



Kenneth R. Hach

April 22, 1943 - April 12, 2021

Kenneth R. Hach, age 77, of Alta, Iowa died on Monday, April 12, 2021 at his home in Alta.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at the Summit Evangelical Free Church in Alta. To watch the live stream of the service, click the link- <https://bit.ly/3wRCzgR> and enter in the password: funeral. Visitation will take place prior to the service from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the CHURCH. Masks are optional for guests in attendance. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ken Hach Memorial Fund in care of the Hach Building at 800 Oneida St. Suite C, Storm Lake, IA 50588. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

April 22, 1943, God put his new creation – Kenneth Robert Hach – into the care of Robert William Hach and Winifred Erbe Hach. A gifted and talented member of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, school system, as well as a multi-talented athlete. He loved baseball, football, fishing, water skiing, and as a speed skater, he participated in the US Olympic tryouts. He graduated from Coe College with a business degree in 1965 and became the 3rd generation in The Hach Company – a wholesale paper and chemical company. He was involved with the Cedar Rapids Jaycees but besides sports, Ken's favorite "hobby" was as a deputy with Linn County Sheriff's Department.

In 1969, Ken married Bonnie Euler, and they continued to live in Cedar Rapids spending weekends with their family in their cabin on the Wapsipinicon River, until they decided to move to Clayton County where Ken's entrepreneurship blossomed. He pioneered alternative wind energy development, and he and several others encouraged then Governor Terry Branstad to pass legislation to reimburse excess energy production. Eventually he was hired by Zond Energy (which became Enron Wind) to do wind farm development, and the family moved to Colorado for approximately 6-7 years. Ken also spent a year in Maryland with a hydro-developer who used Ken to develop a hydro project on the Illinois River.

His foresight, ingenuity, entrepreneurial spirit, and love of country can be seen all across the nation through the proliferation of the renewable energy industry through hydro solar and wind energy.

From Illinois, Zond Energy asked him to come back to Iowa and develop the first commercial wind energy projects in the Midwest right here in Buena Vista County & in Minnesota. Upon retiring he served as a Buena Vista County Supervisor.

Ken was a loving and inspiring father. His family included: Greg (Brenda) – children Rachael (2 great grandchildren), Adam (deceased), Erica, Brittany and Brandon; Michael Denniston (Anne) – children Vicki, Joshua (deceased), and Kryssi; Benjamin (Tressa) – children Hanna and Olivia; April Barrera (Edgar) children Edgar Jr. (4 great grandchildren), Brenden, and Alexanna; Kenneth "Rob" Robert II (Tara) – children Madison, Kenneth "Robbie" Robert III, and Ethan; Forrest (Sara) – children Abigail, Micah, Eden, Gabrielle, and Layla.

We had such fun times together whether ice skating or hanging out with Elkader area friends; boating on Horsetooth Reservoir, CO, or climbing in the

mountains; boating on Chesapeake Bay; and lots of boating, fishing, and skiing on Storm Lake. Fourth of July on the lake watching the fireworks in the boat with his grandkids. Ken helped his children learn the good old Iowa work ethic and to know and love Jesus as their Savior.

Each night we praised God for how good He has been to us and our family. We love that He allowed us to live in this country, with our strong Summit E Free church, fellow members, and the wonderful friends He has filled our life with. God has been our strong beacon – Ken's favorite Bible verse was Isaiah 40:29-31 (31) But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Based upon this verse Ken had quite a collection of eagle statues.

We know that before we are aware of our needs, God provides for us. We spent years in search of how to cope with dementia. With God's natural provisions, Ken outlived the diagnosis by several years. Ken would encourage all to search for God's wisdom and purpose in life – that it might be the compass for each life and for our country; and to give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice that we might be forgiven and come home to Him.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Summit Evangelical Free Church
1000 S. Main St.
Alta, IA 51002

Memorial Service

APR 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Live Stream of service*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 18, 2021 at 02:59 PM

JW

“ *Bonnie and family, I am sorry to hear about Kenny. Keeping you in my prayers. It has been many years since I have seen you but still in my heart. Hugs. Judy (Fiser) Wiseman*

Judy Wiseman - April 17, 2021 at 05:53 PM

CG

“ *Ken was deputy in Linn Co. My John Gouldin was deputy in Johnson Co. This was at the same time! Didn't know each other until 1980. I imagine them fishing together in paradise! 💙💙 love Cheryl Gouldin. A lifetime of friendship! ❤️*

Cheryl Gouldin - April 17, 2021 at 04:11 PM

GK

“ *Ken was a true grit American, an inspiring man of God. Our sincere condolences at this time of sorrow to Bonnie and the entire Hach family. May the Lord give you comfort.*

*Gary Kastrup
& Sandra Watts*

Gary Kastrup - April 17, 2021 at 12:30 PM

GK

“ Gary Kastrup lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth R. Hach



Gary Kastrup - April 17, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 16, 2021 at 04:11 PM

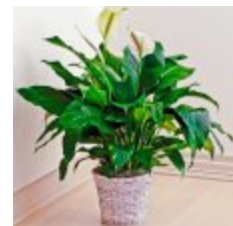
DZ

“ Ken was a great Patriot, and a voice of reason, who will be missed!

Dennis Zellaha - April 16, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the
family of Kenneth R. Hach.



April 15, 2021 at 07:37 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Hach.*



April 15, 2021 at 12:08 PM



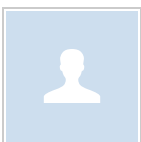
“ *We are so sad to hear of the loss of our friend Kenny. Both he and Bonnie have been such good friends over the time that we have known them. They have been great examples and we are so blessed to know them both. We know that Ken is with Jesus now and that is such a good thing, but not seeing his face and hearing his voice is such a loss. We have had so many conversations with you both and I have always enjoyed the times I sat with Ken and talked about life.*

Bonnie we will hold you up in prayer as the time passes and hope that you know you can call us any time.

We are sorry that we cannot come to be with you because of the travel restrictions.

May God bless you and your family and give you strength for this time.

HC Derksen - April 14, 2021 at 11:10 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Hach.*



April 14, 2021 at 11:41 AM

JR

“ *Julie Rasmussen lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Hach*



Julie Rasmussen - April 14, 2021 at 10:43 AM

TF

“ *The TRC Field Services Family of Friends purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Kenneth R. Hach.*



The TRC Field Services Family of Friends - April 14, 2021 at 10:40 AM

BS

“ *Rob, Tara and family...Please accept our sincere condolences. May your memories carry you through this difficult time.*

Brad and Maureen Strader

Brad Strader - April 13, 2021 at 08:59 PM

PG

“ *A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF KENNETH HACH. OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU, BONNIE & FAMILY.*



*PEACE TO ALL, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE
STORM LAKE, IOWA*

PATTY GUNVILLE - April 13, 2021 at 08:10 PM

DJ

“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Hach*



Deb and Kevin Jesse - April 13, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ *Peg Anderson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Hach*



Peg Anderson - April 13, 2021 at 12:38 PM

MS

“ *Mike & Staci Struthers lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Hach*



Mike & Staci Struthers - April 13, 2021 at 09:47 AM

BS

“ *BVRMC Board of Trustees, Administration & Staff purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Kenneth R. Hach.*



BVRMC Board of Trustees, Administration & Staff - April 13, 2021 at 08:59 AM



“ *Nicki Harrington lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth R. Hach* ”



Nicki Harrington - April 12, 2021 at 09:13 PM