



## Kenneth D Kropf

September 11, 1927 - March 13, 2020

Kropf, Kenneth 'Kenny'

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Kenny was born September 11, 1927, in Emerson, NE, and passed March 13, 2020, surrounded by his family at the VA Medical Center in Omaha, NE. Kenny graduated from Emerson High School in 1945, after which he immediately enlisted in the Merchant Marines. He served with the Merchant Marines through the end of WWII, and following the war, remained in service until 1948. Kenny then returned to Emerson where he met his sweetheart Madelyn L. Reuter at the roller-skating rink in Wakefield, NE.

Kenny and Madelyn were married on November 4, 1949, settling in Emerson where they had three wonderful children. During their time in Emerson, Kenny worked for Kellogg's Construction Company until 1967. Following Kellogg's, he went on to the final stop in his career, working for IBP as a plant engineer for 22 years. Throughout his time with IBP, Kenny left his mark in multiple locations across the United States until his retirement in 1989. Following his retirement, Kenny and Madelyn settled in South Sioux City, NE, where they lived together until Madelyn passed away in 2009.

Kenny moved to Omaha in 2012, to be closer to family. There he lived in his own home where he was able to enjoy time with his children, grandchildren, and even great grandchildren, as well as his hobbies of gardening, and cooking. On March 13, 2020, he left us to be with the Lord.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents Frederick 'Fritz' and Henrietta Kropf, sister Bernice Barto, brothers Ernest 'Gene' Kropf and Fred Kropf, and his wife Madelyn. He is survived by daughter, Deborah (Jim) Bezoni; sons, Kevin (Cristina) Kropf and Calvin (Janet) Kropf; grandchildren, Tracey Bezoni, Brad Bezoni, Crystal Kropf, Carolyn Baker, Jordan Lanning, and Jenna Williams, as well as 16 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made to: To his family and will be designated at a later date.

The Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn, NE is caring for the Kropf family at this time.

# Cemetery

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## Omaha Valley Cemetery

Homer, NE,

# Events

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**MAR 21** **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
20844 Bonanza Blvd, Elkhorn, NE, US, 68022

**MAR 21** **Graveside** 02:00PM

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Omaha Valley Cemetery  
Homer, NE, US

# Comments

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“ I am sorry to read of the death of Kenny. I am organizing photos that once belonged to my grandparents, Dick and Martha VonSeggern, and I found a photo of Kenny. I think that Grandpa and Grandpa used to play cards with members of the Kropf family.

Doreen Heinemann  
Elkhorn, NE

Doreen Heinemann - January 20 at 09:32 PM

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“ Dear Deb, Kev and Kal (& your families);  
Please accept my sincere condolences on Kenny's passing. I still have vivid memories of your dad putting up with our mischief and racket, (and sometimes not putting up with it at all). Kenny certainly struck me as a good man and a good Dad!

I trust and pray that the many warm and pleasant memories will comfort you during this difficult time of loss. Please know that your friends dating all the way back to Emerson are thinking of you and praying for God's comfort to surround you.

Your old friend,  
Bill Van Lent (jr)

Bill Van Lent - March 24, 2020 at 12:09 PM

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“ Dear Deb, Kevin, Calvin and families;  
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. I remember him as always being so fun loving and spirited! I have fond memories of our parents playing cards and the kids tearing up Emerson on our bikes- good times indeed!

May warm memories and the love and support of others sustain you at this difficult time.

Peace,  
Diane (Van Lent) Bedenkop

Diane (Van Lent) Bedenkop - March 22, 2020 at 03:40 PM

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“ Kenny has lived just behind our house for several years. We were blessed to get to know him very well. He and I spent lots of time talking over a cup of coffee and some type of “sweets” ...we shared our life stories, information about our families, sports, and neighborhood happenings. He was a very strong, and yes, sometimes stubborn man. And yet he was caring, kind, gentle and loving.

I came to think of him as my second Daddy since I lost mine many years ago.

We will all miss him so much, but he will always be in our hearts and we will meet again.

Until that time he is with his love, Madelyn.

Hugs for Kenny.

**Ardyth Karbowski** - March 21, 2020 at 12:46 PM

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“ We met this fine “young man” after meeting and becoming close friends with Jim & Deb at a Navy Reunion. We shared time, meals, and laughs with Kenny on each of our visits. He took ownership of two “LGI Monster” shell creations and kept up a rivalry over the Green Bay Packers and his beloved Kansas City Chiefs. We believe he was their lucky charm for their Super Bowl victory...yes sir, yes sir, yes sireeee! Our sympathy to the whole family. He made our lives better with knowing him. God bless! Love, Susie & “Reno”

**S Aubry** - March 21, 2020 at 08:40 AM

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“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth D Kropf.



March 20, 2020 at 03:57 PM

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“ I loved to see Kenny when he came to visit at Jim and Debs, we would greet each other with " How are you doing young man ?" I would bring out my Model A, he would always have a story about when he was a young man and Model A 's. Kenny always had great stories. He had a great sense of humor. I will miss him. Rest in Peace Young Man.

Dick James - March 19, 2020 at 07:28 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth D Kropf.



March 19, 2020 at 04:49 PM