

Kent Ames Boyd was born on September 11, 1957 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, son of Robert and Betty (Mattson) Boyd. Kent grew up in Mora. At the age of 16, he was involved in a severe car accident after which doctors predicted that he would never walk, function or even live, but Kent's indomitable spirit proved them all wrong. Kent went on to graduate from Mora High School in 1975 and from Southwest State University with a BA in psychology and communications. In 1979 he married Elaine Coyle. They were blessed with two sons, Zac and Kyle. The family lived in several towns throughout southern Minnesota, including Spicer, Amboy, and Willmar. Kent worked as a social worker with Kandiyohi County for the majority of his career, retiring in 2011. He was known for poems he wrote for co-workers and friends. In the 90's he was a "miracle runner", and participated in local races. He served eleven years as Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader. Kent sang with West Central Singers and was a member of the Amboy Lions Club. At the time of his death, he was an elder in the PCUSA and a member of First Presbyterian Church in Willmar. Kent enjoyed camping, playing cribbage, singing, and making people laugh, especially with very long jokes.

Kent is survived by his wife, Rev. Elaine Boyd; sons Zachary Boyd of Coon Rapids and Kyle Boyd (Audrey Gabe) of Austin, TX, grandsons Axel and Simon Boyd, brothers Evan Boyd (Tina Frontera) of Minneapolis and Lynn (Julie) Boyd of Apple Valley, sister Mary (Greg) Pearson of Minnetonka, and many nephews, nieces, relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Paul.

## *Celebrating the Life of*



*Kent A. Boyd*

*1957 - 2022*

*The time of my departure  
has come.*

*I have fought the good fight,*

*I have finished the race,*

*I have kept the faith.*

*Henceforth there is laid up*

*for me the crown of righteousness,*

*which the Lord, the righteous judge,*

*will award to me on that day,*

*and not only to me but also*

*to all who have loved his appearing.*

*-II Timothy 4:6-8*

Arrangements By

*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home*

*"Celebrating A Life Remembered"*

In Loving Memory Of

*Kent A. Boyd*

September 11, 1957

Minneapolis, Minnesota

September 20, 2022

Robbinsdale, Minnesota

**Celebration of Life Service**

Monday, September 26, 2022 - 1:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Willmar, Minnesota

**Officiating**

Pastor Scott Thompson

**Music**

Pianist: Christine Schneider

Congregational Hymns:

*"How Great Thou Art" - No. 625*

*"I'll Fly Away" - see insert*

Vocalist: Jill Boeyink

*"You Are Mine"*