



KENNETH JOSEPH MEISCH

June 22, 1954 - April 30, 2023

Kenneth Joseph Meisch (Kenny), 68, of Caledonia, MN walked into the arms of Jesus on April 30, 2023, surrounded by his family. He was a devoted husband, beloved father, and adoring grandpa.

Ken was born on June 22, 1954 to Robert and Leona (Lamey) Meisch. He met the love of his life, Jane Ernster, in his first grade class at St. Mary's School. They were married 47 years. Together they would raise two daughters; their pride and joy, Josie and Margo.

After graduating from Winona Technical College in 1974, Ken spent his professional life in various specialties, including home building and remodeling, custom cabinetry, and, finally, in the meat department at Quillin's in Caledonia before retiring due to chronic health issues. He was a member of St. Mary's School school board, Knights of Columbus, and the Caledonia Lions.

Ken adored time with his family. He enjoyed working on his 1962 Thunderbird, which he recently finished building. He loved taking motorcycle day trips, listening to country-folk and classic rock, and his dog, Rocky. For the past seven years, his greatest joy was hosting his children and grandchildren for the weekend, serving up spreads of great food and always offering refills on coffee before the cup got too low.

Ken was strong, but tender; talented, but humble. He was kind, affirming, and loving – all of the things a good man should be. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Ken is survived by his wife, Jane; his two children, Josie (Stephan) Wasmundt and Margo (Mark) Matson; four grandchildren: Sheldon Wasmundt, and Cora, Brooks, and Lucy Matson; his brother, Arnie (late wife, Janine); two sisters, Holly (late husband Earl) Klankowski and Linda (Tom) Dadko; and many nieces and nephews.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Lora Meisch.

A mass of Christian burial will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Caledonia, MN on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 11:00 am. Visitation will take place from 9:30am to 11:00am at the church. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Caledonia. Lunch will be served in Holy Family Hall immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to St. Mary's School.

The funeral will be live-streamed on St. Mary's Church, Caledonia, Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint Mary's Catholic Church
513 S Pine St
Caledonia, MN 55921
(507) 725-3804

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Caledonia, MN 55921
(507) 725-3804

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Arnie ,Jane and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Please accept our sincere condolences. Gordon and Charlene Rostvold

Gordon and Char Rostvold - May 06, 2023 at 05:56 PM

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“ From Your RPS Online Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of KENNETH JOSEPH MEISCH.



From Your RPS Online Family - May 05, 2023 at 03:07 PM

RF

“ We were sad to hear the Kenny has passed away. Sending our condolences to you Jane and your family. Many hugs and prayers for all of you.

Rick and Cindy Frank - May 03, 2023 at 09:18 AM

DS

“ Jane & family, So sorry to hear of Kenny's passing. Please accept our condolences. RIP Kenny!

Dave & Wilma Schoh - May 02, 2023 at 10:53 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of KENNETH JOSEPH MEISCH.



May 02, 2023 at 07:58 PM



“ We are so sorry for you loss. Matt and Susan Bauer

Susan Bauer - May 02, 2023 at 03:48 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to the family. Very sorry for your loss.

Duane Kinneberg - May 02, 2023 at 03:14 PM



“ I am so sorry Jane and family, to hear about Kenny's passing. I recall the fun times at your farm for the end of the year school party....volleyball and other yard games, food/drinks and lots of laughs! I also have such fond memories of taking my kids to the farm in the summer to go horseback riding! Of course when we were done, they enjoyed your huge slide, and the yummy treats you and Kenny provided! Such good and loving people. My heart hurts for your loss! You will be in my prayers!

Maria and Dan Stemper - May 02, 2023 at 01:11 PM



Jane and family, Holly, Arnie and Linda. So sad to hear of Kenny's passing. Just read about it today. He was a great guy. He will be sadly missed.

Margie (Jahn) Beitlich

Margie Beitlich - May 07, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of KENNETH JOSEPH MEISCH.*



May 02, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ *I remember back in the day it was Kenny who made the kitchen cabinets in my parents house. Such a talented man. He was always very kind. He will be dearly missed. You have my sincere sympathy. God bless you and your family always.*



Teresa MacLeod - May 02, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *So sorry to hear the news about Ken. He was always friendly and kind and we enjoyed having you both as neighbors in the past. Sending our sympathy and our prayers.*

Joanne Schuldt - May 02, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Ken's passing. Thoughts and prayers, Jane, to you and your family.*

Carmen Smith - May 02, 2023 at 06:53 AM

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“ Kenny was one of the kindest, most caring human beings we knew. Always there to lend a helping hand. We remember all the times we stayed at the farm for volley ball tournaments. Kenny and Jane would give us all the comforts as if we were in our own home. We always had so much fun and laughed and enjoyed ourselves way too much! The world has lost a most gentle man who will be missed by many. Rest well Kenny and much love and hugs to Jane and family. xoxo

Moe and Terry Parvan

terry parvan - May 01, 2023 at 08:41 PM

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“ Years ago when I went through a divorce, I needed wood for my wood stove. Jane and Kenny, came with some other friends and had a woodcutting party. We worked all day and I had enough wood for the whole winter. They turned a real tough time into a real celebration of friendship. Kenny was always available to lend a helping hand. My sincere condolences. May fond memories bring you peace and love. Terry Lauden.

Terry Lauden - May 01, 2023 at 08:24 PM