



*When tomorrow starts without me,  
Please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name,  
And took me by the hand;  
The angel said my place was ready,  
In Heaven far above,  
And that I'd have to leave behind  
All those I dearly love.  
But when I walked through Heaven's Gates,  
I felt so much at home,  
For God looked down, smiled at me,  
And told me "Welcome Home."  
So when tomorrow starts without me,  
Don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me,  
I'm right there in your heart.*

*Excerpt from "When Tomorrow Starts Without Me"  
By David M Romano*



#### APPRECIATION

Ken's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply  
appreciated. Following the service, please join the family  
for lunch and fellowship in the church dining room.

#### ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

#### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## *Kenneth Wayne Keller*

#### WHO WAS BORN

July 30, 1927  
Kensal, North Dakota

#### AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

May 19, 2019  
Milbank, South Dakota

#### FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 - 2:00 p.m.  
American Lutheran Church  
Milbank, South Dakota

#### OFFICIANTS

Rev. Justin Neugebauer  
Rev. Dr. DeVern Schwenn

#### ORGANIST

Carol Ydstie

#### VOCALISTS

Ray Ogdahl   Kelsey Peery   Russ Howard

#### URN BEARERS

Megan Nugteren   Chris Mouw   Steven Keller  
Adam Collins   Sean Collins   Paige Collins

#### HONORARY BEARERS

Dean & Ruth Webb   Evie Nelson   Jim & Pat Berkner  
Ron & Sandy Boe   Mark & Theresa Grandquist  
Gary & Cheryl Lindeman   George & Jackie Smith   Betty LaChapelle  
Darlene Eide   Earl & Helen Bohlen   Max & Jeanne Gonzenbach

#### MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Birch-Miller Post #9  
V.F.W. Grant County Post #3486  
V.V.A. Northeast SD Chapter #1054  
D.A.V. Chapter #19

#### INURNMENT

Private Family Burial  
Milbank City Cemetery  
Milbank, South Dakota

**K**enneth Wayne Keller was born on July 30, 1927, to James Edward and Selma Lydia (Ernst) Keller, near Kensal, ND, where he spent his early childhood. The family returned to Twin Brooks. Ken enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1945 with his time spent serving as a Sea Bee in the South Pacific and Saipan. He was honorably discharged in 1946, returned to Milbank, and graduated from Milbank High School in 1947. He attended college at Mankato State University for two years.

Ken began his career as a salesman and in 1954 Alcoa transferred him to New York City. He was united in marriage to Marjorie Beverly Jean Bakkelund on May 20, 1955. They were blessed with two children: Keith and Linda. They returned to Montevideo, MN, in 1962 and later, along with their business partner, Earl Bohlen, acquired the 212 Motel in Olivia, MN. Ken and Marge moved to Milbank in 1968, and along with their business partner acquired the Manor Motel. He was also an original partner and manager of the Manor Restaurant, k/n/a the Millstone Restaurant. Ken obtained his real estate brokerage license in 1962, later forming Keller Realty. After he sold the business, he continued his real estate career with Farrell Realty until his retirement in 2016.

Ken was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Olivia and Milbank Kiwanis Clubs, Masonic Lodge, served as president of the Northeast Board of Realtors, and served as treasurer of the American Lutheran Church. He also assisted with Meals on Wheels and volunteered at the Milbank Thrift Store. Ken was a huge sports enthusiast. He faithfully followed the Minnesota Vikings and Twins. He enjoyed cheering for the Milbank Bulldogs. He closely followed his grandchildren's activities, no matter where they were. Any free minute was spent on the golf course as he loved to golf! His children and grandchildren cherish the memories of Ken teaching them to play and the time spent together on the golf course. Many memories were made with friends and family on Big Stone Lake.

Ken is survived by his wife, Marjorie; two children: Keith (Michelle) Keller of Sioux Falls, SD; and Linda Keller Collins of Fargo, ND; six grandchildren: Megan (Brock) Nugteren; Chris (Libby) Mouw; Steven Keller; Adam (Nicole) Collins; Sean (Katharina) Collins; and Paige Collins; seven great-grandchildren: Isaac, Elliot, Jacob, Olivia, Isabel, Kori and Kacie; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings: Doris Bohn, James Keller, Russell Keller, Darrell Keller, and Lloyd Keller.

*Memorials preferred to Milbank Hospital Foundation, Milbank Community Foundation, or the American Lutheran Church in Milbank.*

*In Loving Memory*



*Kenneth W. Keller*

*July 30, 1927 ~ May 19, 2019*