



Kenneth Anthony Yarke

October 9, 1937 - June 22, 2024

Yarke, Kenneth 'Kenny', age 86 of Coon Rapids, MN passed away June 22, 2024. Preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Rose; his wife of 38 years, Annie, followed by his second wife of 16 years, Betty.

He is survived by his siblings Marvin (Shirley) Yarke, Wayne (Sheila) Yarke, Gordy (Jean) Yarke, Davy Yarke, and Sharon (Dick) Breitbach. His children Debbie (Dave) Baum, Randy (Gina) Yarke, Cheryl (Mike) Black, and Becki (Jay) Glanz. Betty's children Robert Kemmetmueller, Lynn Kemmetmueller, Donna (Jerry) Wintz, Judy (Jeff) Schnurr, and Grandchildren Abrielle and Adam Schnurr. Kens Grandchildren Cody (Erika) Baum, Dalton Yarke, Darrah Baum & Steve Poons, Kendra Yarke, Emily Black, Lexie Baum, Sam Black, Jacob Glanz, and Josh Glanz. Numerous nephews, nieces, and special friends.

Kenny was born October 9, 1937 in Milwaukee, WI, where he spent the first 11 years of his life.

He grew up in a small, rural farming community where he met his wife, Annie, before moving to the cities where they raised 4 children. Following Annie's passing in 1998, he met and married his second wife, Betty, where he gained 4 stepchildren. Unfortunately, Betty passed away as well in 2016.

Some of Ken's life's pleasures included golfing, family vacations which include

Osakis, camping throughout Minnesota, spending time at the lake with Annie & the kids, singing and playing guitar, hunting with his brothers in Wyoming, and square dancing with Betty.

Although he had many pleasures in life, one of his greatest passions was leading a life worthy of gaining entrance into heaven. Ken provided for his family through a strong work ethic that included a long career at Gresen, followed by a career in real estate, which afforded him an opportunity to move up to "God's Country" (Outing, MN), before working in security which included the Basilica.

While Ken's absence on this earth is painful for us, he led a life filled with joy, laughter, and rejoicing. Ken touched so many people throughout his life, including the entire service industry, through his wit and humor.

He will be greatly missed and waiting with open arms at the gates of Heaven.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to service. Funeral will be held Wednesday, June 26, at 10:30 AM at The Church of the Epiphany, 1900 111th Ave NW, Coon Rapids. A luncheon will follow service and interment.

In lieu of flowers, donations for funeral expenses are greatly appreciated. Monetary donations can be made through Randy Yarke - if you would like you can Venmo - Yark1422

Cemetery Details

Epiphany Cemetery

10955 Hanson Boulevard
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **26**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Ken was my fabulous supervisor at Gresen for many years. He was one of only 3 managers who could handle/put up with me! He was great and I will always remember him fondly. Sandy Smith, Minneapolis

Sandy Smith - June 25, 2024 at 06:34 PM

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“ Uncle Kenny greeted me as “Nikolai”. Kenny put the presents under the Christmas tree growing up while my dad, Marv, took us for a drive looking for Rudolph, the red nose, reindeer. Growing up, I remember uncle Kenny as well as my dad singing with Great Uncle Herman Kampsen at the Padua pub. One song in particular, “Oh Lord, it’s hard to be humble”.

My family and I are going to miss you, your big heart and your big smile Uncle Kenny. Until we meet again. Love you.

Nikol Blood - June 25, 2024 at 12:57 PM

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“ Although Kenny and I spent most of our 86 years in separate states, as youngsters we did spend time playing cowboys and Indians on my Dad’s farm; (Fort Apache).

We also spent a few years at Mount Calvary Seminary. Our communication throughout the years was mostly by phone and Christmas cards. Kenny and I shared the same Catholic Christian values.

*God speed Kenny,
Your Uncle Ronnie (Moe)*

Ron Kampsen - June 25, 2024 at 11:01 AM