



Edward Kenkel

October 11, 1938 - February 27, 2014

Edward J. Kenkel was born October 11, 1938 in Dunlap, Iowa, the Eighth and last child of Ben and Carrie Kenkel. Ed grew up in the Iowa fields with a whole lot of love and probably an equal amount of bossing around.

He met the love of his life, Lee Ann (Geith) in High School, and though they went to prom together, it took jobs in Denver a few years later, to launch their 51+ year marriage. They were married on August 18, in 1962. They have two daughters, Jenny Buck, and Jill Bahmann, with their husbands, David Buck and Robert Bahmann, and four grandchildren he adored: Riley (18) and Griffin Buck (16), and Ella (9) and Lucy Bahmann (6).

Ed's love of the Iowa farmlands led him to his work, which was a great source of enjoyment and success. He managed merchandising for agricultural supply stores all around the country, and his work allowed him to travel and eventually retire early and settle in Pawleys Island, South Carolina.

From the rich soil of Iowa to the roaring ocean, wherever Ed went he brought laughter and a whole bunch of joy (and a very wicked sense of humor, and giant smile). That's how the family will always remember Ed. He was always right beside you reaching for your hand. He was always quick with "I love you" he was a man who always had other people's concerns ahead of his own. He loved deeply, and he passed that philosophy on to his family and friends. To

say that he will be missed doesn't touch how we'll feel.

Visitation will be at Goldfinch Funeral Home, 202 Hinnant Lane in Pawleys Island, SC from 3:00-5:00 PM Sunday, March 2, 2014 with a prayer service at 4:00 PM. Funeral mass will be held at Precious Blood Catholic Church 1633 Waverly Rd. Pawleys Island, SC 29585 on Monday, March 3 at 11:00 AM.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield/Pawleys Chapel is in charge of the arrangements

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Dear LeeAnn, We were so sad to read Ed's obituary in the Des Moines paper, but grateful that a few weeks before you shared a Valentine photo and health update. Ed was such a great guy and wonderful husband & family man. I can't imagine how challenging life will be for you without him.

Jim & I still talk about that great trip we took together to Napa Valley, breaking the rules by picnicking & drinking wine on the grounds of one of the wineries, only to see a sign afterwards that said "No Picnicking". We always shared lots of laughs when we were together and will forever remember Ed's contagious laugh & smile.

Take care my friend, and do let us know when the date is set for services in Iowa. In the meantime you are in our hearts & prayers.
Love, Pat & Jim Hoyt

Pat Hoyt - March 15, 2014 at 06:24 PM

NB

“ LeeAnn, I was so sad to hear of Ed's passing. I was just thinking of you the other day and all the good times we had. God be with you in these trying times. You are in my thoughts and prayers. You have your precious daughters and grands to help you now and in the future. Love you, Nancy Bollenbaugh

nancy bollenbaugh - March 03, 2014 at 12:17 PM

CK

“ Our thoughts are with you Aunt Lee Ann. I'm so thankful for the wonderful times we were able to share with you both in South Carolina - looking for gators on your golf course, playing pool and darts upstairs. I'll miss Uncle Ed very much.
All our love, Carly & David

Carly Kenkel - March 03, 2014 at 08:35 AM

DL

“ Lee Ann Sue and I were very sad when we read this morning that Ed had passed while we haven't see you in years we still think of you and Ed and talk about the good times we had together. I consider myself very lucky to have known and to have worked as closely with Ed as I did I have never worked with anyone that I respected more or enjoyed working with more. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I will reach out to you in a few days to find out when you plan the services in Iowa.
Dean & Sue Longnecker

Dean Longnecker - March 02, 2014 at 03:24 PM

SB

“ Lee Ann and family.....Van and I were so very sorry to hear about Ed's passing. When God calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Hold on to those memories and let them guide you during this difficult time. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs, Sonjia & Van Bell

Sonjia & Van Bell - March 02, 2014 at 11:57 AM

RH

“ Our hearts and thoughts are with you, Lee Ann and Family, as we say farewell to a dear friend.
We measure our life by the blessings we enjoy. Near the top of these blessings are the memories we share of good times with good friends. Des Moines - Pawleys Island - Captiva. Different places but the same recipe of fun and laughter.
Bob never forgot or forgave or got even with Ed for eating his crab legs at the Hungry Heron.
Love to You, Bob and Marlene Huettl

robert huettl - March 02, 2014 at 08:30 AM

DP

“ We are so saddened by the news of Ed's passing. We so enjoyed his smile and sense of humor, and it was so apparent the he loved his Lee Ann! We will remember him fondly. Lee Ann, we are in Florida so will miss calling hours and funeral - we pray you will find comfort in knowing Ed is no longer in pain and with his loving Creator. We will reach out to you when we return home.
Dave and Sherry Piersma

Dave and Sherry Piersma - March 01, 2014 at 10:53 AM

SM

“ I am very sorry for the loss of your loved one. I have also lost loved ones but I found encouragement in the words of the bible. The bible tells us that our heavenly father Jehovah God (Psalms 83:18) is the "God of comfort who comforts us in all our tribulation". (2 Corinthian 1:3&4) He also tells us that in the near future death will be a thing of the past. The scripture at Revelation 21:4 says, "he will wipe every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning, outcry nor pain be anymore the former things have passed away". I hope these words will bring you comfort.

s merrwether - February 28, 2014 at 10:13 PM

BG

“ We are saddened by the news of Ed's passing. We have such a connection to the Kenkel & Geith family. We know the love this family shares and know that you will share love and laughter in the following days. We haven't seen Ed & Lee Ann since Hilary's Iowa high school state tournament game. We shared some funny stories and enjoyed their company. Sending thoughts and prayers to Lee Ann, the girls and the entire family. Love from Iowa, Scott and Bev (Cohrs) Ganzhorn.

Bev Ganzhorn - February 28, 2014 at 06:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Kenkel.* ”



February 28, 2014 at 02:15 PM