



Kenneth Lee Christiansen

March 31, 1949 - April 11, 2011

Kenneth Lee Christiansen was born on March 31, 1949 in Omaha, Nebraska to Sam and Lucille (Mishak) Christiansen. He grew up in the Yutan and Waterloo area where he attended grade school and graduated from Waterloo High School in 1967 and attended college at Midland and Fairbury. Ken enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapshooting and was a standout athlete both in high school and college. Ken's college career was cut short by draft orders in 1971. He served in the United States Army, spending over a year in Germany. Ken married Cheryel Cianciolo on October 10, 1975 at Mary Our Queen Catholic Church in Omaha and to this union two children were born: Michelle and Anthony. Ken and Cheryel have raised their family in Valley.

Ken has worked as a driver for Hartford Sand and Gravel, as a sales and marketing rep for Capitol Liquor (Budweiser Distributors) and as a driver for Mallard Trucking and Flying J. He continued to enjoy hunting and fishing, playing cards and all spectator sports but his passion was golf. Ken was dedicated to his children, coaching them when they were young and supporting them from the stands as they grew. Recently Ken's attention has focused on his grandchildren, watching them grow and mature. Ken was a hard working man, impatient and stubborn yet caring and helpful. He had his own language, foreign to most and gave everyone a nickname. Ken enjoyed old time rock and roll, John Wayne movies, the Cardinals, Huskers and Bears, Big Fred's Pizza, a Farmer Brown's steak and a cold Budweiser.

Ken passed away suddenly on Monday, April 11, 2011 at the Methodist

Women's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 62 years and 11 days. He was preceded in death by father Samuel and brother Jack. Ken is survived by his wife Cheryel; children Michelle and Chris Swenson and Anthony and Sara Christiansen all of Bennington; 5 grandchildren - Alivia, Luke, Autumn, Hunter and Emma; mother Lucille Christiansen of Waterloo; brothers and sisters-in-law Stan and Kathy of Texas and Sam and Mary of Omaha; sister and brother-in-law Monica and Dan Walters of Waterloo, Nebraska

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Lee Christiansen*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Kenny's passing.*

John and Cheryl Foley - April 17, 2011 at 04:20 PM



“ *Hugs to the family.*

Sandy & Jim Perry - April 13, 2011 at 03:45 PM