



Kenneth Henry Westrum

March 18, 1926 - January 5, 2021

Kenneth Henry Westrum, age 94 of Beach, North Dakota passed away on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 in Beach. Visitation will be held from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM and from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Monday, January 11, 2021 with a Prayer service beginning at 7:00 PM at the Silha Funeral Home in Beach. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at the First Lutheran Church in Beach with Pastor Roger Dieterle officiating. The funeral service will also be live streamed via the First Lutheran Church Facebook page. Interment with military honors will be in the Beach Lutheran Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Kenneth H. Westrum was born on March 18, 1926 in Northgate, ND to Henry and Alice (Siverling) Westrum. He died peacefully on January 5, 2021 in Beach.

The family moved to Bowbells shortly after Ken was born and he attended school there and graduated in the class of 1944. He excelled in baseball and got the nickname "Satch" for his play at 1st base. He served his country during WWII in the U.S. Army in the Philippines. After he was discharged he joined his brothers in Bismarck for a few years before moving to Parshall, where he took a job as a linotype operator at the Mountrail County Record. It was there that he met Joyce Annette Sund, and they were married on October 30, 1958. A job came open at the Golden Valley News in Beach and he and Joyce, along with daughter, Sue made the move to Beach in 1961. He worked

at the paper until 1977 when he and Joyce divorced. Ken moved to Williston to help his sister, Shirley take care of their mother. He worked as a carpenter for Morrell Larson Construction until 1983 when his daughter Sue, who was managing the Flying J asked him to come work for her. Ken worked for Flying J for 15 years until he retired in 1998. Even though divorced, Ken only missed one holiday with his family and that was a Thanksgiving due to poor road conditions. In December of 1998 at the urging of his children, Ken moved back to Beach. On May 15, 1999 he and Joyce were reunited in Marriage at the First Lutheran Church.

He enjoyed taking trips in their R.V., doing Sudoku puzzles, going for coffee every morning at Steve's Service and later at Farmers Union. His sense of humor and always being the center of attention were traits that will never be forgotten and missed by his "coffee crew" and all those that knew him. He also loved spending time and playing games with his family and watching westerns. Ken was an active member at First Lutheran Church and was a 73 year continuous member of the Harley Salzman American Legion Post # 5, in which he served as Chaplain and Bingo Caller every Friday Night for over 20 years. He will be missed by many.

Ken is survived by his wife, Joyce Annette; daughter, Sue Branden and son Steve and his wife Kelly all of Beach and son, Jay of Coquille, OR; grandchildren Kayla and her husband Jeremy Skaley, Dylan and his wife Tabiatha Branden; Colin Westrum and LeighAnn and her husband Jamie Beeler; Miranda and Abigail Westrum; great granddaughters; Hayden Joy and McKenli Skaley and Madillyn, Audrenna and Johannah Branden. He also is survived by numerous nieces, nephews and three sisters-in-law and three brothers-in-law.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Rob, Don and Hy; two sisters, Carmen Nelligan and Shirley Johnson and an infant grandson Kristen Daniel Branden

Memorial contributions are suggested to Badlands Bible Camp or a charity of one's choice.

Online remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Beach Lutheran Cemetery

Beach, ND 58621

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Henry Westrum*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Just heard about Kenny`s passing. Mom had a place in her heart for the Westrum family. He was a good man and a good friend. Many good memories.
Blessings and prayers to you all.
Doug and Laura Davis*

Doug Davis - January 24, 2021 at 11:22 PM



“ *I`m so glad to have been a part of your family for a period of time. Your laugh and silliness will be with me forever. Thank you for being a wonderful Father-in-Law!! Love you forever!*

Michelle

Michelle Westrum - January 11, 2021 at 11:08 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Henry Westrum.*



January 11, 2021 at 11:01 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Henry Westrum.*



January 11, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Kenneth Henry Westrum.*



January 10, 2021 at 06:57 PM

TT

“Cindie & I were deeply saddened to learn of Kenny’s passing today. Our condolences to Joyce, Steve and Pam and the rest of his family. I first came to know Kenny through my affiliation with the American Legion post in Beach. I quickly became fond of him...it was hard not to. Living just up the street from him and Joyce gave me plenty of opportunities to see him as he would travel up everyday to care for Pam’s dog. I was always grateful when he would stop to chat for abit when I was outside caring for my lawn or shoveling snow. Kenny ALWAYS had a friendly, inviting smile on his face that just made you feel, “all warm inside.” In my 9 or so years knowing him, I can’t remember seeing him without that smile on his face. Kenny will be missed my myself and MANY in the community...he was one of the “good guys.” May God’s infinite love and compassion grace and comfort Kenny’s family in the days ahead.

Tom Cindie Togni

Tom Togni - January 10, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth Henry Westrum.



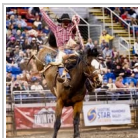
January 10, 2021 at 02:12 PM

DE

“ Dean and Diane Easton purchased the Pretty Ple
ase for the family of Kenneth Henry Westrum.



Dean and Diane Easton - January 10, 2021 at 12:30 PM



“ Val and I send our sympathy to the family. Sue hugs...losing a dad
leaves such a void no matter how old we or they are. Steve thinking
of you too. May Ken rest in peace.

Carol TescherObrigewitch - January 09, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of Kenneth Henry Westrum.



January 09, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Kenneth Henry Westrum.



January 08, 2021 at 08:03 PM

MH

“ *Kenny has for 90 years been a part of my life. I thank you for every day Kenny. Margie Walleen Hass Bowbells and Minot*

Margie Walleen Hass - January 08, 2021 at 05:21 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Henry Westrum.*



January 08, 2021 at 02:18 PM

JO

“ *Our history goes back 40 years. We will miss you and your smile. Thoughts and Prayers to all his family and friends. Cherish the memories!*

Janel Ordahl - January 08, 2021 at 11:32 AM

JO

“ *Janel Ordahl lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Henry Westrum*



Janel Ordahl - January 08, 2021 at 11:29 AM

DK

To meet Ken for the first time was to make a new friend. Ken reflected so much of what is good in the human persona. To know him was to like him. I am sure he endeared himself to countless people in his 94 years. He made a lasting impression on so many. He was modest, self-effacing and engaging in his contacts. I will miss him. Rest in peace Ken.

Dick Kukowski

Dick Kukowski - January 09, 2021 at 02:03 PM

ML

“ *My sympathy to all of Kens family*

Maurice Lardy - January 08, 2021 at 11:04 AM

JH

“ *We shall miss Kenny in our church family! His smiles and laughter will be so missed! We always knew which table to go to to get rid of the extra donuts! He was one of our number one fans of fresh donuts! I know the family is going to have a void in their lives missing Kenny! Our prayers are with the family! Tom and Jo* 🌈🌈



Jo Heckaman - January 07, 2021 at 09:59 PM

JM

“ *We are very sorry for the loss of Kenny. We will always remember Kenny as a joking and happy go lucky guy. He will be greatly missed. We will keep all the family in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jim & Donna Muckle - January 07, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth Henry Westrum.*



January 07, 2021 at 06:43 PM



“ *Mark And Dawn Egan lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Henry Westrum*



Mark and Dawn Egan - January 07, 2021 at 05:21 PM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Kenny. He was a great guy and quite funny too. He could talk to anyone about anything.*

sue feldman - January 07, 2021 at 01:35 PM