



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
KENNETH J. VANDEN HOEK

May 9, 1931 – April 9, 2025

Kenneth J. Vanden Hoek, 93, of Britt, passed away on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at Westview Care Center in Britt.

Kenneth John Vanden Hoek, the son of Pastor John and Edith (Kuiper) Vanden Hoek, was born May 9, 1931, in Everett, Washington. Because his father was a pastor, his family moved frequently throughout the U.S. Kenneth attended elementary school in Everett, Washington, and Junior High School in Grangeville, Idaho. In 1949, he graduated with honors from Comfrey High School, Comfrey, Minnesota, and then attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. On May 28, 1954, Kenneth married Arlene Redenius at the Woden Christian Reformed Church by his brother Julius. They moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he graduated in 1955 from the University of Minnesota with his registry in x-ray technology. The couple moved to Des Moines, where he was employed as an X-ray Technologist at the Beaverdale Clinic. While in Des Moines, he was a member of the Des Moines Christian Reformed Church. Later, Kenneth and his family moved to Fort Dodge, where he was employed as a Medical Laboratory and X-ray Technologist at the Lutheran Regional Hospital, and then at the Grundy County Hospital in Grundy Center, Iowa. In 1958, they moved to Britt, Iowa, where he was employed for 23 years at Hancock County Memorial Hospital as Chief of Laboratory and X-ray. In 1983, he was self-employed for 18 years as an independent memorial sales representative for the Winona Monument Company in Minnesota. A talented salesman, he won top salesman of the year four times, selling over 2,000 cemetery monuments in northern Iowa. Kenneth enjoyed numerous activities, including reading, yard work, hunting, fishing, boating, water skiing, and woodworking. Just some of his wooden creations included a 12-nest bird house, a rooftop cupola, and a mahogany hydroplane boat. In addition, he enjoyed cruising in his red Corvette.

Like his wife Arlene, Kenneth was a devoted Christian. He was a member of the Britt Christian Reformed Church, where he served on the council, as a Sunday School Superintendent and teacher. He also served on the board of directors at Opportunity Village, now known as One Vision in Clear Lake, Iowa. Finally, Kenneth founded the Christian Businessmen's Committee for the purpose of distributing Christian literature.

Kenneth is survived by his children, Linda (Pastor Cliff) Hoekstra, Sioux Center, Iowa; and John Vanden Hoek of Spencer, Iowa, and his fiancée Kelly Plueger of Le Mars, Iowa; grandchildren Keith (Katie) Hoekstra of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Kayla (Scott) Stuerman of Rock Rapids, Iowa; Derek (Emily) Vanden Hoek of Larchwood, Iowa; Jody Vanden Hoek and fiancé Avery Baker of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; sister Elaine Van of Chula Vista, California; nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arlene of 70 years; brothers, Pastor Julius Vanden Hoek and Calvin Vanden Hoek; sister, Hildred Einfeld; and grandson, Chad Hoekstra.

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FUNERAL SERVICE

Britt Christian Reformed Church
1:30 p.m., Tuesday
April 15, 2025

OFFICIATING

Pastor Kevin Boss
Pastor Allan Redenius – Psalm 23
Pastor Cliff Hoekstra – Psalm 103

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Pastor Allan Redenius

MUSIC

Peg Eisenman, Organist
Congregational Hymns
“Amazing Grace”
“The Old Rugged Cross”
“It Is Well With My Soul”
“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

CASKET BEARERS

Derek Vanden Hoek	Keith Hoekstra
Aldin Stecker	Brent Eshuis
Darvin Stecker	Arvin Stecker

BURIAL

Evergreen Cemetery
Britt, Iowa

The family invites everyone to a luncheon in the church fellowship hall immediately following the committal service.

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FUNERAL HOMES