



## Kenneth Walz

August 24, 1943 - September 23, 2010

Kenneth Leo Walz was born on August 24, 1943 to Lanwald and Dorothy (Schouviller) in Detroit Lakes, MN. He grew up in Mahnomen, MN, where he graduated with the class of 1961. Following high school, Ken worked for Solar Gas and later Lee Electric. He was united in marriage to Norma Jokumsen and in 1966, his daughter, Lisa, was born. From 1966 to 1968, Ken proudly served his country in the United States Army in Vietnam and was awarded: Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Medic Badge, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Qualified Expert M-16 Badge.

After returning to Minnesota, Ken worked for Bjerke Electric in Marshall, MN, and married Gail Holthusen. Together they had two sons, Brent and Curt. In 1977, he left Bjerke Electric to work for Southwest State University until he retired in 2006. Following his retirement, Ken moved to Alexandria, MN and enjoyed spending his winters in Arizona. He also thoroughly loved spending time with his grandchildren and fishing. In earlier years, Ken held membership with the Marshall American Legion where he served as past commander. At the age of 67, Ken passed away peacefully after a brave battle with cancer on Thursday, September 23, 2010.

Kenneth is survived by his mother, Dorothy of Mahnomen; two sons, Brent (Michelle) Walz of Olympia, WA and Curt (Rebecca) Walz of Albertville, MN; a daughter, Lisa (Mike) Stenstrom of Fargo, ND; six grandchildren; three sisters: Doris (Victor) Eiyneck and Debra Lunde both of Mahnomen, Sandra (Mark)

Amberg of Waubun, MN; five brothers: Lowell Walz and Richard (Rhonda) Walz both of Mahnomen, Randall Walz of Panora, IA, Keith (Sarah) Walz of Knoxville, IA, Dale (Kristene) Walz of Windsor Heights, IA; many nieces and nephews. Kenneth is preceded in death by his father, Lanwald. Mass of Christian burial will be held Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at 10:30 am at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Beaulieu, MN. A time of remembrance will be held Tuesday, September 28, 2010 from 5-7 pm with a prayer service at 6:30 pm at Anderson-Mattson Funeral Home in Mahnomen. Inurnment will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Beaulieu.

# Tribute Wall

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“ It was with sadness that I heard of Ken's death. I worked with Ken as a consultant at SW State and he was one of the best clients I worked for in my 40 years as an electrical engineer. His openness and sense of humor was appreciated by all who worked with Ken. He was missed at the campus when he retired because he cared a great deal about the University. Ken was a great guy and the world is a lesser place without him.

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**Loren Winters** - October 07, 2010 at 02:27 PM

DS

“ Sorry to hear of Ken's passing. I worked with him on electrical projects at SW State years back. The world should have more really nice guys like Ken.

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**Don Such** - September 29, 2010 at 12:28 PM

RJ

“ I was sorry to hear about Kenney. He was a great High School friend. Jr. Thorpe, Kenney and I had lots of great times hunting. It was always good to see him at the Mahnomen School reunions. I will miss him.  
Rick Johnson

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**Richard Johnson** - September 28, 2010 at 11:49 AM

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“ Russ and I are saddened by the news of Kenny's passing. He put up a courageous battle and find some comfort knowing he is no longer in pain. Our sympathy and prayers are with the family. May God Bless you and bring you peace.

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**Sherry Walz** - September 28, 2010 at 10:59 AM

JL

“ Hey guys, So sorry to hear about your Dad, he was a super man to know. and I am sure you will miss him so much . just know he is looking down at all of us Jim and Joyce Leach

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**Jim and joyce leach** - September 27, 2010 at 08:14 PM

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“ Dear Walz family, I was sorry to learn of Kenny's passing. I know having talked with Doris at the All School reunion that he was not doing well. That darn cancer. The blessing is knowing that Kenny is no longer in pain. I know that your heart ache is still intense. God hold each of you in his arms and give you comfort.

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**Sharon Thompson-Johnson** - September 23, 2010 at 08:45 PM