



## Kenneth Eugene Van Kooten

July 4, 1935 - January 24, 2025

Ken Van Kooten, 89, of Oskaloosa and formerly Rose Hill, passed away Thursday, January 24, 2025, at Northern Mahaska Nursing and Rehab Center.

Kenneth Eugene Van Kooten, son of Pete and Jennie (Swank) Van Kooten, was born July 4, 1935, at his parents' rural home south of Oskaloosa. He graduated from Oskaloosa Christian School in 1949. He entered the United States Air Force on February 7, 1955, and was stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota, where he served with the 28th Field Maintenance Squadron. Ken married Marlene Lamb of What Cheer on November 8, 1958, in Rapid City, South Dakota, shortly after his discharge on December 8, 1958. Ken began his career in construction with Bloom Builders in Oskaloosa. In 1969, he moved to Iowa Falls and started the K-Van Construction Company. He moved to Des Moines in 1982 and opened the Pro-Line Building Company. In 2005, he and Marlene returned to the Oskaloosa area, settling in rural Rose Hill. Ken acquired a love of flying while in the military, and in the 1970s, he earned his pilot's license and enjoyed many hours flying his Cessna 182 Skylane Airplane.

Kenneth's family includes his wife, Marlene; his sons, Kevin Van Kooten of Rose Hill and Bryan Van Kooten of Pleasant Hill; three grandchildren, Abbey Van Kooten, Grant Van Kooten, and Lilly McKay; three great-grandchildren: Ayla Gannon, Ava Van Kooten, and Cael Van Kooten; a brother, Elvin (Linda) Van Kooten of Iowa Falls and three sisters: Marie DeBoef of Oskaloosa, Hermina (Bill) Stursma of Pella, and Darlene (Elmer) Kloosterman.

In addition to his parents, Kenneth was preceded in death by two brothers, Hank and Cornie.

As was his wish, Ken's body has been cremated. A memorial graveside service will be held at Wymore Cemetery later. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with his arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made to the Rose Hill Community Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Wymore Cemetery

Rose Hill, IA 52586

## Events

Details are pending.

# Tribute Wall

LL

“ *Heaven gained another angel he was such a great guy all around that will be missed dearly.*



**Lisa Lamb** - March 08, 2025 at 12:03 AM

DM

“ *I will miss you uncle Kenny and your cute laugh!! Along with you showing me your next new hobby, your brick fireplace-smoker you designed and built yourself and telling me of your travels. God Blessed you with intelligence, an architecture, an interprenuer, a craftsman, a steward of land and nature, a gentleman and a loving husband. My Condolences & Prayers Aunt Marlene & Families. May God comfort you during this difficult time with precious memories 🙏🙏*



**Deborah A McQuilkin** - March 07, 2025 at 06:03 PM

TB

“ *Toni Breuklander lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Eugene Van Kooten*



**Toni Breuklander** - January 26, 2025 at 01:25 PM

DR

“ *Dena Roorda lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Eugene Van Kooten*



**Dena Roorda** - January 25, 2025 at 09:12 PM

GF

“ *Garrett And Judy Floor lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Eugene Van Kooten*



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**Garrett and Judy Floor** - January 25, 2025 at 12:18 PM

GE

“ *Bless you Marlene*

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**Georgia** - January 24, 2025 at 08:58 PM

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*Our sympathy to you all. Darlene n Marie our prayers are with you. Delmar n Marilyn*

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**Delmar n Marilyn Vos** - January 25, 2025 at 09:26 AM