

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM
LORD'S DAY 1

*Question 1. What is your only comfort
in life and in death?*

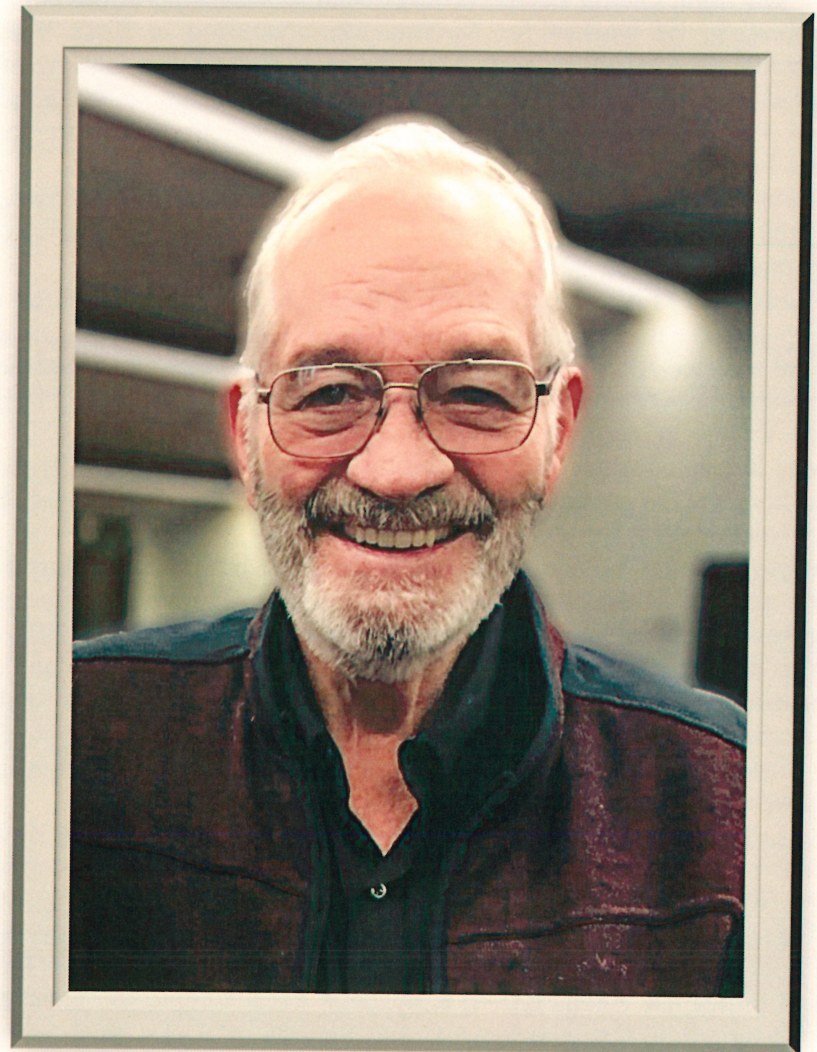
*Answer 1. That I am not my own
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.*

*He has fully paid for all my sins with his
precious blood, and has set me free from
the tyranny of the devil. He also watches
over me in such a way that not a hair can fall
from my head without the will of my
Father in heaven: in fact, all things must
work together for my salvation.*

*Because I belong to him, Christ,
by his Holy Spirit, assures me of
eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly
willing and ready from now on to live for him.*



In Loving Memory



Edwin Dale Kats

October 28, 1937 ~ October 29, 2022

Edwin Dale Kats was born on October 28, 1937, in Long Island, Kansas to Henry and Christina (Vander Plas) Kats. In 1938 the family moved from Kansas to Rock Valley, Iowa. Ed graduated from Rock Valley Christian School in 1951 and from Western Christian High School in 1955.

Ed was always a hard worker. In the summers before graduating from school, Ed worked for Charlie Kooima, putting up government grain bins. Money was tight, and all of his earnings went to help support his family. After graduating, Ed worked for Kooima Manufacturing in Rock Valley. In 1956 he started a business, Kats Machine, with his brother Harley, but also continued to work for Kooima's until the new business could sustain two families. Later, Ed and Harley bought the IH Implement dealership, and their business became "Kats Inc."

On June 30, 1959, Ed married Sharon Lee Sandbulte in Carmel, Iowa. They made their home in Rock Valley, and to this union seven children were born. Sharon passed away on March 27, 1975.

The Lord heard Ed's prayers in this time of great trial and provided for his needs by sending to him another godly woman to be his wife. On January 30, 1976, Ed married Elaine (Smit) Kooiman of Denver, Colorado, and her four sons became his very own. Together they made a home for their 11 children in Rock Valley, and to this union one daughter was born.

Ed and Harley continued to own and operate Kats Inc., until 1991. In 1992 Ed and his son Don started a new business together, Kats Implement, 4 miles west of Rock Valley. Ed retired in 2016.

Ed enjoyed being outside, doing farm work. He and Elaine enjoyed living on their acreage in the country, and Ed especially liked caring for his dogs and horses and cutting wood. Elaine passed away on February 22, 2016.

Ed was a charter member of Trinity Christian Reformed Church and served as a deacon there. He loved the Lord profoundly, and even in his final days, when names and memories faded from his mind, he never forgot his Savior, Jesus Christ; and the words of the Lord's Prayer and several familiar old hymns were right there on his lips.

Ed passed away on Saturday, October 29, 2022. He is survived by eleven children: Loren (Lora) Kooiman of Doon, IA, Darryl (Martha) Kooiman of Lynden, WA, Don (Julie) Kats of Rock Valley, IA, Roberta (Gaylan) Attema of Zeeland, MI, Ken (Judy) Kooiman of Sanborn, IA, Daryl (Ila) Kats of Rock Valley, IA, Arlan (Laurie) Kooiman of Hospers, IA, Connie (Jeff) Ten Napel of Sibley, IA, Sheila (Brett) Kreykes of Rock Valley, IA, Jerry (Sandy) Kats of Escondido, CA, and Kaye (John) Sjaarda of Valley Springs, SD; 46 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren; brothers Gerrit (Esther) Kats and Ken (Hendrene) Kats of Rock Valley, IA, and Alvin (Evie) Kats of Sheldon, IA; sisters Alta Groeneweg and Betty Hoogendoorn of Rock Valley, IA, and Wanda Siebelink of Grandville, MI.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sharon and his wife Elaine; parents, Henry and Christina; daughter, Ellen Flikkema; son-in-law Rod Flikkema; daughter-in-law Tonya Kooiman; brothers John, Paul, Harley, and Larry; sister, Joanna Groeneweg; and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Celebrating the Life of Edwin Dale Kats

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM, Thursday, November 3, 2022
Trinity Christian Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Henry Lengkeek
Rev. Dan De Groot

ACCOMPANIST

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CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Blessed Assurance"
"The Goodness of God"
"My Jesus I Love Thee"
"How Great Thou Art"

CASKET BEARERS

Joel Flikkema ~ Grant Kooiman
Taylor Kats ~ David Kooiman
Benjamin Attema ~ Levi Kats
Jacob Kooiman ~ Travis Ten Napel
Derek Kreykes ~ Dale Kats ~ Ross Sjaarda

MEMORIALS

Rock Valley Christian School or
Western Christian High School

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

Ed's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall following the committal service at the cemetery.