



Kenneth B. Brodsho

June 1, 1929 - June 18, 2013

Kenneth B. Brodsho, age 84, of Mahnomen, MN, died at home, Tuesday, June 18, 2013, surrounded by family and under Hospice Care of the Red River Valley.

Kenneth Bernard was born June 1, 1929, at home in Mahnomen, the son of Lawrence and Olga (Thompson) Brodsho. Growing up east of Mahnomen, he attended and then graduated from Mahnomen High School. On October 14, 1950, Ken was united in marriage to Ethel McCollum. The couple made their home in Mahnomen and Ken began working at Wild Rice Electric. The following year, he was drafted into the United States Army and served during the Korean Conflict. Upon his honorable discharge, Ken returned to Mahnomen and continued working at Wild Rice Electric. After 40+ dedicated years of service, he retired from Wild Rice Electric.

Over the years, Ken was an active part of his children's activities. He was both a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader. He served on the Mahnomen Public School Board for several years. Ken always enjoyed spending time with all his children and grandchildren and provided for them a great role model, sharing his knowledge. He was very proud of all their achievements, large and small. Ken was a very active member of First Lutheran Church; teaching Sunday School, and serving as Deacon and Treasurer. He also held memberships with the Mahnomen American Legion Isaacson-Bjorge Post #31, Quarterback Club, Lions Club, and Mahnomen Community Theatre. Upon retirement, Ken continued to keep busy. He volunteered at the Mahnomen Historical Society

and followed his grandchildren's activities. He and Ethel wintered at Lake Havasu for many years, with old friends and new acquaintances.

Ken loved to do woodworking, go camping, take road trips, and read the news. In recent years, he became close to his grandchildren as he embraced the new age technology by using his computer for emails and Facebook and sending text messages via cell phone. If you needed some advice to fix anything, Ken was the guy to ask. His home shows many examples of his creativity and resourcefulness. He was an honest, humble, hardworking individual who lived by his faith. Above all, Ken truly loved spending time with his family and simply adored his wife and children.

Ken is survived by his wife, Ethel, Mahnomen; four sons: Randy (Kay), Sunburst, MT, Bradley (Debbie), Eagan, MN, Kent (Barb), Lakeville, MN, and Kelly (Sherri), Fargo, ND; one daughter, Kathy Johnson, Great Falls, MT; one sister, Esther Downing, Barnesville, MN; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; 13 step-great-grandchildren and one step-great-great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were his parents; six brothers; five sisters; one great-grandchild and his son-in-law.

Funeral Services were held Monday, June 24, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at First Lutheran Church in Mahnomen.

Visitation was held on Sunday, June 23, 2013 from 4:00 -6:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 5:30 p.m. at the Anderson~Mattson Funeral Home in Mahnomen and also one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Burial was in the First Lutheran Cemetery in Mahnomen.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Kathy, my sympathy to you and your family at the passing of your father. I happened to look at website and so surprised to see this. I do remember staying in your home and contributions to the community by your parents.*

Deb Seeger Steinbach - July 11, 2013 at 08:43 PM

JD

“ *Dearest Ethel& Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May you feel Gods arms of love holding.*

Julie & Perry Doerfler - July 05, 2013 at 08:20 AM

DN

“ *Dear Family of Kenneth Brodsho, I sedn my cicerne symathy and also thsyoufor Kenny's help in my life. Blessed be his memory. God is gracious even at this hour.*
Donald Nelson

donald nelson - June 27, 2013 at 07:11 PM

KG

“ *Ethel and family,*
So sorry to hear about Kenny. I will always remember him warmly with the camping adventures of my childhood at Vagabond Village and later at Elkhorn. He was a nice, nice man and I'm sure he and my dad are having a nice long visit up in heaven. My sympathies to you all during this difficult time.
Kevin Gish

Kevin Gish - June 26, 2013 at 08:14 PM

JB

“ Kenny will be missed. Hugs and prayers to you Ethel and all of your family. Hang onto all the wonderful memories. It was great hearing all the stories Brad and Trevore and the others had to say about Kenny. Lots of love- Janelle Brekken Cindy McCollum & Jeff & Jerry

Janele Brekken - June 25, 2013 at 09:19 AM

JH

“ Our sincere sympathy to you, Ethel, and the whole family. You are in our prayers.

Jean & Al Heidemann - June 23, 2013 at 08:19 PM

DB

“ Ethel Kathy Randy Brad Kent Kelly You all are in my thoughts and prayers I'm SO SORRY I can not be there with you all Kenny and Ethel have always been very special to me Many fun happy Memories My Love Always Dar Vern Shawn Shad Nathan and all our Family

Darlene Benson - June 23, 2013 at 03:41 PM

DS

“ Kathy, so sad for your loss. God is with you.
--Diane

Diane Stockman - June 21, 2013 at 11:50 AM

BB

“ So very sorry for your loss...I looked forward to seeing Ken because he was such a nice man. Your family is in my thoughts.

Brenda Bruner - June 21, 2013 at 10:07 AM

RP

“ *Kenny was such a good guy. We are thinking of all of you. We will miss him too.*

Robert, Dana, Raynee and Rostyn Pace - June 21, 2013 at 08:37 AM

DS

“ *Kenneth B. Brodsho*

dewey schoenborn - June 20, 2013 at 07:58 PM

TM

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to my Aunt Ethel and her children. Uncle Kenny was a great man and he will be missed dearly. While I unfortunately cant attend the funeral, please know I will be there in heart and spirit.
With love, Tammie*

Tammie Mikesh-Duncan - June 20, 2013 at 06:47 PM

WB

“ *Kelly,
My deepest condolences to you and your family during this time of loss. Remember the good times and hold him in your memories. Your father will always be with you.
Take care,
Wayne*

Wayne Bruner - June 20, 2013 at 01:17 PM

MS

“ *Our condolences go out to the family of Ken Brodsho. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Your grief is shared. Ken will be missed. Love you folks.
Mary and George Stahl*

Mary and George Stahl - June 20, 2013 at 11:27 AM

TF

“ *Peace be with you all. Hugs and love to you and your extended family.*

The Frost Family - June 19, 2013 at 11:02 PM

TN

“ *We are friends of Kent and Barb's and want to send our caring hearts to you in this time. May you know the love of your family and friends, and may your memories be sweet. Bless you all.*

Terry and Cathy Nordheim - June 19, 2013 at 09:29 PM

MR

“ *My deepest sympathy to you and your family! My prayers to all of you. Meredith Wille Reinholdt*

Meredith Wille Reinholdt - June 19, 2013 at 09:25 PM

TA

“ *So very sorry to hear that we have lost Kenny. Another awesome WRECI family member reunited with his fellow workers. Rest is peace Ken, say hi to Kakie for me. God Bless the Brodsho family, may he keep his arms wrapped around you and comfort you during this time.*

Terri (Klabunde) Anderson - June 18, 2013 at 04:25 PM

KR

“ *We are so saddened to hear about Kenny - he was a wonderful co-worker, a warm person to greet at church every Sunday morning & just a good all-around nice man. We know he will be missed by many. Our deepest sympathies to Ethel & the rest of the family too.*

Kathy Rogers - June 18, 2013 at 03:18 PM