



Leonard Jerald Kenow

November 21, 1943 - February 23, 2026

Leonard Jerald "Jerry" Kenow, 82, of Brooklyn Park, MN, passed away on February 23, 2026.

Jerry was born in Faribault, MN on November 21, 1943, to Leonard and Alma (Guimond) Kenow. Jerry was a hard-working drywall tapper and hanger, a trade he returned to time and again throughout his long career. His deep knowledge of homes also led him into real estate and residential construction. If something needed to be built or fixed, Jerry was always willing to help-ready with his tool belt and a thermos of coffee.

While he was a builder by trade, he was a "tease" by nature. Jerry's playful spirit made gatherings memorable.

To know Jerry was to know the warmth of a fire. He enjoyed tending to the backyard firepit or the wood-burning stove in his favorite retreat-the garage. Jerry's greatest project, however, was his family. He was the deeply devoted husband of Kathy (Maijala) Kenow, with whom he shared a beautiful and inspiring 61 years of marriage.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Alma; and his sister, Joyce.

His legacy is carried on by his beloved wife, Kathy; his children, Tony Kenow (Linda Watkins), Tammy Klier (Frank), and Vicky Hunt (Gilbert); his five grandsons, Brian Kenow, John Kenow, Alex Thillen (Meagan Cummings), Tanner Hunt, and Noah Hunt; and his great-grandchildren, Teagan Warren, Remington Warren, and Finnegan Thillen. He is also survived by his sisters,

Joanne Sarkilathi (Jim) and Jane Crowe (Bob); and many nieces and nephews. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and anyone who enjoyed a conversation over a cup of Folgers coffee with him.

Service Details

A celebration of Jerry's life will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at Grace Fellowship, located at 8601 101st Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55445.

10:00 AM: Visitation and Gathering

11:00 AM: Memorial Service

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Fellowship
8601 101st Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55445

Celebration of Life

APR 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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8601 101st Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55445

Tribute Wall

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“ Jerry was a great Brooklyn Park neighbor and Broadway friend to my Dad and the rest of us. We had many conversations over the fence for many years. He watched over mom as he lived next door. Take care and blessings to your family. - John B for the Baldwin family.

John Baldwin - April 12 at 11:48 AM