

Kenneth Lapke, 75

Oct. 16, 1940 - July 23, 2016

LA VISTA, NE — Kenneth Anthony Lapke was born October 16, 1940, to Zeno and Lois (Chambers) Lapke on the family farm near Dunlap. Kenny attended school at St. Joseph's Catholic School graduating in 1959.

August 18, 1962, Kenny married Jenene Mary Schiltz at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. The family farmed until the fall of 1988. The couple operated Lapke Auto Center in Dunlap for four years. They then moved to Denison for 10 years where Kenny was the manager at Ampride Plaza Tire Shop. They moved to Grove, OK for 15 years where Kenny owned his own construction company. The couple moved to La Vista in 2013.

Kenny enjoyed woodworking, restoring cars, playing cards and watching movies. Kenny was also a dog lover. Kenny served as a CCD teacher, on the Shelby County Extension Council, the Grove Township Board, Hickory Point Homeowners Association and was a board member and alternate on the Hickory Grove Fire Department. Kenny died on Saturday, July 23, 2016, at the Hillcrest Hospice in Papillion, NE at the age of 75 years, nine months, and seven days.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents and in-laws, MaryAnn Lapke and Burt Merryweather. He is survived by his wife, Jenene Lapke of La Vista, NE; five children, Deborah (Jim) Hanigan of Dunlap, Steven Lapke of Papillion, NE, David (Mandy) Lapke of Omaha, NE, Robert Lapke of Papillion, NE, Sherri (Jon) Jaksha of Vail, CO; 16 grandchildren, Emily Hanigan, Mark Hanigan, Alison Lapke, Claire Lapke, Benjamin Lapke, Cody Lukassen, Noah Lapke, Isabella Lapke, Lillian Lapke, Kody Horrocks, Irelyn Lapke, Elizabeth Lapke, Brian Lapke, Zachary Wainwright, Sophia Jaksha and Ava Jaksha; nine siblings, Bernard (Joanne) Lapke of Dunlap, Clarice (Don) Buman of Harlan, Lorraine (Laverne) Neppi of Hurricane, UT, Jerry (JoAnn) Lapke of Sun City West, AZ, Leone Merryweather of Woodcliffe, NE, twin sister, Karole (Bob) Anastasi of Holiday Island, AR, Ed Lapke of Dunlap, IA, Marilyn (Pete) Husak of North Liberty, IA, Kathy (Jim) Doran of Garland, TX; and many other relatives and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 28, 2016 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap. The celebrant was Rev. Joel McNeil and Deacon Marvin Klein. The musicians were Marilyn Grote and Jill Davie. Pall bearers were Mark Hanigan, Ben Lapke, Noah Lapke, Brian Lapke, Cody Lukassan, Jon Jaksha, and Jim Hanigan. Final resting place is at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Dunlap.



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