



## Kent Gordon Kromarek

April 24, 1944 - March 12, 2023

Kent Gordon Kromarek passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 12, 2023. Born to Frank and Inez (nee Simonson) Kromarek on April 24, 1944. Kent was raised on a cattle farm in Scranton, ND, with his five siblings:

Daniel (Dwynne), Janice (Butch) Patterson, Larry (Sharon), Wayne, Bonnie (Daniel) Dacar, David and Karen. After graduating as high school class president in 1962, Kent graduated from the South Dakota School of Mines and from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for graduate school, where he met his beautiful wife of 52 years, Mary (Steiner). Kent and Mary moved to Whitefish Bay in 1974, where they were blessed with three dearly-loved, smarty-pants children: Kassia Fultz, Andrew (Lauren) and Carey (Joel) Courtney; five genius, beloved grandchildren: Jacob, Emily, and Anna Fultz, Juliana and Isabella Courtney, and six cats over the years. Kent was a faithful member of Bay Shore Lutheran Church for almost 50 years, participating in the singing and handbell choirs, and was an assistant professor and Dept Chair of Mathematics at UW-Waukesha for 28 years. He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings: David, Karen and Janice . Kent will be greatly missed by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and family members.

The memorial service for Kent will be held on Saturday, March 25th, at 2:00 pm, at Bay Shore Lutheran Church, with a celebration of life afterwards. In lieu

of flowers, memorials are appreciated to Bay Shore Lutheran Church.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Kent and I have been friends since childhood. Although we went to different rural elementary schools in southwest North Dakota, we did go to the same rural country church that our families attended. Our mothers had actually known each other and grew up in the same rural southwest North Dakota community. Kent and I were in Sunday School classes and Vacation Bible School classes together, and were confirmed together. We belonged to the same 4H club as children, attending monthly 4H meetings at different parents farms, and several 4H club trips in the summer. We went on many summer picnics with our families and neighbors. We attended Scranton High School and we both took all the science and math classes that were offered, with Kent typically being the top student. We graduated together with other kids that we had grown up with over the years. Kent was the "intelligent" one in our class. Our "big" high school graduating class of 24 had 12 girls and 12 boys so we could line up symmetrically for our walk into the Commencement ceremony. After high school graduation Kent and I went to different Universities, but we both returned in the summers to work for our fathers on the family farm and we would continue our friendship. College graduation took us on different paths and different places. However, Kent and Mary attended our wedding in Ohio and Sharre and I attended Kent's and Mary's wedding in Wisconsin. We met several times over the years back in North Dakota when we would both be visiting family there at the same time. We also met during our high school graduation 50th anniversary. Kent was a good, kind, intelligent person who's friendship I cherished. We send our deepest sympathies to Mary and family.*

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**Duane and Sharre Landa** - March 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Kent Kromarek. We didn't know Kent but from all the comments we have read he was truly loved. Kent touched many lives and will be thought of often. In the difficult days to come may the many wonderful memories of his life give you comfort. Something we have personally found to be of great comfort are the thoughts expressed in the Bible at John 5:28 "all those in the memorial tombs will hear his (Jesus) voice and come out ". May God Jehovah comfort you during this sad time in your life.

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**Eisbrenner Family** - March 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ I haven't been to church in yeas, but mr. Kromarek always smiled and said hello to me when I was there. I remember his kind face. My condolences to his family.

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**Stephanie Snyder** - March 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I haven't been to church in years but I remember Mr. Kromarek's kind face and the friendly smile he had when I was there. My condolences to his family.

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**Stephanie Snyder** - March 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Kent was a nice neighbor and man. Mary, Kassia, Andy, Carey and Family my condolences and thoughts are with you.

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**Scott Salamone** - March 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Alexis and I will miss seeing Kent wearing a hat and walking on Santa Monica. He always seemed a quiet, contented walker who was not in a hurry. Alexis Camacho and Connie Blair

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**Connie Blair** - March 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM