



Kenneth Eugene Zimmer

March 1, 1943 - November 12, 2019

Ken Zimmer, 76, of Glendive, died peacefully on Nov. 12, surrounded by family members in hospice care at Billings Clinic. For the past year, Ken had bravely battled lung complications caused by a viral infection.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M and from 6:00 P.M until 8:00 P.M. with a Vigil Service beginning at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, November 18, 2019 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Francis Schreiber officiating. Rite of Committal will be held at a later date. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Ken was born Kenneth Eugene Zimmer on March 1, 1943 in Helena. He grew up in Sidney, where he graduated from Sidney High School in 1961.

Following graduation, Ken worked for Boeing Aircraft in Seattle and worked road construction in Minnesota before returning to Sidney in 1963. He then worked for Safeway Stores for the next 20 years, managing stores in Sidney and Glendive.

Ken married the love of his life, Mary Conroy, on April 18, 1964, and to this union four boys were born to them; Brad, Mike, Jim and Pat, and the family spent 55 wonderful years together.

In 1979, the family moved to Glendive where Ken and Mary have remained the past 40 years. After the Safeway store closed, Ken worked for Clover Club for four years before taking a job with the Glendive School District, working at

Jefferson Elementary School and driving school and activities buses. Ken's hundreds of trips as the bus driver for the Dawson County High School and Dawson Community College sports teams over the past three decades were among the most enjoyable times of his life, and he was beloved by the many student-athletes and teams that he drove.

An avid sports fan his entire life, Ken loved coaching and watching his sons and grandchildren play sports, and enjoyed rooting for his Pittsburgh Steelers, Duke Blue Devils and Baltimore Orioles. The family enjoyed many wonderful vacations over the years, including numerous trips to Billings to watch the horse races, which Ken and the entire family always enjoyed.

Ken is survived by his wife Mary of Glendive; sons Brad (Carol) of Billings, Mike, of Minot, N.D., Jim (Denise) of Billings and Pat (Nikki) of Worden; brother Wally (Linda) of Superior; sisters Marlene (Alan) and Marge of Minnesota; grandchildren Corissa, Jacob, Brooks, Jordyn, KeeVonna, Luke, Lily, Braden, Griffin and Payton; great grandson Dayce; and his beloved Yorkie Gus. Ken was preceded in death by his mother, Selma; his best friend and brother-in-law, Mike Conroy; and brother-in-law Marlon Olson.

The family wishes to sincerely thank all of those who have extended condolences.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
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Glendive, MT 59330
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Visitation

NOV 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

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Vigil Service

NOV 17. 7:00 PM (MT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
316 West Benham Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Eugene Zimmer*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Mary and Family, Beth and I were so sorry to hear about Ken's recent passing. I have many memories of our time together at Safeway in Sidney. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Paul Groshart - December 17, 2019 at 07:46 PM



“ *Dear Mary and Family, I'm so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. He was such a good friend. My sympathies to you and your sons.*
Brian Dibble

Brian Dibble - November 22, 2019 at 07:43 PM



“ *I am sorry for your loss of Sidney Boy Ken Zimmerman.*

Lyman Kopp - November 19, 2019 at 01:15 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss Zim was one of the best! Thoughts and prayers.*
Mark and Sherri Nissley

Sherri Nissley - November 18, 2019 at 09:46 AM

CB

“ *My condolences to the Zimmer Family. Ken was a great man. Always involved in his kids sports. Had him as a baseball coach in Sidney and won Championships twice with him as our coach. Prayers for the Zimmer Family!*

Chuck Brown

chuck brown - November 18, 2019 at 06:46 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth Eugene Zimmer.*



November 16, 2019 at 07:02 PM

AH

“ *I remember Ken when we all lived in the Ridgelawn Community, North of Sidney, many years ago. He was 3 years younger than Marlene and I. Rest in Peace Ken. Annabelle Wheeler Heiser.*

Annabelle Heiser - November 16, 2019 at 12:40 AM

BA

“ *Mary and the Zimmer family, Our deepest condolences with the passing of Ken. What a great great man. He was always there with a big handshake, hug and smile whenever we crossed paths. Playing softball with him and the boys on the Merchants was such a great experience - one I'll always remember. He'll truly be missed by all the communities that he served. Brad, Amore't, Austin and Zorn Allen*

Brad Allen - November 15, 2019 at 07:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Eugene Zimmer.*



November 15, 2019 at 07:39 PM



“ *John (Kathy) Matson & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kenneth Eugene Zimmer.*



John (Kathy) Matson & Family - November 15, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ *I just wanted to reach out and tell you how saddened I was to hear of Ken's passing. When I was coaching volleyball, Ken and I would visit in the stands about how things were going. He was interested in my Eagle team and was ready to give me words of encouragement or congratulations depending on how the team played. Anytime since then, when I would see Ken in the gym, he always visited with me. The last time was at a Jr. High volleyball match. I stood in the doorway of his bus and we had a wonderful little chat. I will miss those check-ins as I go to different events and gyms. Ken was truly one of the good ones.*

Mary Pfau

Sidney

Mary Pfau - November 15, 2019 at 01:27 PM

DV

“ *Deb And Pete Vogel lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Eugene Zimmer*



Deb and Pete Vogel - November 15, 2019 at 01:02 AM

DS

“ *Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Eugene Zimmer*



Denise Stoddart - November 14, 2019 at 11:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Eugene Zimmer.*



November 14, 2019 at 10:43 PM

BL

“ *I've always had a special place in my heart for Ken & Mary. Ken was such a fun janitor to see in the halls during my elementary days, and again when I came back for student teaching! I remember having my little-kid-mind blow up when my mother told me that my favorite janitor and my favorite bus driver were married! Ha! Condolences to Mary and family.*

Breann (Goroski) Larson - November 14, 2019 at 09:55 PM

BM

“ So very sorry Mary and Family , Your All in my thoughts and prayers...had a lot of fun with Ken running the college buses...He'll be missed by many Ken was a good man and a good friend Bruce



Bruce Miller - November 14, 2019 at 07:59 PM

TP

“ Mary
Sorry about your loss.
I used to work a substitute janitor with Ken at Jefferson School.

Tyler Pust - November 14, 2019 at 06:19 PM

TS

“ Sorry to hear of Ken's passing. Appreciated his bus driving while at DCHS. Condolences to the family.

Tynie (Mader) Shaw - November 14, 2019 at 06:13 PM

JB

“ Mary and family, we are so saddened to hear of Ken's passing away! We go a long way back to Sidney and fond memories! Please know we are keeping you in our prayers for comfort and peace knowing he is with our Lord and Savior! Judy and Don

Judy Buckland - November 14, 2019 at 05:31 PM

TH

“ I'm so sorry to learn of Ken's passing. Mary and Ken were bright spots where and when ever I ran into them, even when Ken's health was failing. There were many years my kids enjoyed loving oversight from a fellow Steelers fan! Mary, I wish you and your family comfort and peace during this stressful time.



Teresa Hathaway - November 14, 2019 at 04:52 PM

PN

“ We are so sorry for your loss of Kenny. Loved his genuine smile and friendliness. You are in our hearts and thoughts. Peggy and Chuck

Peggy Ames Nerud - November 14, 2019 at 12:36 PM

KM

“ Ken and Mary, what a wonderful couple ! Thank God for Faith, Ken is in the best place now! Prayers 🙏

kevin McGovern - November 14, 2019 at 11:21 AM

DD

“ Dan And Donna Dobson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Eugene Zimmer



Dan and Donna Dobson - November 14, 2019 at 10:48 AM

DZ

“ We are so sorry to hear about Ken. We always enjoyed seeing he and Mary out and about. Ken always had a smile and a twinkle in his eye. The Glendive community will miss him. Hugs to Mary and family.

Don and Penny Zimmerman - November 14, 2019 at 08:31 AM

TC

“ Rest in piece my friend



Tom Clingingsmith - November 14, 2019 at 08:14 AM

VP

“ Sorry for loss! I really enjoyed working with Ken at Jefferson.



Vicky Panasuk - November 13, 2019 at 11:39 PM

DB

“ Mary and family, so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. He was a wonderful person. My thoughts are with you all

Deb Bollwitt - November 13, 2019 at 11:24 PM

AH

“ Ken was the custodian at Jefferson School when I resumed teaching in 2011. He took such good care of all of the staff! One year the kindergarten teachers got him a cake and a card on his birthday. He bought all of us a pop from the pop machine and we all huddled around a little table in a kindergarten classroom and ate birthday cake and drank pop! One of many fond memories I have of Ken. He was truly one of the good guys in this world. I consider myself lucky to have known him. My sincere condolences to Mary and his whole family.

amy hopfauf - November 13, 2019 at 11:12 PM

GC

So sorry to hear this!!! He was one of the best❤️❤️ Always brightened the day when he came in the store!! He will be missed!!!!

Geri Cullinan - November 14, 2019 at 05:21 PM

TM

“ Tammy Milne lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Eugene Zimmer



Tammy Milne - November 13, 2019 at 10:49 PM

VP

“ *My best memories of Ken was down on the Babe Ruth Field, other sporting events, and seeing him around in Glendive. He was always fun to visit with, anytime I met up with Ken. To Mary and the boys, you had a wonderful husband and a great father. He will be truly missed!*

Sincerely,

Vern Purvis

Vern PurvisVern - November 13, 2019 at 10:15 PM

RK

“ *Rex And Sheila Kunick lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Eugene Zimmer*



Rex and Sheila Kunick - November 13, 2019 at 07:33 PM

KN

“ *Mary and family: I am so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. You and your families are in my thoughts & prayers. Jack & Kathy Nicholson*



Kathy Nicholson - November 13, 2019 at 06:46 PM

DS

“ *Dick Sadorf lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Eugene Zimmer*



Dick Sadorf - November 13, 2019 at 05:52 PM