



Kenneth Aldrich

May 11, 1927 - July 11, 2015

The Mass of Christian Burial for Kenneth Aldrich of Wadena, will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 22, at the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Friends may call at the church on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. Ken passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at the VA Health Care System, in St. Cloud, MN.

Kenneth "Ken" Leo Aldrich was born to Clifford and Agnes Aldrich on May 11, 1927, in Elk River, MN. He was raised and attended school in Wadena. After graduation he served in the Army Air Force during the final years of World War II and was discharged in November of 1946 with the rank of Corporal.

Ken married Madonna "Donna" Lorraine Johnson of Wadena, on October 11, 1948. Ken will be remembered in the community as the owner of the Wadena Cafe, Aldrich Insurance Agency and South Side Grocery. Ken and Donna made their home in Wadena and in retirement spent many of the winter months in Mesa, AZ. Ken was a charter member of the Wadena Elks Lodge #2386, a member of the American Legion, Wadena Rotary Club, the Holiday Rambler RV Club and a founding member of the Ajax Coffee Club of Wadena.

During his retirement years Ken stayed active. He became a successful organic farmer planting acres of vegetables on his boyhood farm just outside

Wadena. His grandchildren have fond memories of picking pumpkins from his large pumpkin patch. Ken also helped establish the Wadena Farmers Market and quickly gained a reputation for the quality and tastiness of his produce. He extensively researched his family's genealogy necessitating several trips to Sweden where he traced his roots back to the 1700's.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents Clifford and Agnes; brother Richard; and sister Dorothy Taggart.

He is survived by his wife Donna of Alexandria; daughter Barbara (Michael) Engelman of Scottsdale, AZ; son Michael of Wadena; daughters Debra (William) Goedel of Rochester; Mary (Bruce) Evjen of Alexandria; 11 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; along with a host of friends.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

The family suggests memorials in memory of Ken be sent to St. Cloud VA Voluntary Services, Attn. Hospice Recreation, 4801 Veterans Dr., St. Cloud, MN. 56303

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall

LI

“ Dear Donna & Family,

Fond memories of winters in Arizona.

Great Aunt Vivian Johnson shares, "Kenny was always up to something.

Always busy and always doing good."

Mother, Audrey Bragstad shares, "We had wonderful happy times playing cards and enjoying each others company in Arizona."

I remember bringing them both over to Wadena, October of 2010. We had lunch at 'your restaurant.' I so enjoyed meeting you and Kenny. Many happy stories you all shared of your times together,

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers.
May your memories comfort you.*

*Aunt Vivian Johnson
Cousin Audrey Bragstad
Lonni Isackson (Audrey's daughter)*

lonni isackson - July 20, 2015 at 07:49 PM

DM

“ Dear Donna & family of Ken,

My sympathy at your loss of Ken. I remember him as one of our wonderful patients at Wadena Medical Center and especially my "go to" person at the Farmers' Market in September when I was looking for his special grapes! May you find comfort in God's care and hope in the resurrection.

Sincerely, Donna Moenck

Donna Moenck - July 20, 2015 at 07:48 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Aldrich.*



July 20, 2015 at 06:10 PM



“ *Adele Lausten And Lake Country Home Care lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Aldrich*



Adele Lausten and Lake Country Home Care - July 20, 2015 at 08:05 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Aldrich.*



July 20, 2015 at 12:10 AM



“ *Diane Anderson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Aldrich*



Diane Anderson - July 16, 2015 at 08:17 PM

MS

“ Mike - Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Aldrich



Mike - Lea Snyder - July 16, 2015 at 07:48 PM

DE

“ Dale & June Erickson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Aldrich



Dale & June Erickson - July 16, 2015 at 08:45 AM

JM

“ Jeff & Maria Marthaler lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Aldrich



Jeff & Maria Marthaler - July 15, 2015 at 10:21 AM

RR

“ Rachele Jolly Reese lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Aldrich



Rachele Jolly Reese - July 14, 2015 at 09:41 PM

KL

“ Ken & Nancy Lawson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Aldrich



Ken & Nancy Lawson - July 14, 2015 at 09:14 PM

DF

“ Dave & Sharon Folkestad lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Aldrich



Dave & Sharon Folkestad - July 14, 2015 at 07:39 AM

BP

“ Barry & Sandi Pratt lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Aldrich



Barry & Sandi Pratt - July 13, 2015 at 08:22 PM

DL

“ Dan & Melissa Lawson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Aldrich



Dan & Melissa Lawson - July 13, 2015 at 05:44 PM

W#

“ *Wadena Elks Lodge #2386 lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Aldrich*



Wadena Elks Lodge #2386 - July 12, 2015 at 03:46 PM