



Sherwin Jay Van Kekerix was born September 22, 1948, in Le Mars, Iowa to Bill and Tena (Van Holland) Van Kekerix. He attended grade school at Rock Valley Christian, high school at Hull Western Christian and graduated from Dordt College. Following high school, he enlisted in the Naval Reserve and served one tour in Viet Nam.

In 1969 Sherwin married Deloris (Lori) De Boer. They lived in the Rock Valley area where they raised their three children, Steve, Seth, and Kayla. He enjoyed a career as an IT and computer programmer, working for Hope Haven and for Team Management/Jack Henry & Assoc. as one of the founding partners. In later years, he enjoyed volunteering his services for various local ministries. Most recently, he enjoyed their 2nd home in the Black Hills. Sherwin passed away Thursday, November 30, 2023, at Fort Meade VA Medical Center in Fort Meade, South Dakota at the age of 75.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Lori; 3 children, Steve (Teresa) of Melvin, Iowa, Seth of Rapid City, South Dakota, and Kayla (friend Jeremy Garner) of Des Moines, Iowa; 5 grandchildren, Shealyn, Maddox, Daneyl, Sierra, and Ayden; 2 great grandchildren, Camden and Rylee; brother, Eugene Van Kekerix (Marge) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; sister, Barbara Van Otterloo (Sherwin) of Rock Valley, Iowa; brother-in-law, Ken De Boer, Macon, Missouri; 4 sisters-in-law, Hermina Louwarse of Orange City, Iowa, Marge Van Kekerix of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Donna Walters of Madison, South Dakota, and Arlis De Boer of Sioux Center, Iowa; and many nephews, nieces, and a host of friends.

Sherwin was preceded in death by his parents, Bill & Tena Van Kekerix; parents-in-law, John and Dorothy De Boer; sister, Marlys Van Kekerix; 3 brothers-in-law, Ivan De Boer, George Walters, and Ken Louwarse; and sister-in-law, Gloria De Boer.

*In Loving Memory*  
***Sherwin Jay Van Kekerix***  
September 22, 1948 ~ November 30, 2023

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
10:30 AM, Thursday, December 7, 2023  
Trinity Christian Reformed Church  
Rock Valley, Iowa

**OFFICIATING**  
Pastor Dan De Groot  
Pastor Stanley Groothof ~ Pastor Bob Jacobs

**PIANIST**  
Pat Vander Pol

**SPECIAL MUSIC**  
“*Life is Like a Mountain Railroad*”  
Merle Wynia

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**  
“*How Great Thou Art*”  
“*Peace in the Valley*”  
“*When Peace Like a River*”  
“*What a Day That Will Be*”  
“*We Receive Your Blessing*”

**HONORARY PALLBEARER**  
Dwayne Bauder

**PALLBEARERS**  
United States Navy Veterans  
Paul Moos ~ Terry Kooima ~ Ken Kooima  
Syd Eppinga ~ Gene Statema ~ Ted De Hoogh

**INTERMENT**  
Valley View Cemetery  
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Sherwin's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall following the service.*

## *Psalm 121*

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help.*

*My help cometh from the Lord,  
which made heaven and earth.*

*He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:  
he that keepeth thee will not slumber.*

*Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall  
neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord is thy keeper:*

*the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.*

*The sun shall not smite thee by day,  
nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:  
he shall preserve thy soul.*

*The Lord shall preserve thy going out  
and thy coming in from this time forth,  
and even for evermore.*



*No* eye has seen,  
nor ear heard, nor  
the heart of man  
conceived,

what *God* has prepared  
for those who love *Him*.

1 Corinthians 2:9

