



Kenneth John Gusaas

May 19, 1943 - October 12, 2017

Kenneth John Gusaas, 74, rural Litchville, North Dakota, passed away on October 12, 2017 at his home with his family by his side and under of the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley. Kenny was part of a cancer study at Roger Maris Cancer Center which resulted in a prescription drug for cancer. He lived courageously with Multiple Myeloma Cancer for the past 12 years.

Kenny was born May 19, 1943, the son of John and Alma (Salthammer) Gusaas. He was baptized and confirmed at Spring Creek Lutheran Church in Hastings, North Dakota. He attended grade school at Skandia School and went on to graduate from Litchville High School. On August 17, 1963, he married Karen Opdahl. They lived in Valley City, North Dakota, for a short time before moving to the farm southeast of Litchville in 1965. Kenny and Karen rented their farm out in 1989 and Kenny then worked for area farmers. He drove school bus for many years and was a member of the ND National Guard at Valley City from 1961-1967. Kenny served on the Spring Creek Cemetery Board for 20 years.

Kenny is survived by his wife, Karen, and three sons, Jason Gusaas, Litchville; Chad (Brenda) Gusaas, Apple Valley, Minnesota; and Nathan (Sarah) Gusaas, Litchville; four grandchildren, Sage Gusaas, Litchville; Carson Gusaas, Jade and Kaleb Gunderson, all of Apple Valley; and one brother, Howard Gusaas, Great Falls, Montana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Milford and Donald; and three sisters, Enid Harstad, Jean Olson and Carol Derheim.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Monday, October 16th, at First Lutheran Church, Litchville. Visitation will be 4-6 pm, Sunday, October 15th, at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. Visitation will continue one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be in Spring Creek Cemetery with military honors.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. An online guestbook for Kenny may be found at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Spring Creek Cemetery

Hastings, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND 58072
(701) 845-2414
o-nchapel@bektel.com

Visitation

OCT **16**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
506 5th St.
Litchville, ND

Funeral Service

OCT **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
506 5th St.
Litchville, ND

Tribute Wall

CR

“ *Our sympathies for God's peace and comfort at this sad time.*

Carol Kluvers Roy - October 17, 2017 at 11:22 AM

LT

Sorry for your loss. Sympathy and prayers to the family now and in the days ahead.

Wayne & Leah Thoreson & family

Leah Thoreson - October 27, 2017 at 10:22 AM

DL

“ *I really enjoyed visiting and joking around with Kenny. Just from the few years I was in the Litchville area, I could tell Kenny and Karen were very good and kind people and was a pleasure get to know them. Because of this, I know Karen and family are feeling a big missing piece of their family. May God help you find strength and peace.*

Debb Lettenmaier

Debra Lettenmaier - October 16, 2017 at 11:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth John Gusaas.*



October 14, 2017 at 09:35 PM

PH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Karen, Jason, Chad, Nathan and families on the loss of Kenny. We will all miss that great smile he shared so often! He always had a way of making people feel special. May God bless you through this difficult time .
Pat Hartman-Hoffman



Patricia Hartman-Hoffman - October 14, 2017 at 12:52 AM



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October 13, 2017 at 04:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth John Gusaas.



October 13, 2017 at 04:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth John Gusaas.



October 13, 2017 at 01:15 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth John Gusaas.*



October 13, 2017 at 12:07 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Your loss - my sympathy to you and your family.*

Vicky Justesen Hlubek - October 13, 2017 at 09:26 AM



“ *With sympathy to you & your family at this sad time..*



Marilyn Lahlum - October 13, 2017 at 09:09 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I hope you can find some comfort in your memories of Kenny and may they bring you strength during this grieving time.*

Rachel Smith Mount - October 13, 2017 at 07:17 AM



“ *Sending prayers and love to you all. Peace and healing wishes for the days to come for your family. Rest in peace Uncle Kenny.*

Melody Vachal - October 13, 2017 at 12:03 AM

BG

“ *Benita R Gusaas-Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Kenneth John Gusaas*



Benita R Gusaas-Goodwin - October 12, 2017 at 11:59 PM

BG

“ *I Love you Uncle Kenny. I have many fond memories of spending time with you on the farm. Love and prayers to Aunt Karen, Jason, Chad, Nathan, families, and friends. Peace be with you.*”

Benita R Gusaas-Goodwin - October 12, 2017 at 11:58 PM

 Sonja Olson

“ *I love you Uncle Kenny. Prayers are with you Aunt Karen, Jason, Chad & Nathan. I'm so glad I got to visit uncle Kenny this summer.*



Sonja Olson - October 12, 2017 at 10:33 PM

TR

“ *Karen and Family My thoughts and prayers are with you. Kenny was such a kind wonderful man and made my school days brighter. His contagious smile and soft voice. He will be greatly missed.*

Tonnie Hartman Rahrlich - October 12, 2017 at 10:31 PM

BF

“ *Bob And Faye lit a candle in memory of Kenneth John Gusaas*



Bob and Faye - October 12, 2017 at 10:25 PM

DG

“ *Prayers are being sent up Karen and boys . You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Diana Gudmestad - October 12, 2017 at 10:15 PM



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



October 12, 2017 at 08:57 PM

BW

“ *Bob/Kay Willson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth John Gusaas*



Bob/Kay Willson - October 12, 2017 at 08:16 PM

FC

Karen and family, so sorry for your loss. I remember Kenny from school, he always had a ready smile for everyone. God's blessing to you.

Florence Norum Conti - October 19, 2017 at 11:57 AM