



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Kenneth Zielike

WHO WAS BORN

December 7, 1943
Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

September 11, 2026
Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, September 17, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.
Mundwiler Funeral Chapel
Milbank, South Dakota

CLERGY

Pastor David Tonn

MUSICIANS

Lana Sand, Pianist and Vocalist
Paul Sand, Vocalist

SPECIAL SONGS

“On Eagle’s Wings” | “Amazing Grace”

CASKET BEARERS

Ryan Sand | Jake Madsen | David Schneck
Doug Schneck | Michael Schneck | Brian Schneck

HONORARY BEARERS

Coldsprings Quarry Group | Joe Beare | Gene Beaver

INTERMENT

St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Kenny’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Following the funeral service, please join the family
for lunch and fellowship at the Speedway in Milbank, South Dakota.

ARRANGMENTS BY

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God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be;

So He put his arms around you
and whispered,

“Come with Me.”

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
and saw you fade away.

Although we LOVED YOU DEARLY
we could not make you stay.

A GOLDEN HEART stopped beating
hard working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us

He only takes the best!

Kenneth “Kenny” Eugene Zielike was born in Ortonville, MN, to Theodore and Frieda (Strube) Zielike on December 7, 1943. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Alban Township, Grant County, outside of Big Stone City, SD.

Kenny completed eighth grade and went to work as a farmhand for his uncle, Helmut, and Katherine Strube, until 1971. Then he worked for Cody’s Livestock in the farming operation. While there, he helped with Cody’s fireworks stand, and later owned his own fireworks stand on Main Street in Big Stone City.

In 1976, Kenny went to work at Cold Springs Quarry, which became his career. Over the 30 years he worked there, he cut and dynamited granite, often shaking the town of Milbank. He retired in 2006.

On March 25, 1967, Kenny married Linda Schneck at the courthouse in Webster, SD. They lived in Big Stone City and had two children: Sherri and Steven.

Kenny loved fishing, pheasant, duck, and deer hunting with his friends and his son. He loved classic cars, especially the ’59 Ford Fairlane 500 Skyliner with a retractable hardtop that he once owned. He and Linda often had card parties at their house.

Kenny spent his retirement years doing kind things for others: mowing someone’s yard, getting his neighbor’s mail, or visiting friends and family in the nursing home. When his wife was infirm, he transported her voluminous cooking and baking to the Senior Citizens Center, to church funerals, to shut-ins, and on the big Christmas run around town.

Every week, Kenny and his friend, Joe Bear, went to Lakeside Gas to meet up with the coffee gang. He liked sitting on his deck, visiting with his good friends Gene and Arlyss, and waving to everyone passing by.

Kenny is survived by his children, Sherri (Alan) Sand of Rosholt, SD, and Steve Zielike of Big Stone City, SD; his grandchildren: Brianna (Jake) Madsen, Ryan Sand, Steve Junior Zielike, and Amber Zielike; great-grandchildren: Beau, Baker, and Banks Madsen; his brothers-in-law: Alan (Linda) Schneck, Gary (Lou) Schneck, and Dave Schwarze.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Linda Zielike, and his sister, Deiza Schwarze.

Please use this QR code to view Kenny’s
online obituary and guestbook.

