



## Kenneth Campe

September 5, 1959 - June 19, 2016

Kenneth L. Campe, 56, of Algona, passed away peacefully on June 19, 2016 at the Kossuth County Regional Health Center Hospice Care Unit in Algona, IA. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the First United Methodist Church in Algona with Rev. Jeffrey R. Frese officiating. Burial will take place at a later date at the Riverview Cemetery in Algona. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM at First United Methodist Church in Algona.

Kenneth Lowell Campe was born September 5, 1959 in Fairmont, MN, son of Lowell and Shirley (Wolter) Campe. Ken spent his early childhood in the Fairmont area, where he started his education. In 1967 his family moved to Garner, IA, and in 1971 they moved to Cylinder, Iowa. Ken attended Emmetsburg Community Schools, graduating from Emmetsburg High School in 1978.

Growing up Ken enjoyed playing with the “Cylinder Gang”, the family annual summer vacations, working for the local farmers, and playing basketball out at the Dietrich farm. He especially enjoyed the years we attended the Minnesota Twins Camping Weekend, camping at the Old Met parking lot. Ken played football and basketball from middle school through high school. One of his fondest memories was his senior year; the Emmetsburg E’Hawks won the Class 3A State Football Championship and placed 3rd in Class 2A State Basketball. Ken was a true “team” player, an ethic he has passed on to his sons and the many young boys he coached through flag football, basketball, and little league.

On June 19, 1978 Ken started working at Snap-on Tools in Algona, there he met the love of his life, Carol Rae Hansen. Ken and Carol were united in marriage August 22, 1981 at the United Methodist Church in Fenton, IA and to this union two sons were born, Kyle Kenneth and Kody Ray. Ken and Carol resided on Jones Street in Algona for 29 years. In August 2015 they purchased their “retirement” home on Elm Street where Ken lived up until the time of his death.

Ken was an avid fan of the Minnesota Vikings, the Minnesota Twins and the Iowa Hawkeyes. During football season his blood ran “Black and Gold” on Saturdays and

“Purple and Gold” on Sundays. He loved going to Vikings and Twins games. What made these trips so special for Ken was they usually involved three generations; whether Ken took his dad, and sons, or his sons and his grandsons. No matter who went, everyone was decked out in the appropriate attire. Ken said best Christmas present Carol ever gave him was a trip he and Kody took to New York City to see the New York Knicks play at Madison Square Garden and also spent time with his niece Kelly.

He loved his family, always finding time to play catch in the backyard with Kyle and Kody, never missing a game, coaching and encouraging them to do their best. Ken especially enjoyed spoiling Aydan and Landon, much to Grandma’s dismay. Morning donuts before school was a tradition, a tradition Grandma said she didn’t know if she’d continue, Grandpa’s only comment was “just don’t feed them carrots for breakfast”. Where Ken went, Aydan and/or Landon were just a couple steps behind loving every adventure Grandpa had planned.

Ken served as Lead Person on the paint line, Shop Steward and on the Shop Committee at Snap-on Tools. Duties he took very serious and gained much respect from his coworkers for his service.

Those left to cherish Ken’s memory include his wife of 34 years, Carol (Hansen) Campe; sons: Kyle (Laura) and Kody; grandsons: Aydan and Landon; his parents, Lowell and Shirley Campe of Emmetsburg; siblings: Kayra Weisbrod of Algona; Karla (Keith) Anderson of Emmetsburg; Kevin (Cheryl) Campe of Cherokee; brother-in-law: Frank Weisbrod of Cylinder; mother-in-law: Lavonne Hansen of Algona; sister-in-law Betty Myer of Humboldt; brother-in-law Marvin (Linda) Hansen of Fenton; and sister-in-law Marilyn (Dwaine) Berte of Algona; as well as many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, several aunts and uncles; and countless friends and coworkers.

Ken was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents; father-in-law Arlowe Hansen; and nieces Katie Mae Anderson and Angela Rose Myer.

# Events

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**JUN** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 07:00PM

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First United Methodist Church

201 East Nebraska, Algona, IA, US, 50511

**JUN** **Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Lentz Funeral Home** - June 22, 2016 at 12:41 PM



“ What a great tribute to Ken .....He will be missed.....Karen and I send our condolences to Carol Kyle, Cody and families and the rest of Ken's "family" Bruce Meurer

**Bruce Meurer** - June 22, 2016 at 02:54 PM



“ We are thinking of the whole Campe family (especially cousin Shirley and Lowell) during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Greg and Priscilla (Findley) Scherman

**Chris Scherman** - June 22, 2016 at 05:10 PM

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“ Uncle Lowell and Aunt Shirley,

We are all saddened by the unexpected passing of Kenny. So many memories of the cousins at Holiday gatherings.

So sorry we could not attend the funeral and hope to see you soon.

Mike and Jill Boike

**Jill Boike** - June 25, 2016 at 09:17 AM

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“ I'll never forget the legend of 300 cheeseburgers. Great guy, great family, and very very sad deal. Thoughts going to the campes

**Nick Harmon** - June 22, 2016 at 06:04 PM

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“ RANDY VANLANINGHAM lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Campe



**RANDY VANLANINGHAM** - June 22, 2016 at 05:32 PM

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“ Brian Thompson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Campe



**Brian Thompson** - June 22, 2016 at 02:30 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers for your family. From the Fuston and Knadler Families in Missouri

**Gary Fuston** - June 22, 2016 at 02:09 PM

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“ Fatima and I are so sorry to hear of your loss with Kens passing. We have many fond memories of our time with Ken in our early days at Snap-on. We had some fun times! Always good natured and enjoyed hanging out with Ken. Have happy memories of our card games, Apple River float trip and a couple of fishing trips. Glad he was a part of our lives. Steve and Fatima

**Steve and Fatima** - June 22, 2016 at 07:34 AM

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“ Our condolences to the family. Mike was fortunate to work with Ken at Snap-On years ago and says he was one of the many great Snap-On people and he thought a lot of him. Ken was always one of the first ones to greet us when we walked into the Candlelite Lounge. He will be missed.

Mike and Laura Schiek

Laura Schiek - June 21, 2016 at 09:15 PM

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Mike and Laura Schiek - June 21, 2016 at 09:11 PM

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“ Carol I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to you. God Bless Barb (Schlievert) Mack God Bless

Barbara Mack - June 21, 2016 at 11:48 AM

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“ Our condolences to Carol and family. We knew Ken from our years at SnapOn. We hope that memories help you through this hard time.

Bob & Carol Hauptmann - June 21, 2016 at 11:04 AM

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“ Joleen L Zaccaria lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Campe



Joleen L Zaccaria - June 20, 2016 at 08:25 PM

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“ Cathy & Mark Waugh lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Campe



**Cathy & Mark Waugh** - June 20, 2016 at 08:10 PM



“ Our deepest condolences...

**Cathy** - June 20, 2016 at 08:12 PM

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“ Linda and Henry lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Campe



**Linda and Henry** - June 20, 2016 at 11:59 AM



“ Will never forget all the fun times we had with you Ken! So sorry too Carol, Kyle, and Koty! Such a very special friend.

**Linda and Henry** - June 20, 2016 at 12:03 PM

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“ Lowell, Shirley, Carol and family  
So sorry to hear about Ken. Try to remember the happy time. RIP Ken.

**Velma Johnson & family** - June 20, 2016 at 10:33 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss, thoughts and prayers are with you

**Joan Wright** - June 20, 2016 at 09:23 AM

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“ A great friend to my Dad for many years. Always had a big smile and an infectious laugh. Always enjoyed talking to you. Go Twins and Go Vikes! My condolences to Carol and the boys.

**Jeremy Fraker** - June 20, 2016 at 08:51 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss prayers to you

**Chris Monson** - June 19, 2016 at 10:05 PM

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“ Just one of those guys that everyone was glad to see. You will be missed.

**Tracy Harmon** - June 19, 2016 at 09:50 PM

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“ such a kind and caring man who would help anyone, he will be missed by so many people!Rest in peace Campe!

**Julie Thompson** - June 19, 2016 at 08:45 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Ken's passing. My condolences to to Carol, Kyle, and Cody. He was such a good man and I am glad to have known him. I hope and pray that some day they will find a cure for cancer. It has taken so many and so young from us. Rest in peace Ken.  
You will be missed.

Charles Ferguson and family

**Charles Ferguson** - June 19, 2016 at 08:37 PM

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“ I knew Ken from when we attended school in Emmetsburg way back when in 1974 and also worked with him at snap-on for twenty plus years. I knew from the start that we would be friends to the end...lots of laughs and good times... I stopped to visit him on wed. night and had a close friend conversation with him. We reminisced about the "good" times and laughed a lot..I talked about his relationship with J.C. and he wasn't sure if he knew him. I left feeling a little sad and went home to a restless night. I prayed for quite awhile until I fell asleep. I came back the next day with his old friend Tom Becker. We were there about a half hour and in walks an old friend Denny 'Gonzo Gonzales. Right then and there we decided to just pray for the next ten minutes or so. As we finished up I felt a sense of calm. Ken squeezed my hand and thanked us as we walked out the door. I know he is in a better place and can't wait to see him again! My condolences to Carol, Kyle, Cody and his family. . .

**Chris 'Redman' Adams** - June 19, 2016 at 02:34 PM