



## Kenneth "Ken" Stuart DeJonge

June 27, 1948 - July 17, 2024

Kenneth "Ken" Stuart DeJonge, 76, of Grand Island, NE, passed away on July 17, 2024, surrounded by his loving wife of 57 years and family by his side. Ken was born in Holdrege, NE, to Eiven and Ramona (Koch) DeJonge on June 27, 1948.

At age 14, his family moved from the farm to Hastings, NE, where he graduated high school in 1966. Days after graduating, Ken joined the Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. On December 22, 1966, he married his high school sweetheart, Karen Dahl. He served in Okinawa, Japan, from 1967 through 1968.

In January 1971, he began his career at Northwestern Public Service in Grand Island, NE. His career moved him to North Platte, NE, in 1986, to become the Superintendent of NWPS. In 1997, his career took him back to Grand Island. After retiring, he and his wife settled on a farm in Wood River, NE, where he pursued his passion for raising cattle. He thoroughly enjoyed attending stock car races, golfing with his sons, and especially spending time with his family, while taking in Nebraska football games.

Ken is survived by his wife, Karen (Dahl) DeJonge, his children; Kenneth DeJonge, Karie DeJonge, and Kelly (Sherri) DeJonge, his mother, Ramona Sponhower, brother Robert (Joann) DeJonge, and sisters; Janie (Paul) Hansen, Nancy (Ted) Classen, and Laura (Eric) Marsh, brothers-in-law; Douglas Dahl and Michael Albers, and sister-in-law, Sally Augustine. He is also survived by his grandchildren; Preston (Elizabeth) Lauterbach, Sr., Erik

DeJonge, Payton (Matthew) Falewitch, Lydia DeJonge, Megan DeJonge, Parker Lauterbach, Pierson Lauterbach, and Madison DeJonge, and his four great-grandchildren; Beau Lauterbach, Margo Falewitch, Preston Lauterbach, Jr., and Remi Falewitch, along with many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. He is preceded in death by his infant son, Stuart DeJonge, his father, Eiven DeJonge, grandparents; Ommo and Jacobena DeJonge, Louis and Leah Koch, his brother, Timothy DeJonge, his sisters-in-law; Carla Dahl and Candice Albers.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, July 21, 2024, at 2:00 PM, at All Faith's Funeral Home, 2929 S. Locust St., Grand Island, NE. All condolences may be sent to [www.giallfaiths.com](http://www.giallfaiths.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUL **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Kenneth "Ken" Stuart DeJonge*



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**All Faiths Funeral Home** - July 21, 2024 at 01:58 PM

KD

“ *My beloved husband, father of 3, grandpa to 8, and Papa to 4. You will never know how much we all will miss you. You were and still are "Our Everything". Kindest and most Loving man we ever knew. LOVE YOU FOREVER SWEETHEART.*

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**KAREN DEJONGE** - July 24, 2024 at 11:06 AM

RM

“ My condolences to the family, along with prayers and heartfelt sympathy. Ken was not only a great friend, but also a mentor to me in the utility industry. His natural leadership skills and his willingness to help others learn the trade, were truly admirable.

*I remember a story from a leadership class we attended together, hosted by the company, where we were taught essential skills in leadership and managing people, whether they were our subordinates or superiors. One piece of advice was to let our bosses know we were doing well by handing them our business card and saying, "I'm doing a good job." Ken and I, both coming from military backgrounds, shared a good laugh over this. Despite the humor, I made it a point to follow this advice, even slipping my card to Kelly to pass along to Ken during his retirement, to let him know I was "doing a good job."*

*Rest in peace, my friend.*

*"I'm doing a Good Job"*

*Reed McKee*

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**Reed McKee** - July 19, 2024 at 05:07 PM

KC

“ Karen, I just heard about Ken at the luncheon, I am so very sorry. He was a wonderful person and will be missed by so many.

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**Kathy Clark** - July 19, 2024 at 02:42 PM

GP

“ Great friend and classmate RIP Burke Phelps Hastings HS 1966

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**Gary Phelps** - July 19, 2024 at 02:22 PM

AF

“ Aunt LaVone, Marvin & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Stuart DeJonge.



Aunt LaVone, Marvin & Family - July 19, 2024 at 11:22 AM

RM

“ Renae, Scott, Kevin & Melissa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth "Ken" Stuart DeJonge.

Renae, Scott, Kevin & Melissa - July 19, 2024 at 09:38 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Stuart DeJonge.



July 19, 2024 at 09:38 AM

FS

“ From Kennedy and Corey Seffernick purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Stuart DeJonge.



From Kennedy and Corey Seffernick - July 19, 2024 at 12:43 AM

KA

“ Kris & Amy Armstrong planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth "Ken" Stuart DeJonge.

Kris & Amy Armstrong - July 18, 2024 at 08:43 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Stuart DeJonge.



July 18, 2024 at 08:43 PM

KJ

“ Kathy and Jerry Jensen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Stuart DeJonge.



Kathy and Jerry Jensen - July 18, 2024 at 06:43 PM

KA

“ Ken's father was my cousin and I remember Ken mostly in his younger days when we rode on the bus to school. My prayers go out to Ken's family.

Karen Anderson - July 18, 2024 at 04:45 PM

BF

“ Bob, Velma, and Tim Lassen family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Stuart DeJonge.



Bob, Velma, and Tim Lassen family - July 18, 2024 at 04:18 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Stuart DeJonge.



July 18, 2024 at 04:05 PM

CS

“ Chris and Randy Sump planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth "Ken" Stuart DeJonge.

Chris and Randy Sump - July 18, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Stuart DeJonge.



July 18, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Stuart DeJonge.*



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July 18, 2024 at 01:53 PM