



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!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Gene Robert Kneeland

WHO WAS BORN

June 2, 1965

Watertown, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

May 25, 2024

Gardner, Kansas

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

Hope Lutheran Church
Summit, South Dakota

OFFICIANTS

Pastor Janet Miller
Pastor Gary K. Olson

MUSICIAN

Val Moen, Organist

EULOGY

Cara Kneeland

READER

Abby Ronnebeck

CASKET BEARERS

Bruce Kneeland | Tondi Kneeland | David Kneeland | Scott Kneeland
Jens Kneeland | Cara Kneeland | Casey Kneeland

HONORARY BEARERS

Demitra Kneeland | Lucas Kneeland

INTERMENT

Lebanon Lutheran Cemetery
Ortley, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Gene's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Following the interment, please join the family for lunch
and fellowship in the church dining room.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Gene Robert Kneeland was born on June 2, 1965, in Watertown, SD, to Harvey and Myla (Anderson) Kneeland. He grew up in the Summit, SD, area and graduated from Summit High School with the Class of 1983.

Gene's journey through life took him from Summit, SD, where he resided for two decades, to Los Angeles, CA, and Yuma, AZ, before settling in various locales including Auburn, WA, Overland Park, KS, and Gardner, KS. While living in Washington, Gene earned his master's degree at the University of Washington. Through his work at Russell Coil, Carrier, Pro Refrigeration, and ATC, Gene made lasting impacts on those around him, showcasing his commitment and passion in every role he held as an Industrial Engineer and successively high supervisory positions with these companies.

A man of faith, Gene was active as a church leader in many churches throughout his life. He was a faithful member of Hope Lutheran Church in Summit, SD, Gloria de Cristo Lutheran Church in Yuma, AZ, and Creator Lutheran Church in Lake Tapps, WA.

In his leisure time, Gene found joy in pursuits such as golf, football, and tending to his beloved classic car. He also completed a full marathon in Chicago, a longtime goal. His dedication to these pastimes reflected his zest for life and the way he embraced every moment with enthusiasm and a warm heart.

Gene leaves behind his children: Jens Kneeland of Everton, AR; Cara Kneeland of San Diego, CA; Casey Kneeland of Yuma, AZ; Demitra and Lucas Kneeland of Overland Park, KS; mother, Myla Kneeland of Summit, SD; brothers: Bruce (Diane) Kneeland of Summit, SD; David Kneeland (Julie Rambow) of Alexandria, MN; and Scott (Laurie) Kneeland of Summit, SD; sister, Tondi Kneeland of Columbus, OH; mothers of his children, Julie Schenck, and Christina Economou; fiancé, Maria Alano Santa Maria; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harvey Kneeland.

*Forever
in our hearts...*



*Gene Robert Kneeland
1965 - 2024*

