



Kenneth John Mumm

October 22, 1931 - December 15, 2022

Kenneth John “Ken” Mumm was born October 22, 1931 to Edgar and Mildred (Kirchmann) Mumm. He passed away quietly from this earthly life December 15, 2022 at the age of 91 after a brief illness.

Ken was raised on the family farm south of Yutan, NE. He was one of the last generations to pick corn by hand, thrash oats and wheat by hand as well, and farm with animals. He had a horse and mule team he named Topsy and Florrie. He had a pony named June that he would ride to his one-room school house, District #8, which he attended through eighth grade. He graduated from Yutan High School and attended the University of Nebraska Lincoln for one year. During that year he was a walk-on participant in baseball and basketball, and boarded with the basketball coach’s family.

After that year, Ken returned home to farm and married the love of his life, Alvina Wilson on December 22, 1948. They enjoyed more than 70 years of marriage, and managed the ups and downs of life on the farm for most of those years. They built a family together, all of whom survive him: daughter Vicki (Jim) Simons of Wahoo, NE, son Bob (Mary) Mumm of Omaha, daughter Peg (Joe) Kennedy of New Hill, NC, and son Dave (Debbie) Mumm of Yutan, NE. Ken loved being a grandparent to nine, and great-grandparent to 14, all affectionately calling him “Grandpa Kenny”.

As Ken would put it, things were sometimes “tough” on the farm, so he would seek outside work. Some of his varied and lengthy employment history includes Moss Recording Studio, Western Electric, the Missile Base, and UNL

at Mead, and in his later years, a funeral assistant with Reichmuth Funeral Home. Ken still found time for civic duties, as well, serving on the Yutan School Board, church council, and Secretary of the Saunders County Farmers Union CO OP.

Vacation time for Ken and his family involved loading everyone in the car and driving to St. Louis for a ballgame, to the Badlands and Black Hills in South Dakota or to the Ozarks. Vacation time for Ken & Alvina included multiple cruises, domestic and abroad. They sailed through the Panama Canal, saw amazing sights on the Danube and Rhine Rivers, and thoroughly enjoyed their time in Alaska, just to name a few.

Aside from family, one of Ken's biggest passions was baseball. He played with several area teams in Yutan, Ashland, Wahoo, Elkhorn, and Papillion. If he wasn't scheduled to play, he'd be in the stands with his glove, in case an extra player was needed, and he was often called into the game. He was privileged to play with Bob Gibson in a few games, and would smile when he talked about the coach putting him in to pitch, and Bob in center field. Ken's last three legion games were all one-hitters and he said, "I just couldn't get that no-hitter!" He attended a camp/try-out with the St. Louis Cardinals and was a lifelong Cardinals fan.

After he retired from farming, Ken took up golf, and he felt lucky and proud of shooting six hole-in-ones. He attended many, many events for children and grandchildren, and he found those times on the sidelines or in the bleachers very fun and exciting. He was always ready to go to the next game!

Ken was preceded in death by his wife Alvina, and he missed her sorely. He was also preceded in death by his parents, and an infant brother. In addition to his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, other survivors include his sister Annette (Keith) Rogers of Yutan, NE, his cousin who was raised with him, Jean (Jim) Brown of Fremont, NE and scores of other relatives and friends that Ken was fortunate to know.

Funeral services will be Monday, December 19, 2022 at 11 AM at Bethlehem

Lutheran Church, Wahoo, NE, with lunch to follow. Private interment at Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn to follow. Visitation will be Sunday at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn from 4-7 PM. Memorials may be directed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Wahoo, St. John's Lutheran Church, Yutan, Hospice Care of Saunders County, the Saunders Medical Center Foundation or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
402-289-2222
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
504 West 8th Street
Wahoo, NE 68066

A lunch reception will immediately follow the funeral service

Tribute Wall

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“ Ken was such a kind, caring, and thoughtful man. He had a gentle heart and was so welcoming when he spoke to you. Ken will be greatly missed, but God has welcomed him home. Someone so special will never be forgotten.
Stu and Kathy Hayes

Stu Hayes - December 19, 2022 at 02:05 PM

MR

“ My sincere sympathy in the passing of Ken. My thoughts and prayers to all the family. Blessings, Mary Roncka

Mary Roncka - December 18, 2022 at 10:10 PM

CJ

“ Vicki and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your Dad was such a kind man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Cathy Johnson - December 16, 2022 at 08:49 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kenneth John Mumm.



December 16, 2022 at 07:11 PM