



Kenneth Orttel

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Orttel, Kenneth Dean Age 63, lifelong resident of Andover, passed peacefully December 6, 2010. Ken was preceded in death by his parents, Clayton and Mildred of Andover. Ken is survived by his beloved wife of 43 years, Cheryl; beloved daughter, Becky, son-in-law, Steve Kluz, and his grandchildren Addy and Jacob. Ken is the beloved brother of Steve (Dori); Dan; Clayton; Judy (David) Johnson; Bev (Tim) Stenson; Gary (Lillian); Patty (Chess) Geving; Karen; and David (Louise). Ken is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many other friends and family. Ken graduated from Anoka High School and attended the University of Minnesota before becoming a Navigator in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Ken owned the Ameriguard Agency and worked more than 40 years in the insurance industry, attaining many specialized licenses and certifications, including CHFIC, CLU, CPCU and ARM. Ken leaves behind a legacy of civic service, including 28 years as Andover City Council member and a term as mayor of Andover. Ken was one of the biggest influences-if not the biggest influence-in the making of Andover. Few people can say that they helped to build a city, especially one of the size and quality of Andover. Ken was recently appointed by the Governor to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association. Ken was proud that he used his authority as a civic leader to look out for the citizens. Ken also built, designed and remodeled houses, and developed real estate. An avid traveler, Ken explored numerous countries. He enjoyed researching genealogy, studying military history and aviation, enjoying nature,

and spending time at the Wisconsin lake cabin he built and his Florida home. He enjoyed the music of Bob Dylan and Johnny Cash and the poems of Robert Service. Most of all, Ken loved spending time with the grandchildren he adored. He was a brilliant man with a legendary sense of humor. Ken left this world much too soon, but made the most of every minute he was alive. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Wildcat Sanctuary or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. A memorial service was held Friday, Dec. 10, at 11:00 AM. Friends gathered one hour prior to service at: Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.