



Kenneth Edward DeLap

April 16, 1940 - December 8, 2012

Kenneth Edward DeLap, retired Dickinson, ND, dentist, passed away on Saturday, December 8, 2012, at St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck. Respecting Ken's wishes, there will be a private family service. Burial will be in Thief River Falls, MN. To all of his friends, his wish was that you spend time with your loved ones doing the things together that you enjoy the most. Ken was born on April 16, 1940, in Thief River Falls, MN, the son of Edward and Illa Nicholson DeLap. He was raised and educated in Thief River Falls, graduating from Lincoln High School in 1958. He attended the University of North Dakota where he played basketball and tennis and belonged to the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He graduated from UND in 1962 with a teaching degree. Ken taught chemistry and senior science at Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, KS, and coached sophomore football from 1962 – 1964. In 1964, Ken and Jeanette "Jean" Moore were married in Kansas City, KS. They moved to Minneapolis, MN, where Ken attended University of Minnesota Dental School, graduating with a DDS degree in 1968. From 1968 – 1970, Ken served as a Captain in the US Army. He was stationed in Pittsburgh, PA, at the medical facility that serviced staff at the Nike Base and retired military in the Pittsburgh area. He was honorably discharged in September 1970. Ken practiced dentistry in Moorhead, MN, for one year after the service until he could take the exams for his ND Dental License. In July 1971 he moved his family to Dickinson, ND, where he practiced until retiring due to poor health in 1997. He was a partner in the Hansen & DeLap Dental Clinic. He was a

member of the American Dental Association, North Dakota Dental Association, West Slope District Dental Society, United Methodist Church, Roughrider Bowhunter's Association, Slope Area Rifle and Pistol Club, Dickinson Duplicate Bridge Club, Ducks Unlimited, and NRA. Ken was an avid hunter and fisherman; he spent many wonderful days in the ND Badlands and at McKenzie Bay on Lake Sakakawea. He loved to play duplicate bridge, whist, and chess. Honored to have shared his life are his wife, Jean; his daughter, Susan DeLap and her family, Matthew and Kaitlyn Musser; his son, Steven DeLap and his family, April Fairfield DeLap and Kennedy DeLap; his siblings, Janet Griffith, Roger Carol DeLap, Gordy Carole DeLap, all of Thief River Falls, MN, and Paula Terese DeLap of Minneapolis, MN; four nieces and one nephew and their families; his uncle, Earl Nicholson of Tustin, CA; and his in-laws, Harold and Blanche Moore of Shawnee, KS. Ken was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Illa DeLap; his aunts and uncles, Lawrence Nicholson, Irene Saustad, Jessie Rehder, Lucille Boos, Esther Tikin, and Geneva Jordan; and his cousins, Bruce Saustad, Jerry Rehder, and Joan Rehder. In lieu of flowers, memorials for an education scholarship may be sent to the Kenneth DeLap Memorial Fund, 1802 Santa Gertrudis Dr, Bismarck, ND 58503, or to the charity of your choice. The family would like to express our appreciation to the caring nurses and doctors at St. Alexius Medical Center. A special thank you to Dr. Kriengkrairut and Dr. Feijo.

Tribute Wall

GS

“ *What wonderful memories we have of Ken sitting on the deck at the lake having a cup of coffee a beer or having a shoot off with our pellet rifles. Fishing, sharing fishing stories, hunting stories were also great with Ken. He would never back down from a good argument. We are so blessed to have had the time we had with Ken. He was so kind and generous. If we ever needed anything he was always there to help or give good advice. We will sure miss seeing him at the lake. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Blessings. Gerald and Yvette Schubert*

Gerald and Yvette Schubert - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Jean and Family: You have our deepest sympathy. We will always remember Ken's very positive attitude toward life and his enthusiasm for fishing. We will surely miss his visits to put away or retrieve the boats from our quonset. May the Lord help you through this difficult time.*

Pat & Jan Hoerner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *Jeanette, On behalf of my mother, your aunt Katie, we want to send you our deepest sympathies for your loss. Mom's Alzheimer's prevents her from doing this herself but I want you to know she still remembered Ken fondly and of course you and your family. She wants you to know you are in her prayers. Please contact me if you ever want to talk to her. She still has her phone and loves to receive phone calls.*

Angela Pamplona - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ We will remember Ken and all of you in our prayers. Jeanette, we always here for you and yours if you ever need us. Chuck

Charles and Linda Fry - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Thanks for the good times Ken, we'll miss you. You left a lot of kindness and wisdom for which we will forever be grateful.

Cal & Vicky Steiner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Jeanette, Please know that Sandy and I are so sorry with the passing of Ken. You and all of your family are in our thoughts and prayers for these coming days. We love you.

Bill & Sandy Fry - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Ken and I only knew each other for 49 years, since he stole my cousin's heart and married her. I will always remember his smile, his Minnesotan accent and his respectful way of debating a point on rare enjoyable occasions. All my love to Jenny, Susan, Steve and the grandchildren; you are in my thoughts and prayers. Jean will forever be my Jenny.

Dewey Fry - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ To Jean, Susan, and Steven: Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Kenny was such a caring, kind man who saw the good in everyone. I have great memories of when all the cousins would get together at the Delap's, Saustad's or mom and Dad's house for holidays. God Bless You

Judy/Mark DuChamp - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ Jean: our condolences to you and your family...I was missing your annual Christmas card...I'm so sorry to hear of his passing; So many fond memories when working for him...seems like a lifetime ago. If he was suffering, it is best...So sorry. Take care.

Debbi Zirpel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Dear Jean and family, Please accept our condolences on Ken's passing. We will always remember him fondly especially the time when he came to help David home from the hospital. He was always considerate and helpful and fun at the bridge table. With love and best wishes, Barbara and David

Barbara Laman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Our hearts go out to you and all of the family dear Jan - we were honored to meet Ken and give thanks for his amazing life. Ar Dheis de go raibh anam delis Irish for may his soul rest at God's right hand. All our love and prayers, Barbie and Dave

Barbie and Dave Kinney - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Sorry to hear of Ken's passing. He and I had great moments at the Phi Delt kitchen .He always had a smile and a great positive attitude no matter how many potatoes we had to peel. Don toots Mikkelson

Don Mikkelson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Steve and Family, We are sorry to here of your father's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Marty and Medora Meyer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ It was a pleasure to get to know Ken during his stay at St. Alexius Medical Center; I had the privelege of getting to care for him through some of the toughest times. I am honored to have gotten to get to know the family Jean and Steven Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Amy S RN on Tele - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Dear Jean and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. It's so tough to lose someone this time of year especially. I know, it's been a year since our dear Bucky passed and we grieve with you. I'll remember Ken for his humor and love of playing bridge. Your friend in sympathy, Debby Thompson

Debby Thompson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Jean, Susan and Steve, I have several warm memories of Ken....Skiing in Montana, visiting at the cabin on McKenzie Bay and surprising him once or twice when he came home for lunch and there I was sitting at the table. Jean and I both got a good laugh out of that. He always welcomed me with a big smile and an occasional hug. My thoughts are with all of you.

Michelle Kirchoffner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VV

“ My sympathy to you during this most difficult time. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Vickie Vogel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ On behalf of the Bob & Lotus Benke family I wish to pass on our thoughts and prayers at this time of loss. Our families were next door neighbors in Thief River Falls and closely entwined as close friends. Paula and I were born to 40-something mom's and tagged after our older brothers and sisters through the years. Fond memories remain of the DeLap family.

Pamela Benke-Tyler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ It has been my honor and please to have had a long time business relationship with Ken. I enjoyed the many conversations we had about financial and tax matters. Ken was a very wise man. He cared deeply for his family. I wish Jean, Susan, Steve and April as well as all the grandchildren my sympathy. You are all in my prayers. God Bless Mike

Michael Schmitz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Jean, Steve & Susan: Our thoughts are with you at this sad moment. You have many great memories to treasure. We remember when Ken operated on my finger in your cabin's kitchen removing a fish hook and all the great memories from McKenzie Bay. He won't have to bother with fish limits in the land of the big water. Bernie & DuWayne

Bernie & DuWayne Schwindt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Please accept our condolences from a classmate and fellow football Prowler.

Robert and Sandra Nabben Nyvall - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Laura and I are very sorry for your loss. My memories of Dr. DeLap were that of a kind and honorable man. I reflect back on all the fun times skiing at the lake and countless trips to the hockey rink. Our thoughts are with you Jean, Sue & Steve as well as the rest of Ken's family. Wishing your family peace at this difficult time.

Mitchel Schwindt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Susan and Family, We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. We think of you when the pheasants gather in our backyard looking for the food that he would put out for them. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you during this difficult time.

Mike and Shawna Capan - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. He was a warm friend in high school and at the Phi Delt house where he served as kitchen steward. I remember him as always happy, always smiling and always with an encouraging word. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Jim Nelson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Jim Nelson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Jean, Steve and Susan I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Ken. He truly was a caring and loving man. I remember all the times I got to spend over at your house at the lake and how all of us kids would sometimes drive him crazy but he always made sure we felt welcome. He will be missed by all who knew him. I will cherish every fond memory I have. Lots of hugs. Love you guys.

Reena Miller Splane - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Thanks for the times I got to hunt some birds with Ken and Steve. Great memories I won't forget.

Scott and Dixie Bachmeier - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM