



## Kenneth L. Birkland

November 16, 1927 - February 14, 2018

Kenneth L. Birkland, 90, of Estherville passed away on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at the Good Samaritan Society in Estherville.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 19, 2018 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Estherville with Hospice Chaplain Greg Jorgensen officiating. Burial will be in the Eastside Cemetery in Estherville, IA. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Monday at the church.

Kenneth was born on November 16, 1927 in Emmetsburg, IA to Arthur M. and Rena M. (Smith) Birkland. He left school in October of 1945 to serve his country in the US Coast Guard and was honorably discharged in April of 1947. Kenneth proudly earned his GED in 1979. Kenneth was united in marriage to Stella Kooker on August 2, 1947 in Fairmont, MN. After he returned home from the service, he got a job in Estherville building the horse plant. He later went to work at the cement plant in town, the Creamery for 18 years, Golden Sun, the City of Estherville and lastly for Holy Family Hospital where he retired in 1991.

He will be fondly remembered for tinkering and fixing things. Kenneth had a strong faith and looked forward to volunteering and attending bible study at Redeemer Lutheran Church. He was well known in the community for giving rides to anyone who needed help getting to an appointment and was honored

by the Governor of Iowa for his volunteerism. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Kenneth is survived by his wife of 70 years Stella Birkland of Estherville, IA; son Charles (Lori) Birkland of Spirit Lake, IA; daughter Charlene (Doug) Yates of Buffalo, MN; sister Regina (Karl) Johnson of Des Moines, IA; sister-in-law Mrs. Beverly Kooker of Colorado Springs, CO; brother-in-law Paul Kooker of Emmetsburg, IA; 9 grandchildren, Matthew Yates, Nathan (Jill) Yates, Ryan (Jill) Birkland, Jordan Birkland, Zachary Birkland, Elizabeth Tostenson, Carissa (Phil) Melvin, Rachel Keeling and Grace Birkland, 5 great grandchildren, Peyton Yates, Graeyson Yates, Elliot Birkland, Kaylee Melvin and Bailey Melvin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter Candace Keeling.

# Cemetery Details

## East Side Cemetery

Estherville, IA 51334

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
1215 N. 15th  
Estherville, IA 51334

## Service

FEB 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MH

“ My condolences to Stella and the Birkland family. So thankful that this earthly good-bye is not final. I know my dad enjoyed the Bible studies with Ken and the other men who met together for so many years. Most of them are now enjoying Heaven together forever. Blessings to all of you.

*Mark Holmgren*

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**Mark Holmgren** - February 20, 2018 at 12:17 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth L. Birkland.



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February 17, 2018 at 03:07 PM

SO

“ Stella. You have out deepest sympathy with kennys passing. You and Kenny were so go to Beckys grandpa (Ray Henningsen)when you lived across the street from Grandpa. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Scott and Becky Olk

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**Scott olk** - February 16, 2018 at 04:33 PM

DB

“ Stella, Charlene, Chuck and all,

*I am very sorry to hear of Ken's passing. When I think of Ken I have thoughts of kindness, gentleness, friendliness. His default face was a smile. Ken was one of the good guys. You are in our thoughts.*  
*Dean & Kathy*

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**Dean & Kathy Breuer** - February 16, 2018 at 01:50 PM

GK

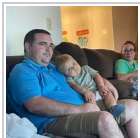
*Dearest Aunt Stella and family. So very sorry to hear about Uncle Kennys passing. Many blessings for healing. Love to all, Glenda Kooker*

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**Glenda Kooker** - February 19, 2018 at 06:50 PM

HK

“ Chuck and family,  
*We are sorry to hear of your loss and will keep your family in our prayers. May your memories give you peace during this difficult time.*  
*God Bless,*  
*Dave & Heidi Knox*

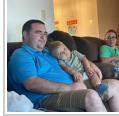
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**Heidi Knox** - February 16, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ Rosemary Dailey Davis lit a candle in memory of Kenneth L. Birkland



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**Rosemary Dailey Davis** - February 15, 2018 at 01:20 PM



*Sending our love and prayers to all. What a sweet man he was. Always had such a loving smile for his family.*

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**Rosemary Dailey Davis** - February 15, 2018 at 01:21 PM

PR

*So sorry to hear of Ken's passing. I extend my greatest sympathy to Stella and family and apologize for not being there to partake in Ken's send off. Ken loved our Lord Jesus, lived the Christian life and I'm sure had a good Christian death. "Well done, good and faithful servant."  
Pastor Randy*

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**Pastor Randy** - February 15, 2018 at 04:07 PM

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*“ My thoughts & Prayers to Stella & Family. Paul sends his condolence. I will be over to see you Stella. You & Kenny were such good neighbors when we first moved into our house & the many years we lived next door to each other.*

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**Alice Mitts** - February 15, 2018 at 12:39 PM

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*“ Alan & Reba Munson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth L. Birkland*



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**Alan & Reba Munson** - February 15, 2018 at 09:21 AM

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*“ Keeping your family in our thoughts and prays sorry for your loss  
Chuck*

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**Tom and Della Underwood** - February 15, 2018 at 08:32 AM

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“ *Prayer to you all! A great family's! friends last a lifetime. Hold the memories!*

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**lonnie lee** - February 14, 2018 at 10:27 PM

JS

“ *So sorry to hear of Ken's passing today. I am glad I was able to attend his and Stella's anniversary celebration last summer. He was a wonderful man. Judy Sanders*



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**Judy Sanders** - February 14, 2018 at 09:12 PM