



## Robert Kempe

February 21, 1932 - November 20, 2019

The funeral service for Robert Kempe of Sebeka, and formerly of Verndale, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 25, at the St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor Stephen Meltzer presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Sunday, from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. and will resume at the church on Monday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Ten years after the death of his beloved wife Betty, Robert passed away at the age of 87 on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at the Serenity Living Solutions assisted living home in Sebeka, MN. Caring support was provided by the staff and Lakewood Hospice.

Robert "Bob" was born to Michael and Mae (Tranby) Kempe on February 21, 1932, at their home in Otter Tail County, MN. He honorably served in the US Army from May 1953 through April 1955 during the Korean Conflict.

Robert was united in marriage with Betty Jane VanMiddendorp on June 11, 1956, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha, MN. He found his livelihood in farming and further enjoyed the outdoors while relaxing with a fishing pole in his hands. Listening to Blue Grass music and playing cards also brought him joy, but it was times spent with his children and following his grandkids in their sporting events that filled him with pride.

Robert was preceded in death by his wife Betty on November 17, 2009; and his parents Michael and Mae. Surviving Bob are his sons Bradley (Mary Dee) Kempe of Verndale, and Rodney (Brenda) Kempe of Hewitt; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; along with his sister Bette Peterson.

Honorary pallbearers will be Kayla Wenker, Cathy Voge and Robert's great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jason Kempe, Ryan Kempe, John Kempe, Dave Wenker, Logan Voge and Eugene Boelz.

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

Burial will be in Green Lawn Cemetery, Verndale, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Lawn Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **24.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church  
710 Franklin Ave. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Visitation

NOV **25.** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Service

NOV **25.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Kempe*



**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - November 22, 2019 at 11:18 AM

MW

*So sorry for your loss. Bob was a dear family friend for many years. Payer for your family.*

**Mary Weiher-Hannah** - November 23, 2019 at 10:19 AM

DL

*Sincere sympathy to the family of Bob. Darlene Leonard*

**Darlene Leonard** - November 23, 2019 at 03:24 PM

JK

*Along with 4 other gals from my church, we lead a sing-a-long at Serenity Living once a month. That's where I met and "fell in love" with Bob! He was such a delight! The last time he joined us was in October. When we sang hymns, he sang with us...tears rolling down his cheeks. "Little Brown Church in the Wildwood" he would clap with me. He always made me smile. He would watch me intently and I would wink at him and he'd smile. What a fun man. I'm sure you will all miss him...I know I will every time we lead the sing-a-long. May God be near you in this sad time. Jayne Koskiniemi*

**Jayne Koskiniemi** - November 24, 2019 at 06:52 AM

JW

*Great video! Brings back so many memories of growing up and getting together. Thanks for sharing, prayers for your family. God Bless!*

**Jeff Weiher** - November 24, 2019 at 10:11 AM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Bobs family. He was such a nice caring Man. We loved visiting with him at the boys sporting events. He was a very proud Grandpa and Dad.



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**Jim and Janell Carr** - November 24, 2019 at 03:34 PM

JB

“ Rod, Brenda, Jason, Ryan, Kayla and families, We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your Father and Grandfather. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Your memories will keep your Father/Grandfather close in your heart.  
Bob Rausch and Janet Bretoi

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**Janet Bretoi** - November 23, 2019 at 09:16 PM

TS

“ Kempe Family, I always enjoyed Bob when he came in the office, he will be missed... sending hugs... Tami

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**Tami Schwartz** - November 23, 2019 at 01:40 PM

DD

“ So very sorry for your loss, Bob was such a dear friend to our parents, its like he was one of our family members, Sending prayers of healing to you all.  
Terry and Deb Denny

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**Deb Denny** - November 23, 2019 at 08:18 AM

TB

“ Tom And Joan Brauch lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe



Tom and Joan Brauch - November 22, 2019 at 09:47 PM

AV

“ Al & Kristi VanRoekel lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe



Al & Kristi VanRoekel - November 22, 2019 at 05:23 PM

DC

“ Dawn And Gene Captain lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe



Dawn and Gene Captain - November 22, 2019 at 05:18 PM

LV

“ Bette, we are saddened to hear the news of your brother Bob. He was a great guy and we did not know he was your brother.... We know you have many fun and happy memories and stories to keep him close to your heart.. You have so many friends that hold you dear Bette. Count us in that group. Our sincere sympathy. Len and Sally



Len and Sally Siegler of Verndale - November 22, 2019 at 04:27 PM

MS

“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe



Mike and Lea Snyder - November 22, 2019 at 01:34 PM

RA

“ Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe



Rita Anderson - November 22, 2019 at 12:34 PM

AB

“ Alan Bielema lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe



Alan Bielema - November 22, 2019 at 12:15 PM

DO

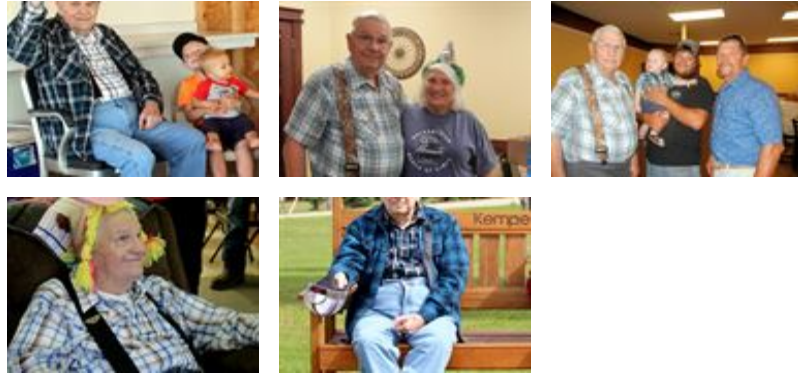
“ Doug And Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe



Doug and Joan Ostlund - November 22, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 22, 2019 at 11:09 AM

JD

“ *Julie&George Deiss lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



Julie&George Deiss - November 22, 2019 at 09:52 AM

LV

“ *Rest in Heavenly Peace Bob.*



Len and Sally Siegler of Verndale - November 22, 2019 at 09:22 AM

BN

“ *Brenda & Nate lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



**Brenda & Nate** - November 22, 2019 at 03:36 AM

BL

“ *Betty Lipinski lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



**Betty Lipinski** - November 21, 2019 at 05:52 PM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



**Patty Desrocher** - November 21, 2019 at 05:34 PM

RB

“ *Rita Boehland lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



**Rita Boehland** - November 21, 2019 at 04:49 PM

DT

“ *Diane Teigland lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



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**Diane Teigland** - November 21, 2019 at 04:11 PM

HY

“ *Hydee lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



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**Hydee** - November 21, 2019 at 03:48 PM

JP

“ *Jerry And Kathy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



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**Jerry and Kathy Peterson** - November 21, 2019 at 03:30 PM

SS

“ *Shirley And Bob Skon lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



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**Shirley and Bob Skon** - November 21, 2019 at 03:27 PM

GD

“ *Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



gene & mary denny - November 21, 2019 at 02:00 PM

BD

“ *Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



Bob and Kathy Derby - November 21, 2019 at 12:58 PM

SF

“ *Ray and I are so sorry to hear about your dad and grandpa passing away. Bob is now with his beloved Betty, love and prayers for the Kempe family. God Bless.*

South Family - November 21, 2019 at 12:20 PM

 Julie Eidenschink

“ *Julie Eidenschink lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



Julie Eidenschink - November 21, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ *Duane Sibert lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



**Duane Sibert** - November 21, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



**Marladene Heinen** - November 21, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ *My sincere condolences at this difficult time. I want you to know that God cares for you. May you continue to be comforted through Scripture, prayers, friends and family. 1st Peter 5:7.*

**Lowanda** - November 21, 2019 at 08:54 AM



“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



**Leo Haisman** - November 21, 2019 at 02:58 AM

JR

“ *John And Rhonda lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



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**John and Rhonda** - November 20, 2019 at 10:57 PM

KI

“ *We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Sending you our thoughts and prayers.*  
*Kirk and Kim Voge*

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**kimvoge1966@gmail.com** - November 20, 2019 at 10:47 PM

WV

“ *Our family sends our comfort and peace of mind to the Kempe's family in your time of loss from the Wayne Voge family*

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**wayne voge** - November 20, 2019 at 09:45 PM

EF

“ *Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Robert Kempe*



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**Esther and Alan Freitag** - November 20, 2019 at 09:24 PM