



## Kenneth J. Bedlan

September 28, 1949 - November 14, 2014

Memorial services for Ken will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 21, 2014, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shickley, Nebraska. It was Kenny's wish to be cremated.

Memorials are directed to the family for later designation or to Caring Bridge, CaringBridge - [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org)

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After a long battle with cancer, Kenneth Bedlan passed away at his home on November 14, 2014 at the age of 65 years, 1 month, and 17 days.

Kenneth John was born Sept. 28, 1949 in Hebron, Nebraska to Leo and Margaret (Marge) Bedlan. He was one of four boys born to Leo and Marge. Kenny grew up on a farm near Ohiowa, moving to Shickley in 1960. He attended Shickley Public School, graduating in 1967. Shortly after graduating, Kenny enlisted in the army. He was deployed to Vietnam, serving a year there.

After his enlistment was up, Kenny returned home to Shickley, working at Biegert Feeds. He met and married Karen Draper on August 8, 1975. A son, Ryan John was born June 9, 1977. Ryan was Kenny's happiness. The two of

them spent many hours throwing a football, shooting hoops, hunting or golfing. Through out Ryan's school years and college years, Kenny was always right there, cheering Ryan on. Kenny also enjoyed golfing with Ryan.

Shortly after Kenny was diagnosed with cancer, Ryan arranged a golfing weekend for him and his dad at "The Prairie Club", a semi-pro golf course near Valentine, NE. One of Kenny's bucket list items was also to see George Strait in concert. That wish was fulfilled when Kenny and Karen attended his concert at the Century Link in Omaha. Kenny's comment after the concert was "Now I can die happy!"

Kenny worked for Biegert Feeds in Shickley. He then worked with his brother Gene in construction for five years. In 1981, Kenny bought the bar and grill in town and ran it for 15 years. Soon after selling the bar, Kenny bought a truck and trailer and hauled grain until 2007. Karen retired from teaching in 2007 and Kenny and Karen moved to Omaha to be closer to the grandkids. Kenny enjoyed being with the grandkids. One of Kenny's favorite places to take the grandkids was to Henry Doorly Zoo.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Marge Bedlan and father-in-law Bill Draper.

He is survived by his wife, Karen, son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Heidi, grandchildren Bella and Harry Tarr, Jensen and Chloe Bedlan, brother Gene of Shickley, brother Bob and sister-in-law Marge of Shickley, brother Jim and sister-in-law Linda of Reno, Nevada, mother-in-law Donna Draper of Gretna, and several nephews and nieces.

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Karen, Ryan, and Family  
I am am so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!  
Aaron and Jennifer Bailey and Family



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**Aaron Bailey** - December 03, 2014 at 08:44 AM

MB

“ Karen, We were sad to learn of Kenny's death, please remember that we are thinking of you. We offer prayers to comfort you.  
Sincerely, Margaret and Tom Boyer



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**Margaret Boyer** - December 02, 2014 at 09:59 PM

JN

“ Karen, Ryan and family....I just read the signal.....I am so sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed growing up in Shickley and seeing him at Ken's corner and later years when he was trucking pulling grain from Sutton coop.... You are in my thoughts and prayers! (Hugs)

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**Joni Nuss** - November 28, 2014 at 09:09 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Bedlan.



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November 20, 2014 at 04:12 PM

SJ

“ So sorry to hear of Kenny's death. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

*Scott and Beth (Boswell) Johnson  
Aurora NE*

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**Scott & Beth (Boswell) Johnson** - November 19, 2014 at 09:45 PM

SO

“ Stacey, Mark And Nisa Olson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth J. Bedlan



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**Stacey, Mark and Nisa Olson** - November 19, 2014 at 03:08 PM

MO

“ Mark, Stacey And Nisa Olson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth J. Bedlan



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**Mark, Stacey and Nisa Olson** - November 19, 2014 at 03:04 PM

DW

“ Doug And Colleen Wiedel lit a candle in memory of Kenneth J. Bedlan



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**Doug and Colleen Wiedel** - November 18, 2014 at 08:11 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Bedlan.



November 18, 2014 at 11:48 AM



“ Geno an Butch an Toni an Rene purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth J. Bedlan.



Geno an Butch an Toni an Rene - November 18, 2014 at 08:23 AM



“ We offer prayers in the loss of your loved one. Mort and Mary Johnson

Mort and Mary Johnson - November 17, 2014 at 05:15 PM



“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved husband & father Kenny, Been years since we seen Kenny but so sad to hear you all lost your loved one. Your all in our thoughts & prayers. When your heart is empty filling it with special times & memories will help you & guide you during your time of sadness. Ralph & Sheila Fink



Ralph & Sheila Fink - November 17, 2014 at 11:49 AM

DG

“ *Dayle And Pat Gewecke lit a candle in memory of Kenneth J. Bedlan*



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**Dayle and Pat Gewecke** - November 17, 2014 at 08:28 AM

LB

“ *To our beloved brother may you rest in peace ~ and know that we will love you and miss you forever! Jim and Linda Bedlan*

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**Linda Bedlan** - November 16, 2014 at 04:05 PM

JB

“ *Jim and Linda Bedlan purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Kenneth J. Bedlan.*



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**Jim and Linda Bedlan** - November 16, 2014 at 04:01 PM

JB

“ *Jim Bedlan sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth J. Bedlan*



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**Jim Bedlan** - November 16, 2014 at 11:33 AM

JB

“ *Jim & Linda Bedlan lit a candle in memory of Kenneth J. Bedlan*



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**Jim & Linda Bedlan** - November 16, 2014 at 08:22 AM

RR

“ *Thoughts and prays for the bedlan family*

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**randy roth** - November 15, 2014 at 09:31 AM

LF

“ *Lisa & Rueben Engle & Family lit a candle in memory of Kenneth J. Bedlan*



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**Lisa & Rueben Engle & Family** - November 15, 2014 at 08:11 AM

BB

“ *bob B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Kenneth J. Bedlan.*



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**bob B.** - November 15, 2014 at 12:29 AM

KF

“ *Kim & Lane McDuffee & Family lit a candle in memory of Kenneth J. Bedlan*



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**Kim & Lane McDuffee & Family** - November 14, 2014 at 11:39 PM

BB

“ *Bob & Marge Bedlan lit a candle in memory of Kenneth J. Bedlan*



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**Bob & Marge Bedlan** - November 14, 2014 at 11:32 PM

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“ *Bob & Marge Bedlan lit a candle in memory of Kenneth J. Bedlan*



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**Bob & Marge Bedlan** - November 14, 2014 at 11:17 PM