



Kenneth Alfred Lettenmaier

August 14, 1939 - November 7, 2021

The service will be live streamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/1507486>

Kenneth Alfred Lettenmaier, 82, of Moorhead, MN, died Sunday, November 7, 2021 at Eventide Lutheran Home after a hospital stay and complications from COPD.

Kenneth was born Aug. 14, 1939 at Mercy Hospital in Valley City, ND to parents Alfred and Christine (Munz) Lettenmaier. Kenneth, along with some of his eldest siblings Larry and Carol, went to country school. They lived on the family farm and then moved to Sanborn.

Kenneth graduated from Sanborn Public High School in 1957 and spent the following summer working in Yellowstone National Park where he loved visiting with people from all across the country and world.

He entered Valley City State University in the fall to study history and accounting and graduated with a Bachelor's in Education in 1962. While in college he worked at Drugan's Super Value bagging and then delivering groceries on foot to homes near the store. He didn't have a car so he walked everyday to and from school, work and home. For a stint he lived with the Challey family.

After graduation, Kenneth taught for a couple years in Plevna, Montana and then Plaza, North Dakota, he also served as a school principal. He moved to St. Paul, MN and taught accounting at Rasmussen College. He went on to work in the admissions office and then led the financial aid department, helping students afford college.

Upon retirement, 17 years ago, he moved to Moorhead, MN to be closer to family.

Kenneth made friends easily and maintained his relationships with those from St. Paul,

Rasmussen and then, in his later years, his physical therapy group. He served as treasurer of his homeowners' association board in his Moorhead neighborhood.

Kenneth had impeccable taste and his ability to choose the perfect, thoughtful gift for each and every person in his life, was unmatched. He never let a birthday, anniversary, or special day go unnoticed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a younger brother Wesley, an infant brother Dwayne, a brother Larry; and a sister and brother-in-law Carol and Darrel Lettenmaier. Kenneth is survived by his sister Gail (Orville) Hanson, Moorhead; a sister-in-law Mary Lettenmaier, Otsego, Minnesota; nieces Debra Lettenmaier, Fargo, Patricia Pitts, Shelly (Kent) Kosse; a nephew Terry Lettenmaier all of Valley City. He also leaves several great nieces and nephews and their children.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. An online guest book is available at www.olivernathanchapel.com

Funeral services will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, North Dakota. Inurnment will be in Fairview Cemetery, Sanborn. A reception will follow at the Valley City Eagles Lodge.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3400 SE 106th Ave.
Sanborn, ND

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 13. 3:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND 58072
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Tribute Wall

JN

“ Gail Hanson, Ken’s sister, just called me after receiving my Christmas card to Ken. I am so very sorry to hear that he lost his very brave battle. Ken was a great accounting professor at Rasmussen Business School. When I returned to the work world and returned to Rasmussen for placement services, I took some accounting courses to brush up on my skills. After being hired at Rasmussen, Ken became a good friend. He was a team worker, always so conscientious, a very good listener and a great conversationalist. He always talked about his nieces and nephews and loved them so much. A number of us at work helped Ken move into his first house in St. Paul.....we all had such a great time. My prayers to all of Ken’s family remembering a wonderful man. Jane Nemitz

Jane Nemitz - December 07, 2021 at 10:07 PM

LW

“ My sympathies to the Lettenmaier family. My parents, Charles and Helen Challey, lived near the college and rented rooms to college students. Ken was one of the best! He would often get home from work at the grocery store and visit with the family about the day’s happenings. My parents said that they would sometimes watch The Tonight Show with Ken and debate whether Johnny Carson could ever live up to Jack Paar. Over the years Ken would stop by the house when he was in Valley City. Such a kind and thoughtful man. Lucy (Challey) Wire

Lucy Wire - November 18, 2021 at 02:56 PM

VK

“ To the Kenneth Lettenmaier Family.....A generous heart has stopped beating and a kind soul has gone to the heaven. Prayers for him in eternal life. I send you my deepest condolences. Believe in God and may the warmth of care and love of the people around you keep you going in your life.

Virginia Knox - November 12, 2021 at 08:38 PM

SK

“ I am sorry to hear the loss of your loved one. Ken was a wonderful person. May the Lord bless you and keep you and give you inner peace during this trying time.

Sherry Kamrowski

Sherry Kamrowski - November 12, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy , and Gods blessing to the Lettenmaier Families, Sincerely
Kathy Wendel*

Kathryn Wendel - November 10, 2021 at 12:32 PM