

It is with a heavy heart that the family of Kent Thomson, 77, of Alexandria wishes to announce his passing on Friday, November 1, 2019 due to complications from Parkinson's disease. Kent was born to Walter and Florence (Kyhl) Thomson in Devils Lake, ND on December 19, 1941. He attended Southam and Devils Lake schools through 1959. Following graduation, he attended NDSSS in Wahpeton, ND, where he earned his industrial drafting and design education and met Kay Keech. They were married May 2, 1964. The creation of the mobile home manufacturing plant that he co-founded, Homera, Inc. brought the family to Tracy, MN in 1971. They raised their family there until Kays' passing in 1984. In trying to move on, he spent time in Worthington, MN and Scottsdale AZ, before settling in Alexandria.

Kent built a life in Alexandria along with designing many of the buildings you see each day including Cherry Street Books on Broadway. He was a regular at the Brass Lantern, where he met Diane, and more recently the Travelers Inn where he made many great friends, some of which became like family.

Kent was a man ahead of his time. He had ideas years before others, had so much knowledge and always took the time to share it. He sold ideas for "a steak and bottle of cold duck". While making a living was important to Kent, wealth meant something different to him. He measured wealth by his family, his quality friends, and the people he met along the way.

He was a man on the move and when his body would no longer keep up and allow him to "go get a hamburger" it was frustrating. However, in true Kent style, he handled it with such grace, even to the end. He was a gift to our family and we hope he was a gift to you as well.

He leaves behind his fiancé and love of the last 24 years, Diane Ziebell. Children: Kris (Joe) Zell, Kyhl (Tiff) Thomson. Beloved Grandchildren: Jake and Jonathan (JT) Zell, Zack and Zoe Thomson. Siblings: Karen (Grant) Eidsness, Kyhl (Marlene) Thomson, Kevin (Pam) Thomson. Goddaughter: Rhonda Bowser. Former daughter-in-law, Mari Wanzek. Kay's family and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Kay, and son Kane Lloyd Thomson.

Remembering the Life of



Kent E. Thomson

1941 ~ 2019

The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.
Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.
He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

In Loving Memory of

Kent Erwin Thomson

December 19, 1941 † November 1, 2019

Funeral Service

Calvary Lutheran Church
Alexandria, Minnesota

Monday, November 11, 2019, 11:00 AM

Officiant

Reverend Hans Dahl

Musical Selections By

Brian Chlian
Kim Byrne

Honorary Pallbearers

Jim Keul	Jon Sieve
Roy Medenwaldt	Myron Larson
Melissa Ziebell	Rick Ginther
Kevin Mahoney	Gunnar Linder
Chuck Cornelius	
Friends From Traveler's Inn	

Pallbearers

Zack Thomson	Zoe Thomson
Jake Zell	Jonathan Zell
Michael Ziebell	Todd Ziebell

Burial

Kinkead Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota

