



## Kenneth Floyd Lien

February 17, 1950 - January 27, 2023

On January 27, 2023, Ken Lien of Prior Lake, formerly of Bloomington passed away peacefully surrounded by family at the age of 72. Ken was born in Pine River, MN on February 17, 1950, to Jim and Della Lien.

Ken was the youngest of three children growing up in Pine River, MN. He developed a love for sports that started in his youth and went into high school where he played quarterback on the football team, point guard on the basketball team and various positions on the baseball team. After high school, he attended Brainerd Community College and then went onto Bemidji State University to finish his degree in elementary education. Ken started his teaching career in Starbuck, Minnesota and then went on to teach in the Shakopee and Prior Lake school districts. He eventually decided to leave teaching and go into the business world in various sales and marketing roles. Ken's passion for teaching and coaching never went away, he continued this by committing many years to coaching basketball with Bloomington traveling youth teams and summer programs in the state. Ken provided many amazing opportunities for young men through coaching and travelling to tournaments within Minnesota and throughout the country. He also was instrumental in developing and running the Mr. Basketball program for many years by honoring the state's top high school players and their talents.

Ken is survived by his loving wife, Mary Kay, of 49 years, sons Eric (Katie),

Jon (Heidi), seven grandchildren, a sister, Junnell, and nephews and nieces that were very special to him.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society ([lls.org](http://lls.org)) or Allina Health Hospice ([allinahealth.org/give](http://allinahealth.org/give)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel  
2300 W. Old Shakopee Road  
Bloomington, MN 55431  
(952) 884-8145  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

## Memorial Service

FEB 6. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SC

“ Back in the late 60's my mother would take all the kids in our family and we would spend the entire summer at our family cabin which was between Pine River and Longville. My brother and I played town baseball, my sisters would waitress at the local super club in Hackensack. I believe we met Ken through baseball in Pine River as he might have been a youth coach. I was not quite old enough to be interested in girls yet but Ken was. There was a dance hall in Pine River named the Purple Peanut and Ken would stop out to our cabin and pick up my sister for the big weekend dance. One time when Ken came by my little brother and I were ready for him. When he went into the cabin to say hi to my folks and pick my sister up (my dad was a long time coach), my brother and I popped the hood on his car and wired a fire cracker device to his spark plugs. It was designed to go off and then smoke when the ignition was turned on. He was really concerned that something had gone wrong until he noticed that my brother and I could not contain our laughter. He was so good natured that he forgave our prank quickly and was laughing with us because we "had" him. That was how Ken always was. He had that smile and teddy bear laugh.

Steve Chiodo

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Steve Chiodo - February 06, 2023 at 06:25 PM

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“ To the family of Ken Lein, we were very sorry to hear of Ken's passing and offer our sincere condolences.

Mary and Denny Davidson

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Mary Davidson - February 05, 2023 at 03:04 PM



“ *Love's Journey* was purchased for the family of *Kenneth Floyd Lien*.



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February 02, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Kenneth Floyd Lien*.



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February 01, 2023 at 09:15 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of *Kenneth Floyd Lien*.



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February 01, 2023 at 09:06 PM

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“ To the Lien family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. Working with Mary Kay, we always had a conversation about basketball in the break room. Ken was kind to my son, Luke, and would talk to us at several basketball games. Ken was an avid supporter of the game of basketball and promoted the kids in order to help them earn scholarships. I'm grateful for all that he did!

Prayers and peace to all as you grieve his passing.

~Brenda Martens

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**Brenda** - February 01, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Floyd Lien.



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February 01, 2023 at 05:33 PM

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“ *Ken was such a sports enthusiast, and always greeting with a sunny smile. Our condolences to the Lien family. John and Barbara Nellermoe, Wayzata MN.*

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**Judge Barbara Hanson Nellermoe** - February 01, 2023 at 09:21 AM