
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
710 East Broadway St., Osseo, Minnesota
A Celebration Honoring the Life of Kenneth George Craven
Friday, September 20, 2019 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE **LSB 278**

Please note the responses of the congregation during the Service.
These responses are marked with a red box with a white "C."
You may remain seated throughout the Service

Processional Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" **LSB 770**

Invocation & Remembrance of Baptism*

Psalm: Psalm 23 'The Lord Is My Shepherd'

Kyrie

Salutation and Collect of the Day

First Reading – Revelation 2:10b

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:14-30

Apostles Creed

Solo: "How Great Thou Art"

Sermon – "Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant"

Text – Matthew 25:21

Prayer of the Church

Solo: "The Lord's Prayer"

Nunc Dimittis & Concluding Collect

Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn: "Onward, Christian Soldiers" **LSB 662**

Officiant — Reverend Daniel R. Burns

Organist — Thomas Hanna

Soloist — Jacqueline Pickens

Crucifer — Maddi Sullivan

Biographer — Jenny Hines

*On behalf of the family, you are cordially invited to join us for lunch
following the service and a time to share memories of Ken.*

Internment will take place at Glen Haven Cemetery of Crystal, MN.

*The Funeral Pall is a symbol in the Church that shows that we have been covered and clothed with the righteousness of Christ in our Baptism.

KEN CRAVEN

Kenneth George Craven was born September 20, 1923 to George and Una Craven in Holyoke, Massachusetts. He was one of three children.

Ken attended Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis and the American Baking Institute of Chicago, IL to study baking. He graduated in April of 1948.

Shortly after graduating Ken began working in the lab for Pillsbury in Minnesota. He was then transferred to California. While in California, he was also the Vice President of California Donuts and he worked for Westco before returning to Minnesota. After moving back, he became the National Sales Manager for Food Producers before retiring. Even after retiring he continued to work as a consultant until he was almost 90 years old. During his years of service in the food industry Ken was instrumental in developing many products including Kings Hawaiian Sweet Bread, Yo-J, Fruit to Boot Yogurt, and many flavorings of ice cream and yogurt. What an amazing career!

Ken met the love of his life, Valeria, at Porters Café in Minneapolis. He knew as soon as he saw her that they needed to meet. He walked over, asked her to go home and change her clothes so he could take her out for a night on the town. She agreed and they went to a movie where he proceeded to kiss her hand throughout the entire movie. Ken was completely smitten, and as they say the rest was history. As their relationship continued to blossom, one date led them to Lake Calhoun. During their date while they were necking Kenny passed out. Val had to drive him home to his brother, Bobby, who told her that Kenny was having a Malaria attack. It has been a long-standing family tradition to kid Kenny that first he had Malaria and then he got Valeria. On August 29, 1948 Ken and Val were married. Soon after starting their life together they began adding to their family by welcoming daughter Karen Shirley in 1950, daughter Victoria Jean in 1952, son Gary Kenneth in 1953, daughter Heidi Marie in 1959, and daughter Rebecca Lynn in 1963. Throughout the years Ken and his family lived in Minneapolis, MN; Crystal, MN; Costa Mesa, CA; New Hope, MN; and Maple Grove, MN. No matter where they were Ken loved getting his family together for a family gathering where lots of love and laughter

were shared. They also loved spending time and making wonderful memories with family and friends at their cabin on Lower McKenzie Lake in Wisconsin throughout the years. Ken and Val were blessed with 71 wonderful years together filled with cherished memories, love, and laughter.

Ken enjoyed fishing, golfing, coin collecting, and playing cards in his spare time. He also was quite the jokester and loved making people laugh by telling one of his MANY stories. Ken loved Christmas and made an excellent Santa Claus due to generous, kind-hearted, and jolly spirit.

Ken was very committed to his faith and to his church. He served the Lord in many ways including being an Elder at Christ Lutheran Church in Costa Mesa, CA and Redeemer Lutheran Church in Robbinsdale, MN.

After a courageous battle with Alzheimer's Disease Ken was called home to be with his heavenly father on September 14, 2019. He will be greatly missed but will forever live on in our hearts.

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

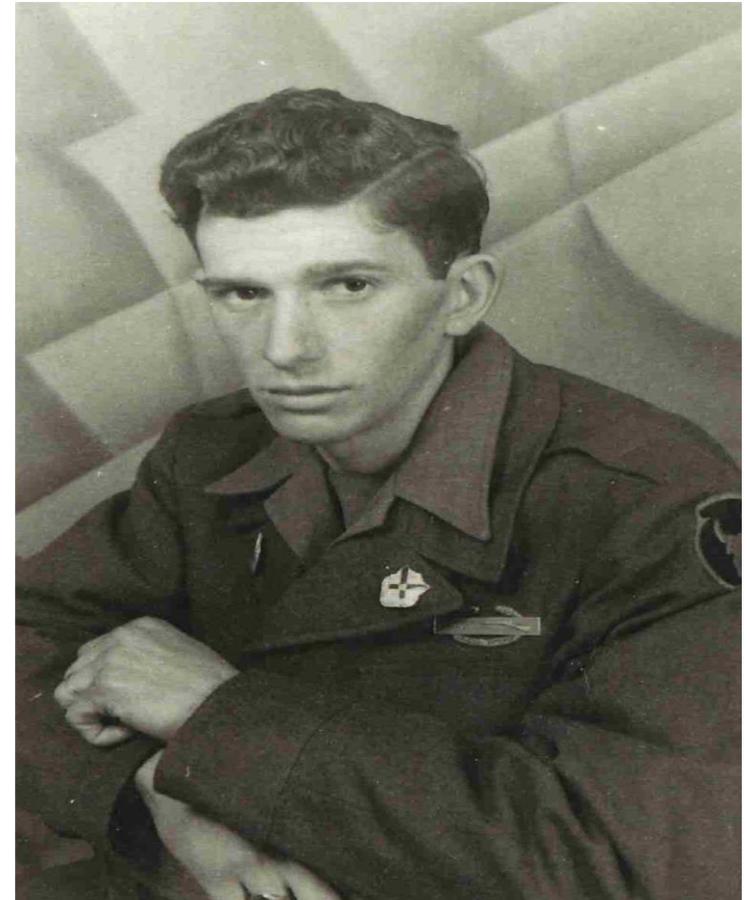
He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Cor. 15:57

Ken is survived by his loving wife of 71 years Valeria; daughters, Karen (Craig), Vicky (Darrell), Heidi (Mike), and Becky (Tim); son, Gary (Kay); grandchildren, John (Jenny), Amy (Steve), Katie (Al), Carrie (John), Nathan (Jennifer), Trent, Kenneth (MacKenzie), Chris (Jenny), Jacob, Tony, Ben, Travis (Amber), Storm, and Maddi; great-grandchildren, Ian, Callum, Isaac, Amelia, Kiara, Alex, Reyes, Cooper, Jacqueline, Kaitlyn, Zachary, Ashlyn, Brooklyn, Bennett, Abigail, Austin, Hart, Smith, Annabell, Rudy, Vincent, Marley, and Mataya.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, George and Una; sister, Shirley; brother, Robert; and great-granddaughters, Samantha and Madelyn Pickens.

**HAPPY 96th BIRTHDAY KENNY, DAD, GRANDPA, and
GREAT-GRANDPA.
We love you!**



Kenneth George Craven
September 20, 1923 – September 14, 2019