest of four children and affectionately called "Kenneth Enough."

Ken and Jeri first met in Sunday School at Bethel Baptist Church in Minneapolis when they were just eight and nine years old. Though Jeri moved away, she returned to Minneapolis in 10th grade, catching Kenny's eye once again. Ken graduated from South High School in Minneapolis in 1958 and enlisted in the Navy Reserves, serving for three years. During his service, he married his childhood sweetheart, Jeri, on September 22, 1961.

Ken's Navy service ended early in 1963, allowing him to enroll at the University of Minnesota for the winter quarter. While he was still in school, Jodi Lynn was born on December 30, 1964, and Jeri worked at Bloomington Lake Clinic. Ken graduated in the spring of 1967 with a degree in Music Education, and that same year, Randall Kenneth was born on November 18.

In the fall of 1967, Ken accepted a teaching position in the Minnetonka School District, where he had previously student-taught. Over his 32-year career, he taught band at the elementary, junior high, and high school levels. He also directed the marching band, jazz bands, pep bands, and pit orchestra for school musicals, leaving a lasting impact on his students and colleagues.

Throughout the years, Ken took on secondary jobs to support his family. He spent summers painting alongside his father and served as choir director at several churches, including Bethlehem Baptist Church, Edgewater Baptist Church (twice), Excelsior Covenant, and Cross of Glory Church. Additionally, Ken dedicated over 30 years of service to Northern Pines of MN, embodying a spirit of commitment and faith. After completely retiring, Ken served as Director of Seniors Activities and Visitation at Cross of Glory Church up until just a few years ago.

Ken is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Jeri; daughter Jodi (Mark) Bargmann; son Randy (Kristina); grandchildren Matt (Alyssa) Bargmann, Kayla (Karl) Entleutner, Melissa Bargmann, Nicole (Willy) Olson; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law Angie Kallman.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, siblings Vi and Dave, but is survived by his sister Annette.

Ken passed away on Friday, March 28, at Methodist Hospital, surrounded by his family as they sang "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art." It may not have been their finest performance, but it was a profoundly beautiful and meaningful memory for everyone. Ken was a Godly man who loved Jesus.

Celebration of Life at Cross of Glory Church in Hopkins, MN (4600 Shady Oak Road) on Wednesday, April 9 at 11 am with lunch following. There will be a visitation starting at 10 am.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Cross of Glory Church and Northern Pines of MN.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cross of Glory Baptist Church  
4600 Shady Oak Road  
Minnetonka, MN 55303

## Celebration of Life

APR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Cross of Glory Baptist Church  
4600 Shady Oak Road  
Minnetonka, MN 55303

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ken was a kind soul and always good for a good laugh. I thoroughly enjoyed Ken and Jeri's visits over the past few years. He will be missed by myself and our team.

Sean Foley & Staff - April 08, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth William Kallman.

April 07, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth William Kallman.



April 07, 2025 at 09:20 PM

JM

“ Mr Kallman was my band teacher in middle school and later he joined a lot of his former students at the high school. I was new to Minnetonka West Middle School in 8th grade and he made me feel so welcome. I was not a good musician but I looked so forward to his class because he was so fun. He really cared about the students and would always make us laugh. Some of my best friends still today were "band geeks" . There is something to be said for a man who shared his passion for music and the best of himself. Thank you Mr. Kallman for leaving a positive legacy in the lives of so many students. And to Jeri, Jodi and Randy, thanks for sharing him with us...and cleaning up all that toilet paper.

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Jackie McCuskey - April 06, 2025 at 06:07 PM



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April 04, 2025 at 03:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth William Kallman.



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“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kenneth William Kallman.*



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April 03, 2025 at 09:04 PM



“ *So many memories of Ken's investment in our lives. He sang at our wedding, Joan babysat his kids, we both sang in his choir at Edgewater Baptist and our oldest played in his band at Minnetonka Middle School. He and Jer were such models for us in their love for eachother and their serving Christ in so many ways.  
Love, Joel and Joan Goff*

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**Joel Goff** - April 03, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ *It's been a long time since we've seen Ken, but when we would go to Northern Pines while our kids were growing up, we took them every summer. John and I enjoyed the singing at N P and Ken always made it fun with his cap that had clapping hands on it. He was good at leading us, and keeping us laughing, too. Praying for all who miss him dearly. Barb Gorter*

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**Barbara Gorter** - April 03, 2025 at 04:32 PM

SJ

“ Ken’s obituary talks about painting to supply extra resources for his family. One summer in my teen years, Uncle Ken enlisted me to do odd jobs for his paint crew. In the end, I also used painting as a way to support my family. I owe that to Uncle Ken as well as my interest in the trumpet.

*Ken was a loving man with a great sense of humor and a very playful spirit. I think that’s one of the things that made people love him so much. He also had a strong faith and did not hesitate to serve and lead. Ken was a man of integrity and people around him knew that. This is why people trusted Ken.*

*Ken will be missed. May God bring comfort to Aunt Jeri and cousins Jodi and Randy and their families.*

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**Scott Johnson** - April 02, 2025 at 03:50 PM