

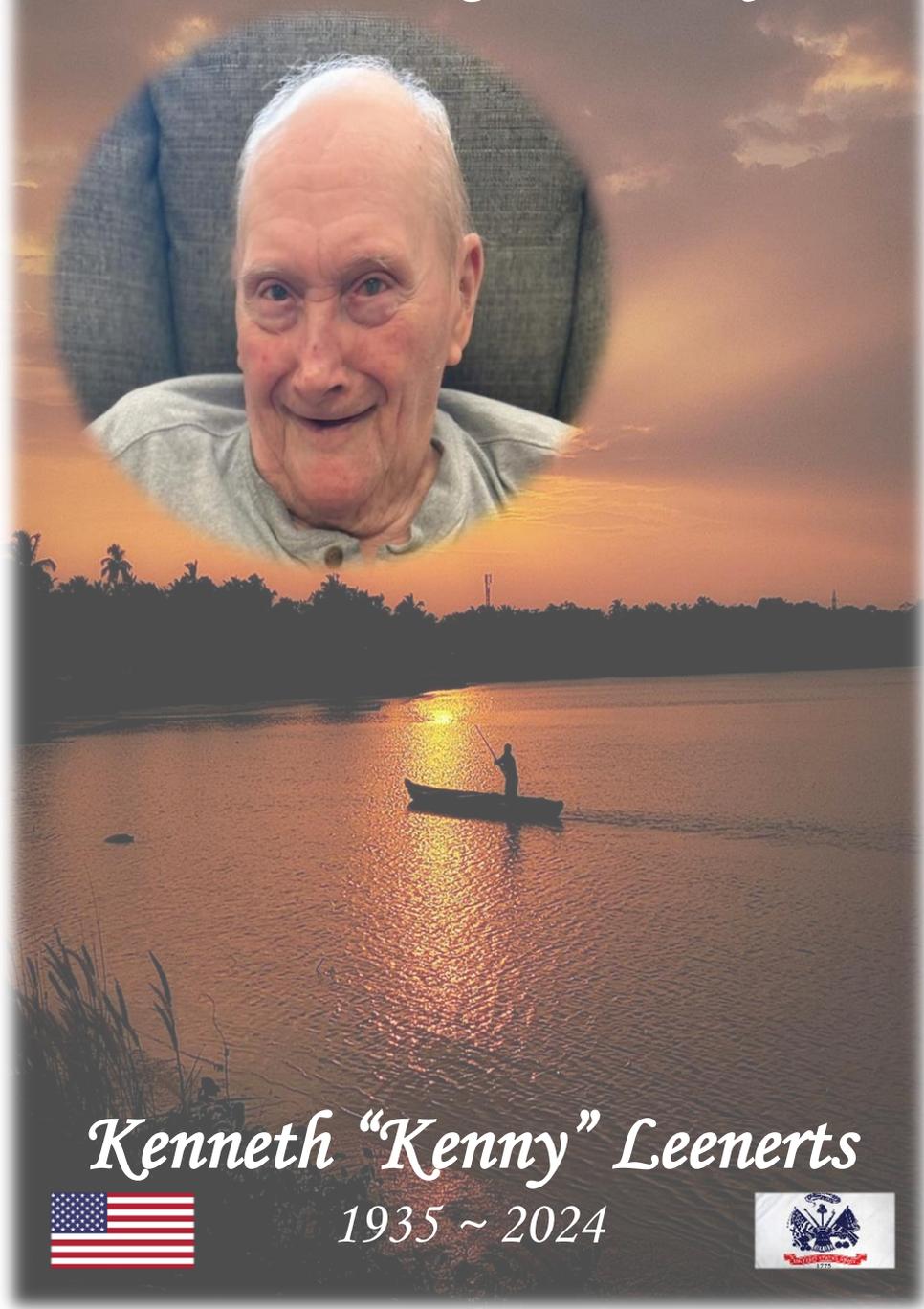
**Kenneth Leroy Leenerts** was born on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1935, in Bruning, NE, to George and Ethel (West) Leenerts and was also baptized in Bruning. At age 5, Kenny and his family moved to rural Boyd, MN. He was confirmed in 1949 at Zion Lutheran Church and graduated from Clarkfield High School in 1953. After graduation he worked with Thompson Road Construction. On March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1958, he was drafted into the United States Army and was proud to be chosen to be a team member of the US Army bowling team in Germany. He was honorably discharged from the Army in March of 1960. After the Army, he went back to work for Thompson Road Construction and ran the mobile station in Clarkfield. In 1963 he went to work for Johnson's Tiling until 1975 when he started his own tiling company, Leenerts Construction.

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1962, Kenny married Gerry Coubal in Cottonwood, MN. They lived in Clarkfield and had 6 children: Kathy Leenerts, Willmar, MN, Dean (Linda) Leenerts, Redwood Falls, MN, Jim (Susan) Leenerts, Bowlus, MN, Kari (Dan) Feuerhelm, Kranzburg, SD, and Karla (Chad) Fischer, Clarkfield, MN. Throughout the years, Kenny loved bowling, fishing, playing cards, his favorite game, marbles, and hanging out with family and friends. He was also an ardent fan of the Twins, Vikings, and Timberwolves. When taking his family fishing he would always sing "you are my sunshine". Kenny was extremely proud of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Kenny was admitted to the Clarkfield Care Center in February of 2022, where he received excellent care and appreciated staff greatly.

Kenny is survived by five children and their spouses; grandchildren, Becca (Tyler) Maxwell, Haley (Cal) Swedzinski, Zach (Rebecca) Fischer, Chase (Holland) Feuerhelm, Brandon Leenerts, Taylor Leenerts, Cole Fischer, Allen Leenerts; great-grandchildren, Delanie Fischer, Beau Fischer, Lillian Swedzinski, and Landon Maxwell.

Kenny was preceded in death by his wife, Gerry Leenerts; infant son, Joseph Leenerts; parents, George and Ethel Leenerts; mother and father-in-law, Joe and Ernestine Coubal; siblings, Dale (Ethel) Leenerts, Bob Leenerts, Betty (Warner) Ostenson, and many other beloved family members.

## *In Loving Memory*



*Kenneth "Kenny" Leenerts*

1935 ~ 2024



*The Day God Called You Home*

*God looked around His garden  
and found an empty space.  
Then He looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you,  
lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering.  
He knew you were in pain.  
He saw the road was getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyes,  
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.*



*In Memory of*

**Kenneth Leroy Leenerts**

November 17, 1935



December 31, 2024

**Funeral Service**

Zion Lutheran Church—LCMS  
Tyro Township, rural Boyd, Minnesota  
Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
11 AM

**Officiant**

Pastor Dean Rager

**Pianist**

Rick Saumer

**Soloist**

Diane Guidi

**Casketbearers**

Becca Maxwell  
Haley Swedzinski  
Zach Fischer  
Chase Feuerhelm

Brandon Leenerts  
Taylor Leenerts  
Cole Fischer  
Allen Leenerts

**Honorary Casketbearers**

Cindy Godfrey  
Derek Coubal  
Alisha Banken  
Delanie Fischer  
Beau Fischer  
Lillian Swedzinski

Landon Maxwell  
Tyler Maxwell  
Cal Swedzinski  
Rebecca Fischer  
Holland Crocker

**Military Honors**

Hazel Run Am. Legion Anderson-Tongen Post 559  
United States Army Funeral Honor Guard

**Interment**

Clarkfield City Cemetery  
Clarkfield, Minnesota