



## Kenric Van Wyk

April 18, 1966 - January 29, 2017

Kenric Dale Van Wyk, owner of Acoustics By Design, went home to his Lord on January 29, 2017 at Spectrum Health, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was 50 years of age. Kenric was born quickly one morning as a big, bouncing boy to Carroll and Marilyn (Slings) Van Wyk at Mahaska County Hospital in Oskaloosa, Iowa, on April 18, 1966. On January 2, 1988, Kenric Van Wyk and Carol Rooda, Pella Christian High School sweet hearts, were married at First Christian Reformed Church in Pella, Iowa. Mr. Van Wyk completed his mechanical engineering degree with honors at Calvin College in 1989. He then completed his Masters of Science degree in engineering; specializing in Acoustical Engineering at Purdue University in Lafayette, IN in 1991. His work was sponsored by Ford Motor Company where he focused his study on asphalt surfaces. This experience helped him become an expert in the understanding of the transfer and shifting of sound in environmental noise. Mr. Van Wyk entered the professional field at Barron, Kennedy, Lyzun and Associates in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada in December 2001. During his time there, he completed more than 500 environmental studies. In 1999, Mr. Van Wyk returned to Grand Rapids to become full-time manager for Innovative Acoustical Engineering. In 2000, Mr. Van Wyk purchased the assets of IEA and renamed the firm, founding Acoustics By Design Inc. Later that year, Kenric taught acoustical and vibrational engineering classes at his Alma Mater, Calvin College. He expanded his business over the years, which at one point, included satellite offices in Valparaiso, IN and Ann Arbor, MI.

Acoustics By Design now employs nine staff in the Grand Rapids location and five in the Portland, Oregon office, launched in 2015. Kenric mentored and empowered his amazing team, which, during his illness, has successfully continued the business he founded and will continue to serve their clients into the future. Mr. Van Wyk was instrumental in the creation of the Federal Guidelines Institute's (FGI) guidelines for the Design and Construction of Healthcare Facilities, and Residential Healthcare Facilities. He spearheaded educational seminars and videos designed to instruct Healthcare professionals in the use of the FGI guidelines. Along with over 5,000 projects around the world, Kenric was a featured speaker at conferences across the USA and internationally. He also served as an expert witness in more than 100 legal matters. Mr. Van Wyk's company won awards for The 101 Best and Brightest Companies To Work For in West Michigan 10 years in a row and nationally 6 years in a row. The company also won two Elite awards within the 101 Best and Brightest Companies. Mr. Van Wyk loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with his whole heart. He served his Lord with great passion throughout his life starting in Graduate school at the Christian Reformed Fellowship at Purdue University as a worship leader. When he moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, he and his wife, Carol, attended Mundy Park Christian Fellowship, where he served as an elder, worship leader, and spiritual gifts ministry leader. When he moved back to the Grand Rapids area, he, his wife and his new son began attending Fairway Christian Reformed Church where he served as a member of the praise team. In 2001, Mr. Van Wyk and his wife, Carol became members of the launch team for HomeFront church, which was in its infancy. Mr. Van Wyk became part of HomeFront's leadership team where he served as the Worship Director. From March 2011 to May 2012, Mr. Van Wyk served as the Executive Pastor at HomeFront Church. Between 2012 and 2017 he served on the staff board, as worship director, a member of the worship team and as the leader of the spiritual gifts ministry. Mr. Van Wyk also went on six mission trips to Germany with Willow Creek Community Church out of South Barrington, Illinois to assist with the

technical production of their conferences. While Mr. Van Wyk served his Lord in the church, he served his Lord most passionately by loving and providing for his family with all his heart. Mr. Van Wyk was preceded in death by his father, Carroll Van Wyk, in October, 1992 and his nephew Benjamin Van Wyk in June, 2005. Mr. Van Wyk is leaving behind his wife, Carol Rooda Van Wyk and his beloved son, Caleb Bertus Van Wyk. Also surviving are his mother, Marilyn Van Wyk of Oskaloosa, Iowa; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Sidney H. Rooda and Dolores J. Rooda of Pella, Iowa. Other family includes his brothers, Kevin (Peggy) Van Wyk of Pella, Iowa, and Kerwin (Toni) Van Wyk of Oskaloosa, Iowa; and brothers-in-law, Dennis (Deb) Rooda of Harvey, Iowa, and Dan (Helen) Rooda of New Sharon, Iowa. He also leaves behind a great host of friends and loved ones world-wide, including his dear college roommates and their families from Chi 35. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, February 4, 2017, at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, 2157 - 230th St., Oskaloosa, Iowa, with a family visitation after the service and interment. Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery, Leighton, Iowa. In lieu of flowers contributions in memory of Kenric may be made to HomeFront Church in Grandville, Michigan.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenric Van Wyk*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *'So sorry to hear of dear Kenric's passing. Praying for you, Carol and Caleb. Love, Dave and Amy and family*

**Dave and Amy Vis** - February 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so very sad to hear that Kenric had passed away. We have so many good memories of the time we spent together when you lived in Coquitlam. Kenric was a fine, fine person. We watched the memorial service this morning and were glad that we could share in this wonderful tribute to the Kenric's life. May God sustain you Carol and Caleb as you grieve this huge loss. Much love, Tom and Jodie Bomhof*

February 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Carol, We have followed and prayed for Kenric throughout his journey with Leukemia. So saddened to learn he had died. We will continue to pray for you and Caleb as you deal with your grief and loss. Your witness throughout this time was powerful! Love, Betty and Fred Winkle*

February 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Kenric and Carol were a much loved and vital part of our ministry in Coquitlam. We fondly remember Kenric as someone who generously shared his time and talents. It was my privilege to work with Kenric on the sound system and he helped me immensely. I often sought his expert advice and he was the most knowledgeable and reliable person one could ever meet. Kenric was a real blessing to all of us. Our hearts and prayers are with you, Carol, and we pray God will surround you and Caleb with his love and comfort in the days ahead. Much love, Vern & Alida Postman

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February 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I was incredibly saddened by Kenric's passing and pray God's blessing on Carol, Caleb, and his ABD's family. Kenric definitely lived a full and vibrant life.

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**Todd Mulder** - February 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Carol and Caleb, our hearts are heavy as we think of your loss. We know that God is good and that Kenric is rejoicing in Heaven. I can hear his hearty laugh and see the smile on his face as he celebrates with his heavenly father. We will miss him here on earth, but know that his work on earth is done and he is resting high on the mountain now. Love you all. Praying for peace in the days to come.

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**Jan and Lon Norman** - February 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Kenric will always be in our hearts as a good man whose love for God was as natural as his love for family, friends, and life! We are so saddened right now and our sympathy goes out to you Carol and Caleb, Marilyn and all his family. We will keep you in our prayers as you go forward, please know our love is with you.

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**The Grotenhuis** - February 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Carol & Caleb - So sorry for your loss. Kenric will be greatly missed. You guys will be in our prayers thru the upcoming weeks of transition in your family. God Bless You

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**Dan** - February 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We remember Kenric with deep gratitude. What a duo, Kenric and Carol! What a trio with Caleb! Your relationships bless so many. We are deeply grateful for the decades of friendship--from Calvin to Purdue to the present--and music has been a big part of each step. We long for the new creation and pray for sustaining grace in the meantime.

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**John and Charlotte Witvliet** - February 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Carol, very sorry to hear about the loss of Kenric. Kenric was humble, talented, friendly, and always fun to talk to. My condolences to you and your son.

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**Mark Van Gorp** - February 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ In the last year I saw the great LOVE the Van Wyk family here in Iowa had for Kenric. From missing him @ the Iowa State Fair to the regular updates and praises for family and friends to pray. There is deep sorrow in Iowa @ his death. With heartfelt sympathy, Randy and Teri Nordaker.

Randy and Teri Nordaker - February 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ My sympathies to all of Kenric's family. My heart goes out to you!

Kendra Snook - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Kenric you've been a blessing in my life and im proud to call you friend. See you soon. Carol , Calab and family may God's peace fill your hearts at this time.

January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ That smile. That laugh. Those bear hugs! All came from the loving and joyfyl heart of Kenric and we will miss him so much. Carol and Caleb...our hearts break for your immense loss. We love you guys.

Pete and My - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Our deepest sympathies are with you in this difficult time.

Marsha - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *God Bless, I am thinking of all of you and praying for you and your family! Love you, Patty*

January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Carol and Caleb SO sorry for your loss. He was a great guy! We will be keeping you and your families in our thoughts and prayers as the days go by.Hugs,Sandy(Engle)Kuyers*

January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Carol and Caleb. We are sorry for your loss. Kenric's commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ was made evident through his amazing leadership in our church. This was inspiring top us. We enjoyed speaking with him in the small group at your home. His interpretation of God's will for us demonstrated to us that he was a true child of God on earth and is a saint in Heaven today. We join you in mourning his loss. We rejoice with you to celebrate his entrance into Heaven. May God bless both of you.*

**Phil and Mary Ellen Van Stempvoort** - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Carol, Caleb and family, our prayers are with you*

**Sherwin and Greta Heyboer** - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ So sorry for Kendrick's family whom will remain in our thoughts and prayers. Kendrick was a spark of positivity during the many architectural projects we teamed together on over the years. Kendrick's passing serves to remind me on how to likewise make a positive impact each and every day. Peace to you brother, until we meet again, Mark Wrona

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**Mark Wrona** - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I'm sending my love to Carol and Caleb. Kenric was an amazing person with an open heart and visible love of God. So honored to have called him a friend.

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**Jill Spaulding** - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Our hearts ache with you in the loss of Kenric. Praying for God's grace and strength to carry you through, both now and as you go forward.

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**Cheryl** - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Love to the Van Wyk family from your Tennessee friends. Montie, Sherry and Monica

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January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Though I did not know you well we are still related We will miss Kenric. Heaven is getting a good man. We are very sorry for your loss & will keep you in our prayers. Danny, Jesse & kids

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**Danny Raley** - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I am sorry for your loss Carol and Caleb. I will be praying for you!

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**Mark Curtis** - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ will always treasure the memories i have with kenric. i always felt like a distant cousin because i lived in davenport. but when i came to osky and spent time with some of my cousins kenric was one of them. such a loving person and patient. taught me how to minature golf and had a blast. i really missed growing up around all my family. will deeply miss you kenric. love you.

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**tamera raley** - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Marilyn (and family) Though my mother, Elsie Kelderman, Can no longer speak or write due to a stroke. I heard my brother over the phone tell her of Kendrick's death my mother yelled in shock! Marilyn you know how much she loves you and would want to be there for you. Know that all of the Kelderman family has you surrounded in prayers of love and support at this most difficult time. Life is not fair but God is good. May you find comfort in your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord .

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**Mary Kelly** - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ My friend, you and Carol sang so beautifully here on earth and now you will be singing with the angels! We will miss you and your singing.

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**Paul** - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

Garland - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Had the opportunity to work with Kenric twice in Germany. His grace, kindness and professionalism was incredible. Carol and Caleb, so sorry to hear of your loss. Our family is praying for you all.

Lori Bethran - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ My earthly heart hurts to hear this news. Prayers for Kenric's family and his Home Front family. Glad to have crossed paths with this incredible man of God.

Annette Altena - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ My Dearest friend Carol and precious Caleb, I am so sorry for your loss. Kenric was a special person and touched many people's lives.

Sandy Rose - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ May you always be remembered for the faith you showed everyone at all times.

Cynthia Sayer - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Praying for all of you. Thankful for Kenric's testimony and the certainty of his heavenly home and yet hurting for you as you will miss him greatly.

Sharon - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“*Kendric was one of the most authentic persons I knew. I've never been terribly eloquent with words, which, in this case, doesn't matter much because words really can't explain the loss of his tremendous personality will have on his friends and family. I have not been close with Kendric since our College days but even so I will miss looking forward to seeing him at choir reunions or an occasional Acoustical Society meeting. Rest in Peace, Kendric.*

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**Miriam van Mersbergen** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ZI

“*Our family is forever blessed for having known Kenric. We look forward to a glorious heavenly reunion one day. All our love to Carol, Caleb and the entire family.*

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**Zielinski** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MA

“*Carol, Caleb and Marilyn....I am so sorry to hear of Kenric's passing. I am remembering good times with him when we were kids!! Praying for peace for all of you.*

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**Mary** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TF

“*You were truly a light in this world. May you rest peacefully in the glory of the God you so greatly loved.*

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**The Bement Family** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ You were a friend for nearly 30 years. My life was blessed for knowing you. Whether you knew it or not, you were a role model of what a Christian man, husband and father should be. We'll done, Kenric, on a life well lived along God's path. We will miss you sorely but see you again in the blink of an eye.

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**Gary Van Prooyen** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Carol, Caleb and Marilyn, thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I will miss reading his posts and reading about what God has done.

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**Karen Vos Faber** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ So very very sorry for your loss all of you are in our thoughts and prayers he was an amazing man anything I can do for any of you in Oskaloosa please don't hesitate to ask your friendship has ment the world to me all these years Marilyn I love you you have been a second mother to me and I don't know what I would of done without you these past 5 years praying for you and your family

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**Mary Major** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Van Wyk & Rooda families, We are so sorry for your loss. Kenric was such a gifted yet humble man of God. He has fought the good fight and leaves many memories and a heritage for all who follow. Ed Mary Rozenboom

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January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NO

“ Praying for you all. I have such good memories of traveling to and from Calvin with Kenric and Carol. No words. Just prayers.

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**Noreen** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ Carol and Caleb, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Jerry a day  
Sondra VanDerPol

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**Sondra VanDerPol** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I will miss you my friend. Rejoice in the presence of our Lord Jesus  
ChristBuck

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**buck russell** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I will miss you my friend. My life is better because you were apart of  
it. Rejoice in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ Buck

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**Buck Russell** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM