



Kenneth James Heft

November 30, 1946 - May 25, 2007

Heft, Kenneth James Age 60 May 25, 2007 in Marble Rock, Iowa Beloved husband of Beverly Jean Nee Bishop Loving Father of Julie Santiago Fernandez, Kenneth Stephanie Heft, and Matthew Catherine Heft. Proud Grandfather of Isabel, Nicolas, and Elias Fernandez; Kaitlyn, Alexandra, and Jack Heft; Samantha, Benjamin, and Olivia Heft. Dear Son of Nora and the late Earl C. Heft. Brother of Earl "Bud" Linda Heft and Cecila Larry Faw Brother-in-law of Judy Greg Harrison and Shirley Norman TenBrink Also survived by 13 nieces and nephews. Visitation at the Lynch & Son Funeral Home 340 Pontiac Trail Rd. Walled Lake Friday 4:00pm-8:00pm. Memorial Celebration Service, Saturday 10:00 am, at Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian - 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake. Please share a memory with the family at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home- Utica

Tribute Wall

MH

“*Dad, There is not a single day that has gone by unaccompanied by both tears of sorrow and happiness. It is heart wrenching to know that I will not see you again here on earth, feel the comfort of your loving hugs & just tell you how much we love you. Just as I am overcome with tears and my heart feels like it is completely broken, God reminds me why I feel such sorrow...it is testament of what an incredible father, husband & role model you have been for our family. We have truly been blessed to have you as our father and our keeper. Over the past couple weeks I have often found I selfishly get angry with God for taking you away from us so soon only to be comforted and calmed by knowing that you are at peace in Heaven. I am grateful to God for being so gentle with you Dad in your passing and know in my heart He has yet a bigger plan in mind for you. You are always in my heart, my thoughts and my prayers. I thank you for the solid family values & unconditional love that you have instilled in us and we will rally around Mom and get through this with time. The emotional roller coaster is a bad ride as keep thinking I am going to wake up from this horrible nightmare and you are going to call to let me know you are stopping by the house on your way home from Iowa! Please watch over all of us and guide us to make the right decisions in life and to continue to make you proud. We love you Dad and can only vow to follow your footsteps as good Christians and hopefully we too are called to join you in the Kingdom of Heaven to be reunited with you! I will Love you and cherish your memory forever! Your Son, Matt*

Matt Heft - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“*Dear Matt, Cathy, and children: Even though we really cannot lighten your pain, we do understand it; and in that understanding we share it. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers everyday.*

Diane & Larry Schulte - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ I was a classmate of Ken's at Seaholm High School in Birmingham, and at Michigan State University. We were on the track team at Seaholm together and I watched him play football at MSU. While we were not close friends and had not seen each other since the early highschool reunions, I still will count him amongst my friends, and remember him as a classmate.

Frank Engel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Dear Beverly & Family . . . you don't know me . . . however I knew your husband/father in the early sixty's when we played high school football & track together. I know you have always heard about his H.S./college athletics accomplishments etc . . . Ken was more than that! He was to coin a phrase "the right stuff" & I know he is sorely missed! Just know in your hearts that he is looking down on you & is always there for you . . . just look up! Regards, MJG

Mike Garza - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ZS

“ Los acompaño en su dolor y que Dios les de fortaleza.

Zack Sarita - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

OC

“ Santiago y Julie, mi mas sincero pTsame. Mis pensamientos son para ustedes asi como mis oraciones, por ustedes y todos los suyos. Que Dios conforte su coraz\=n, a ustedes y a todos aquellos que llegaron a apreciar profundamente al se±or Kenneth James Heft. Dios los Bendiga!

Oscar Catarino - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ To the Heft Family, Thank you for sharing Ken with us as he was an inspiration and great friend. It is a void in our hearts now but we want you to know he will never be forgotten. We had a lot of good times together and have lots of good memories. Love ya all. Don & Helen Dyke

Don and Helen Dyke - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ It was with shock and sadness that I learned from my brother, Rick of our "Brother Ken "Squeeb" Heft's death. He will always remain well thought of and an inspiration to each of us in High School with him. Our prayers and thoughts go with Bev and their children. Love, RON

Ron Lotero & Cindi - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Bev and family, Ken will surly be missed here in your other community LP in North Port, FL the neighbors all send their blessings...Take care Love and Peace, Al PS Call me if we can do anything for you here..Again we will miss Ken and hope to see you soon.

Al Santella/ Kevin McShea - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear Bev and Family, We were so very sorry to read about Ken. We know that he had heart problems in the past and assume that's what took him now. We see that he enjoyed many grandchildren. What a blessing. If you're ever in the area please stop by and visit with us. We'd love to see you. You'll be in our prayers during this very difficult time for all of you. Ken was a great neighbor. Take Care. Mickey and Cathy

Mickey and Cathy Weckesser - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Beverly, So sorry to hear the news about Ken. Glad we had a chance to know him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Linda Boyle and Bill Hanlon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Dear Santiago and Julie, you and your family remain in our prayers. May Christ's eternal light shine on Ken.

Peter & Mariana Kolar - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Santiago, Julie y familia, Reciban mi mßs sincero pTsame. Espero que sepan que mi familia los mantendrß constantemente en nuestras oraciones. Es el deseo de nosotros que el amor -gape que solo Dios puede proveer los cubra para que puedan encontrar consuelo, aliento y esperanza en estos momentos tan diffciles. Sepan que cuentan con nuestro apoyo para lo que se ofrezca. Un fuerte abrazo.

Elaine Lustig - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Santiago and Julie, My condolences and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your father in-law. May the angels greet him!

Michael Hovey - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Santiago and Julie, please know of our prayers for you and your family in your time of grief and sorrow. We remember your father and all your needs in our prayer, lifting you up to God who is loving and merciful. Que la paz de Cristo estT con ustedes y los consuele y alivie.

Pedro and Kristin Rubalcava - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Dear Bev -- We will be praying for you and your family. We have some good memories of Ken from the Bible studies!

Wayne and Dorothy Chaplin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ To the entire Heft Family, You don't know me, but I was an acquaintance of Ken Jr. back in his MSU days at Hubbard Hall. Ken and Matt Jenson were on my 9th Floor 'Brother Floor' our freshman year. My roommate was Kim. I happened to recognize Mr. Heft's name and obituary in the Oakland Press yesterday. I am soooo sorry for your loss. It is clearly evident by the number of condolences here that Ken Sr. and your entire family is very much respected and loved. Please give Ken Jr. my warmest well wishes. Your husband and father was far too young to lose. I am so sorry. Warmly, Sally Ohngren-Sembritzky

Sally Ohngren-Sembritzky - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear Bev, We just hear the news about Ken. Please know that we will keep you and your family in our prayers. We will have fond memories of you both at St. Paul's. Our love and prayers, Joyce Dunn and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church North Port, Florida

Joyce - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Bev, Julie, Kenny, and Matt. Whew! What a shocker for ALL of us! Ken and I go wayyyy back as you all know. I have nothing but the fondest memories of the times we shared. You put me up and...put up with me! every time I came back to B'Ham for a class reunion or just to visit the old haunts. Ken was one of my best friends thru our lives. What a gifted athlete he was. Took up diving at Derby for fun and the next thing you know, he's Michigan State Champ all 3 years we were at Seaholm! Football, track, you name it, he excelled at it. He was one of the nicest, friendliest, honorable guys I've had the privilege to know. I am proud and honored to call "Squeebz" my friend. We'll all miss him more than we can imagine right now. My thoughts and best regards go out to the entire Heft Clan.

Rick Lotero - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. God took him far too early and I am sure you can't understand why. And surely, no one has an answer for you. I can only hope that your prayers combined with those of us who love you- will give you the peace to know that you loved each other, cared deeply about enriching eachother's lives and that is the only choice we have. To live each day caring and loving and enriching our lives together. My prayers are with you. M.

Marge Huggard - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Santiago, recibe mi mas grande pesame y mis mejores deseos para ti y tu familia. No me puedo imaginar por lo que Ustedes estan pasando, pero ten por seguro que estaran en mis oraciones. Reciban la paz y el consuelo que necesitan atravez de el Espiritu Santo. Amen.

Samuel Burgueto - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Santiago, Julie, Isabel, Nicolas, Elias and all, We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. We only had the pleasure of Ken's company briefly on occasions - birthday parties. Despite the few moments, his light shined forth for everyone to see. He was a wonderful, fun-loving man, who was kind in all of his ways. His love for family was evident to all. May you each take comfort in your memories of your time with him. And in knowing you WILL meet again in Heaven. Please know you are in our many thoughts and daily prayers for strength and courage at this time. 1 Phillipians 4:13 Todo lo puedo en Cristo que me fortalece. Our love, The Wikle family Kris, Shannon, Hannah, Emma and Benjamin

Kris and Shannon Wikle - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Julie y Santiago, Siento mucho la perdida de ese ser tan querido. Estaremos en oracion por ustedes y sus seres querdos. Les queremos mucho, Diego y Damaris

Diego Correa y Damaris Thillet - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dear Julie and Santiago, My deepest condolences to both of you and your family. Although it is a difficult moment to understand and perhaps accept, it is also a joy to think of your dad resting in our Father's arms and seing Him face to face. We all live for that day. However, it's the transition that we find difficult, because it is. When someone special goes home to Abba, he is missed here on earth, but to know that this is only temporary, helps the grieving process. It is comforting to know that someday you'll get to see him again, and then it will be forever... My prayers are with you all, but if there's anything else I can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask. God bless you!

Doris PTrez - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We were soo sorry to hear of Ken's death, but we are so very grateful to have had an evening with the 2 of you while in Florida. We will see you on Saturday. Mary

Davod and Mary Sawyer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I was sorry to hear of Ken's passing. May your love of him and his life sustain you during these difficult times.

Katrina Beneker - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Santiago and Julie, We are so sorry to hear the news of your father passing. We wish you strength and comfort in this painful time of sorrow. You are all in our prayers. Love, Betsy, Gary and kids

Gary, Betsy, Natalie and Emmett Jones - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ After hearing about Ken, I went to my '64 Yearbook and read what he had written. His comments brought a smile to my face. Always going out of his way to say hi, Ken was one of the things that helped make Seaholm great. I am saddened by his passing.

Scott Robeson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Bev and family, we are so sorry for your loss àKennyÆs passing hit us hard. We were privileged to know Ken from seventh grade onàhe and I swam on the same team for years and Terry at MSU during the Rose Bowl quest years continued our friendshipà.and the many nights the four us played bridge in Berkley with our young babies in the next roomàààa lot of quality time and life shared with good friends in those early marriage daysà..he will be missed. Our Love to you Bev, and your family, as we mourn the loss.

Scott & Terry Kreissl - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Dear Family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. There is nothing I can say to ease what you are feeling, please know of my prayers and thoughts during these days. Peace to you louis

Louis Canter - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Please know of my sorrow for your loss. May you find comfort and consolation from family and friends during this most difficult time.

Joyce Hyttinen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried ours sorrows... Isaiah 53: 4-5 Ours family are praying for your family during this difficult time. It is hope and life in Christ, we pass through this momentary life to prepare for eternity, is your dad did. With LOVE Adrian, Silvia, Luciano, Nicolas & Natalia

Adrian & Silvia Falgetelli - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Santiago and Julie, A time like this is never easy and is always filled with pain. This note is to let you know that many people extend their hearts and hand to you right now. I walk with you during this time of sorrow. You and your family is in my prayers, with deep sympathy, Terry and all the staff at ILS/ND.*

Terry Garza - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *I'm deeply sorry about your loss. I'm sure he will be remembered with love. Every time I saw him, Ken always had an honest smile, great advice and lots of love to give, thank you. May he live in peace with God. Carlos*

Carlos Fernandez - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Querida Julie y Estimado Santiago, Sabemos que una perdida tan grande es irreparable. Julie cuenta con nuestras oraciones para tu Padre, para ti y para toda tu Familia. Que Dios nuestro Senor te brinde el consuelo y la paz interior; Nuestro Senor contaba con planes mucho mejores para tu Padre. Que Dios los Bendiga y mucha resignacion. de todo corazon. Gustavo, Esperanza Figueroa*

Gustavo y Esperanza Figueroa - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers. Rose Brys*

Rose Brys - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ To the Family of Ken Heft: My family and I extend our deepest sympathy for your loss. I was on the MSU Football team with Ken from '64-68. and was also a contemporary of Ken's at the high school levelRoyal Oak Shrine60 -64 Our thoughts are with you.
RON

Ron Ranieri - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Bev, Julie & Santiago, Ken and Steph, Matt and Cathy, and all of Ken's Grandkids, What a great testimony and heritage your Husband, Dad and Grand Dad has left you--about what mattered most all of you! His faith was a practical one, and he understood what putting love into practice really meant. I will always remember him smiling, and causing others to smile. May he live forever in peace with the Lord, preparing a place for us all! "Grandpa" of Isabel, Nico and Eli, Msgr. Don Hanchon

Msgr. Donald F. Hanchon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Dear Heft Family & Friends, I am Cathy's Matt paternal grandmother. I give you all my sympathy, and prayers to celebrate Ken Sr's. life. Go White!!

Romilda Manning - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ Dear Heft Family, I am Cathy's maternal grandmother; and I wish to extend to you and friends; my condolences and prayers for Ken Sr. Go Green!!

Nora Griggs - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ No words. Only tears.

Amy Levine - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Uncle Ken was such a fun-loving, warm, friendly person. He holds a special place in my heart and here's why. The first time I met the entire Heft family, which was at a family reunion/Grandma's birthday in Iowa at Earl-E-Acres, Gene and I walked up to a large crowd of family who were all smiles and hugs to greet us. Now even though I am from a very large family myself, I was somewhat nervous and uncomfortable surrounded by an unfamiliar crowd... though I had studied Grandma's letter of the family lineage all the way from Michigan to Iowa. Thank you, Grandma Anyway, after awhile, most of the people went back into the inn and about their business, but I was sitting on the large porch trying to catch my breath when Uncle Ken came over, sat down next to me and began talking like we'd known each other our entire lives. He must have sensed that I was out of my element and his warm, loving heart reached out to me to help comfort me. In no time we were laughing and swapping family stories. What a sweet man. When I think of him, I see that little glint of mischief in his eyes with his contagious smile. I'm sure he is smiling down on us right now... *hugs*

Joyce Picard Faw - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Dear Heft Family, Another of the 64-66 Spartan Football Family signing in to express my sympathy over Kens passing. What a good person Ken was and will be remembered as... kind, considerate, almost always a smile on his face, determined, but still considerate. he was one of the guys I most looked forward to at our later reunions. What a nice easy manner he had. I am sure that all of those close to Ken are both mourning his passing as well as sharing many good laughs and stories of the time you spent together. I am proud to have called Ken both a teammate and more importantly a friend. God bless, Dave Techlin

David Techlin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ We can't begin to express how incredibly sorry we are for your family's loss. May you find the comfort in our faith that only comes from Him in these times of mourning and remembrance. You are all in our prayers, but more importantly, in our heart. valo & monica

Alvaro Fernandez - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Dear Matt, Cathy, and Family We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your father, and will keep you in our prayers. Hope to see you soon ! Love Daryl and Sue

DARYL AND SUE GRIGGS - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

P1

“ Dear Family, We want to send our deepest condolences. I remember Ken as a polite, friendly, hard-worker who did his best to make the 1966 team one of the greatest in the history of college football. We will miss him dearly but we know that in the not too distant future we'll all be together again. In the meantime, if there is anything we can do to help ease the pain of separation, please let us know know. Sincerely yours, Pat & Deloris Gallinagh

Pat Gallinagh MSU 1967 - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I am really sorry to hear about your loss I'll remember you in my prayers

Melissa Williams - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Seems like yesterday when Ken and I both checked into 534 East Wilson Hall and became "roomies". We had a lot of great times including some memorable double dates with the ones that later became our wives, Bev and Jackie. Ken was a big part of our youth. Both Jackie and I send our best.

Curt Hoopingarner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ To ALL of the HEFT Family: I knew Ken as a fellow Spartan during my years '63-'66; and I must say that not only was he a good football player, but even a "greater" teammate. The Dotlich Family sends our prayers to each of you, and to Kenny.

Peter Dotlich - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Sorry to hear of your loss of your father Matt and Cathy. If you need any thing let us know. Love you Aunt June and Uncle Howard

June and Howard Lloyd - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Dear Beverly, Julie, Kenneth, & Matt. I am very sorry to learn that Ken Sr. has died. Please let us know what you would like us to do, to help in any way we can. I really enjoyed the time Carolyn and I shared with Bev and Ken at your Florida place. That was one of the reasons I have been hoping to return to Florida soon. Onward and upward!! Carolyn & Roger Manning

Roger Manning - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM