



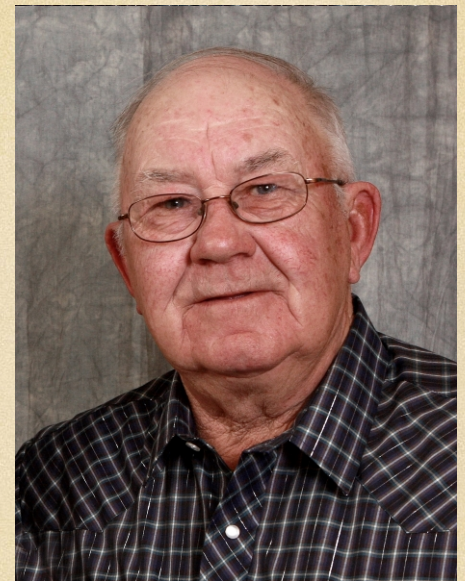
**Kenneth John Koops**, son of Carl and Mary (Hansen) Koops, was born on May 24, 1939, on a farm northwest of Bloomfield, Neb. Growing up, Kenny attended North View rural school before moving to Bloomfield with his family in 1947. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in his hometown. Kenny graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1957. After graduation, Kenny farmed in the Lindy area and worked at the sale barn in Bloomfield.

On Aug. 20, 1961, Kenny was united in marriage to Evon McFarland at the Methodist church in Bloomfield. They moved to a farm east of Bloomfield where they made their home. To this union, three children were born, Brent, Lisa and Dana. In 1971, he purchased the sale barn in Verdigre, Neb., and operated the facility for 14 years. In 1984, he moved to Gettysburg, S.D., and purchased Potter County Livestock and operated the sale barn until the fall of 1998. Kenny delivered parts for NAPA, when needed, and began working for Foothills Contracting Inc. as a gravel checker shortly after leaving the sale barn. Kenny truly enjoyed his time working for Foothills and would often comment that he should have started working there as soon as he was out of high school. Kenny worked for Foothills until his diagnosis of cancer in late 2016.

Kenny enjoyed spending time with his family and friends; loved horse racing; and owned several race horses throughout his lifetime. He really enjoyed debating politics with anyone willing to join the discussion. He loved helping out at the farm with the livestock, going to livestock sales and visiting with all of the buyers. He was very proud of his grandchildren and great grandchildren and had many words of wisdom to help guide them through life. He would strike up a conversation with everyone he met and will be truly missed by everyone who knew him.

Kenny is survived by his wife of 56 years, Evon; son Brent (Tami Ellcey) of Gettysburg; daughters Lisa (Kevin Baumberger) of Gettysburg and Dana (Troy Maroney) of Brookings, S.D.; grandchildren, Stephanie (Steve Wenzl) of Milbank, S.D.; Joshua (Carissa) Koops of Huron, S.D.; Shaniah Koops of Vermillion, S.D.; Kylie Baumberger of Sioux Falls, S.D.; Halle and Jenna Maroney of Brookings; great grandchildren Siera Wenzl, Kale Wenzl, Colton Pell, and Noah Koops; brother Alfred (LuVerne) Koops of Bloomfield; and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Mary Koops, brother Melvin and his wife Evelyn Koops; sisters Henrietta and her husband Melvin Stewart; Elsie and her husband Elmer Moeller; Edna Mae and her husband Clyde Nelson; Dorothy and her husband Vernon Ziegler; grandson Lance Koops; nephews David Ziegler, Eugene Koops and Jeffery Moeller; niece Linda Woods; and great niece Darci Stewart.



*In Loving Memory*

**Kenneth J. Koops**

**May 24, 1939 - April 22, 2017**



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# Kenneth J. Koops

May 24, 1939 ~ April 22, 2017

**GETTYSBURG MEMORIAL SERVICE:**

7:00 p.m., Saturday, April 29, 2017

United Methodist Church  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Pastor Jeff Adel

**EULOGIST:** Justin Penrod

**URN BEARERS:**

Brent Koops and Josh Koops

**HONORARY BEARERS:**

Stephanie Wenzl, Joshua Koops, Shaniah Koops,  
Kylie Baumberger, Halle and Jenna Maroney,  
Siera and Kale Wenzl, Colton Pell, and Noah Koops

**USHER:** Edith Schwenn

**PIANIST:** Gail Larson

**VOCALIST:** Sarah Tanner

"You Raise Me Up"  
"On Eagle's Wings"  
"Daddy's Hands"

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:**

"Old Rugged Cross"  
"In the Garden"



## THE FAMILY CHAIN

If Love could have saved you –  
You would not have died.  
If tears could bring you back  
You'd be by our side.

It broke our heart to lose you,  
But you did not go alone;  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

God takes us one by one  
And breaks the family chain.  
But somewhere in a better land  
Our chain will link again.

In Loving Memory

# Kenneth J. Koops

May 24, 1939 ~ April 22, 2017

**VERDIGRE MEMORIAL SERVICE:**

2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 13, 2017

United Methodist Church  
Verdigre, Nebraska

**OFFICIATING:** Pastor Trudy Hanke

**EULOGIST:** Kathy Masat

**URN BEARERS:**

Brent Koops and Josh Koops

**HONORARY BEARERS:**

Stephanie Wenzl, Joshua Koops, Shaniah Koops,  
Kylie Baumberger, Halle and Jenna Maroney,  
Siera and Kale Wenzl, Colton Pell, and Noah Koops

**MUSICIAN:** Katrina Hollmann

**MUSICAL SELECTIONS:**

"Old Rugged Cross"  
"You Raise Me Up"  
"On Eagle's Wings"  
"Daddy's Hands"  
"In the Garden"

**INURNMENT:**

Riverside Cemetery  
Verdigre, Nebraska

*\*Please join the family following the committal for refreshments and fellowship at the ZCBJ Hall.*