



Kenneth Carlson

April 13, 1932 - August 25, 2016

The funeral service for Kenneth James Carlson of Verndale will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 29 at the Verndale Alliance Church with Pastor Tony Stanley presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Sunday from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. and will resume on Monday from 11:30 a.m. until the time of service. Kenneth passed away on Thursday, August 25, 2016 in Fargo, ND.

Kenneth was born to Toivo and Josephine (Drobnik) Carlson on April 13, 1932 in Hibbing, MN. When in the third grade his family moved to Nashwauk where he graduated from high school. Here he began playing football and baseball which continued later into his life, playing football for Itasca Junior College, Stout University, and while enlisted in the Navy.

Ken joined the US Navy in March, 1951 during the Korean Conflict and served as an Aviation Structure Mechanic 1st Class until his honorable discharge in 1955. Once stateside Ken graduated from Itasca Jr. College and Stout University, Menomonie, WI. He taught Industrial Arts in Milwaukee, WI and Duluth and later became the high school principal at Ogilvie, MN. On August 11, 1962, Ken was united in marriage with Doris Meerdink at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, WI. He held two Master's Degrees in Industrial Arts and Guidance Counseling and was certified in Education Administration. He was a guidance counselor at Moorhead Technical College from 1969-1977. He concluded his career in education as the Assistant Director at

Wadena Technical College (now MState) in Wadena when he retired in 1993.

Ken loved being outdoors and fishing and enjoyed sporting events. His greatest joy was when he was with his family and attending the grandchildren's activities. He attended the Verndale Alliance Church and American Legion in Staples. He was a member of the local carvers club, served as a board member of Pembina Trails Group Home and a volunteer for water testing.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents Toivo and Josephine; brothers-in-law Lamont (Arlene) Daane and Lloyd Walvoord; and sister-in-law JoAnne Carlson.

He is survived by his wife Doris of Wadena; sons Robert of Shakopee, Daniel of Wadena, Steve (Kelly) of Rice, and James (Kori) of St. Louis Park; daughter Laura (Grant) Smith of Henning; grandchildren Erik (Britni), Jacob, Andrew, Matthew, Elizabeth, Elin, Ava, Max, Ruby, Henry, Gabriel and Stella; step-mother Marcile Carlson; brother Henry (Sue) Carlson of Hibbing; brother-in-law Glenn (Sharon) Meerdink; sister-in-law Marion Walvoord; and many relatives and friends.

Military honors will be provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Honorary pallbearers are the members of the Carvers Club. Pallbearers will be Robert Carlson, Daniel Carlson, Steven Carlson, James Carlson, Erik Smith, Andrew Smith, Mathew Smith, Jacob Smith, and Randall Walvoord.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Verndale, MN.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Verndale Alliance Church,

109 Brown St. NW, Verndale, MN 56481.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

16277 120th Street
1st Ave./ Co Rd 104 (1 mile west of Verndale)
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Alliance Church
109 Brown St. NW
Verndale, MN 56481

Visitation

AUG 29. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Alliance Church
109 Brown St. NW
Verndale, MN 56481

Service

AUG 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Alliance Church
109 Brown St. NW
Verndale, MN 56481

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth Carlson*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - August 26, 2016 at 09:00 PM

GD

“ *George&Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson*



George&Julie Deiss - August 31, 2016 at 07:15 PM

JW

“ *SO SORRY TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF KEN. THERE IS NO "RIGHT TIME" TO LOOSE SOMEONE. IT IS ALWAYS TO SOON TO SEE THEM GO. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH the CARLSON FAMILY.*

JAY AND DANELLE WEIHER

JAY AND DANELLE WEIHER - August 30, 2016 at 02:07 PM

AA

“ Prayers go out to you Doris and family on the loss of treasured love one, Ken.



Annette & Francis Adamietz - August 29, 2016 at 06:21 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Our prayers go out to the whole family. Always loved Ken's wit and sarcastic sense of humor ! He will be missed.

God Bless, Dave, Wendy, Amanda & Lindsay Meerdink

David Meerdink - August 29, 2016 at 01:27 PM



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



August 29, 2016 at 10:44 AM

JP

“ Doris and family; We are so saddened to hear of your loss. He is truly going to be missed. He always was so caring and loving to everybody. The world has lost a wonderful person. God has taken him home where he is at peace and suffers no more. We will be together as our Savior has promised; until then, may God grant you comfort in the days to come. Gonna miss him at the games.....Love and comfort and deepest sympathies to all the family. Jackie, Jay and family



Jackie Perius - August 29, 2016 at 08:10 AM

DM

“ Our deepest condolences to our Aunt Doris, our cousins and all of the Carlson family for the loss of a cherished husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. Leia and I considered it such an honor to have Uncle Ken and Aunt Doris attend our wedding. We send our love, thoughts, and prayers. Doug, Leia, and Sutter Meerdink

Douglas J Meerdink - August 28, 2016 at 09:10 PM

GI

“ Gerry & Linda Imdieke lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson



Gerry & Linda Imdieke - August 28, 2016 at 06:15 PM

BB

“ *Betty Barr lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson*



Betty Barr - August 28, 2016 at 06:00 PM

EN

“ *Eric, Rhonda, Amara, And Blake Neuerburg lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson*



Eric, Rhonda, Amara, and Blake Neuerburg - August 28, 2016 at 03:21 PM

JH

“ *So sorry for your loss. Ken was a wonderful, kind man. He will be missed.*

Jackie Hokanson - August 28, 2016 at 12:53 PM

DC

“ *All of my best to the Carlson family. Don Campbell*



don campbell - August 28, 2016 at 11:03 AM

DC

“ Dale And Marlene Campbell lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson



Dale and Marlene Campbell - August 28, 2016 at 09:11 AM

MS

“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson



Mike and Lea Snyder - August 28, 2016 at 07:08 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Carlson.



August 27, 2016 at 11:22 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Carlson.



August 27, 2016 at 10:44 PM

HC

“ Henry Carlson purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Carlson.



Henry Carlson - August 27, 2016 at 08:32 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of Kenneth Carlson.



August 27, 2016 at 03:09 PM

TF

“ THE GLENN MEERDINK FAMILY purchased the
Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of
Kenneth Carlson.



THE GLENN MEERDINK FAMILY - August 27, 2016 at 12:24
PM

SO

“ Sharyl Olson lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Carlson



sharyl olson - August 27, 2016 at 08:29 AM

BP

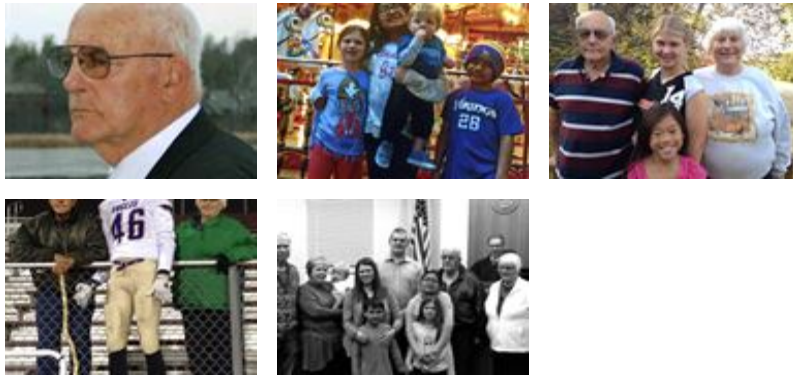
“ Barry & Sandi Pratt lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson



Barry & Sandi Pratt - August 27, 2016 at 07:56 AM



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - August 26, 2016 at 08:44 PM

BB

“ Bruce And Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson



Bruce and Barb Brown - August 26, 2016 at 07:59 PM

KA

“ *Kim Anderson lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Carlson*



Kim Anderson - August 26, 2016 at 04:53 PM



“ *Ginger Gilbert lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Carlson*



Ginger Gilbert - August 26, 2016 at 04:07 PM

RM

“ *Roman And Barb Moench lit a candle in
memory of Kenneth Carlson*



Roman and Barb Moench - August 26, 2016 at 02:48 PM

DH

“ *Diane Hinkle lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Carlson*



Diane Hinkle - August 26, 2016 at 01:12 PM

BO

“ *Bill & Nancy Olson lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Carlson*



Bill & Nancy Olson - August 26, 2016 at 11:55 AM

KR

“ *Karla Richardson lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Carlson*



Karla Richardson - August 26, 2016 at 10:10 AM

MF

“ *Marie Fraune lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Carlson*



Marie Fraune - August 26, 2016 at 08:47 AM

TM

“ *So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for comfort.*

Tim, Debbie, Jess & Meg - August 26, 2016 at 08:34 AM



“ *Ginger Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson*



Ginger Gilbert - August 26, 2016 at 08:05 AM

JR

“ *Jack & Judy Richter lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson*



Jack & Judy Richter - August 26, 2016 at 07:50 AM

DK

“ *Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson*



Dan Kern - August 26, 2016 at 05:14 AM

SS

“ *Ken was an excellant carver. I shall miss seeing him at McDonalds reading the newspapers with Doris by his side. Rest in peace.*



Sally Siegler - August 25, 2016 at 10:15 PM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson*



Leo Haisman - August 25, 2016 at 08:47 PM

RA

“ *Russ Andrews lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson*



Russ Andrews - August 25, 2016 at 07:48 PM

RA

I had the pleasure of knowing Ken when I went to the Wadena AVTI for 2 years while I was on work study program, I enjoyed talking with Ken and telling him my crazy Jokes. Rest in peace Ken.

Russ Andrews - August 25, 2016 at 07:55 PM

GK

“ *Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson*



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - August 25, 2016 at 07:42 PM

EF

“ *Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson*



Esther and Alan Freitag - August 25, 2016 at 07:32 PM

WJ

“ *Wilferd & Shirley Johnson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson*



Wilferd & Shirley Johnson - August 25, 2016 at 07:20 PM

RA

“ *Roger And JoAnn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson*



Roger and JoAnn Anderson - August 25, 2016 at 06:40 PM

GG

“ *Ginger & Roland Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson*



Ginger & Roland Gilbert - August 25, 2016 at 06:00 PM

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“ *Ginger & Roland Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson*



Ginger & Roland Gilbert - August 25, 2016 at 05:59 PM

BR

“ *Bonnie Richter lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Carlson*



Bonnie Richter - August 25, 2016 at 05:19 PM