



Kenneth "Ken" Zweig

January 29, 1947 - February 4, 2013

Kenneth John "Ken" Zweig, 66, Topeka passed away Monday, February 4, 2013. Ken was born January 29, 1947, in Lincoln NE, the son of Samuel and Josephine Hoffman Zweig. On June 10, 1989, Ken and Bibiana Birzer were united in marriage at Assumption Catholic Church in Topeka. The Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted officiated at the wedding. Ken and Bibi taught CCD classes at St. Joseph Church for nine years. Ken was employed by the Topeka Public Schools as a social worker and counselor. He felt that working with children was a perfect fit for him. Most recently, he worked as a therapist for Shunga Creek Mental Health in Topeka. Formerly, Ken worked for the Lincoln Regional Center and Lincoln Public Schools as well as other area schools. Ken was an Eagle Scout, an assistant Scout master and received the Woodbadge Award. Ken leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Bibiana Zweig, of the home; sons, Zach and Sam Zweig; brother, David Zweig, Madison WI; sister, Marilyn Otterson, Broomfield CO; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Ken will lie in state from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Mater Dei Holy Name Church, 1114 SW 10th, Topeka, where the Daughters of Isabella will lead a rosary at 4:30 p.m. Family will then greet friends until 6:30 when the Stations of the Cross will be prayed. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at Mater Dei Assumption Church, 204 SW 8th, Topeka. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Relief Services sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth "Ken" Zweig*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My condolences to Kenny's family. Kenny was a friend for many years. We lived next door to us with Sam and Joe. We loved them all. Kenny was a special guy to my children Sean and Jill. He shared many fun days with them. He watched over them and my children fondly remember him at parties with his clown character and his side kick "dummy". He will remain in our hearts.*

Warmest regards - Jerrie, Sean, and Jill Schurr

Jerrie Schurr - February 18, 2013 at 09:36 AM



“ *Bibi, I was saddened to hear of our loss. Ken was a special person. We were in high school together. I was recently reviewing a box of old remembrances and found your wedding invitation. So special. I remember the time we spent with your family eating hamburgers on the McDonalds barge (since gone) floating on the Mississippi river in St. Louis. He was and is a very special person. Our prayers are with you.*

Janice (Strasburg) Jones

Janice Strasburg Jones - February 11, 2013 at 06:57 PM



“ *Mr. Zweig was an amazing man. I knew him both as a coworker and parent. He was wonderful with the students and well liked by everyone. He will be missed by many.*

Candy Pisocki - February 11, 2013 at 02:16 PM

JP

“ Dear Friends, Even with his last email to all of us, Ken maintained his Faith, Perseverance, and humor. God bless you and comfort you all. I am blessed to have known him. Thankyou for sharing him with us. I pray that you will all continue in his Faith and steadfastness.

Jane Palubinski - February 11, 2013 at 11:52 AM

NT

“ Dear Bibi,
I'm not sure you remember me but you knew my father, Rosalino "Rosie" Tetuan. I want to send you my condolences. May God take care of your family. God bless.

Nina Tetuan-Adame - February 10, 2013 at 07:35 PM

LA

“ They will know we are Christians by our LOVE. I've just finished reading the numerous online accounts Ken's friends and neighbors have shared. I should wish to have done so well in my life. There is faith, hope, and charity and the greatest of these is charity (love). Ken's love of family, Bibi, Sam, Zack, students and friends stands out front.

God has surely welcomed him home with open arms and will send along the grace to help you endure.

Love Uncle Larry

Larry - February 10, 2013 at 05:48 PM

SC

“ Dear Bibi, Zach and Sam, We will always cherish the evenings we spent with both of you during Share Group. Ken always made us smile. He was so talented with his writing! After reading Ken's 'photograph' story, I took a 'photograph' of you and him to have forever. So glad we had both of you to ourselves the evening we rode together to St. Mary's. We love you and will continue to pray for you and your family.

Shawn and Christine - February 10, 2013 at 04:02 PM

JS

“ Dear Bibi, Sam and Zach,

It was a very shocking and sad news for me when Franz sent me an email regarding on what had happened... :(

The first time I met Ken, I know he is a funny but special guy. I will not forget the special set of Earrings and a Sunflower key chain that made of playdough that he gave me (years back and I still have them). He always have a big smile on his face and always a happy person. He makes me feel part of the family right away. He has a big heart and his kindness will be missed by so many of us. It will be tough but we know that he is not gone but yet he is always in our Heart. My family and I condolences, you guys are in our thoughts and prayer. We love you all..

Love Jackie, Austin and kids

Jackie Slayto - February 10, 2013 at 03:58 PM

KW

“ My condolences to Bibi, Sam, Zach, and to all of his family. Ken was such a beautiful, simple person, easy for anyone to like. He always left me feeling happier just because we'd spoken. He will be missed, but I'm certain heaven is rejoicing in his company and that we are in his prayers. He will be in mine. Thank you for sharing him with me.

Kelly Wegner - February 10, 2013 at 02:39 PM

DM

“ Dear Bibi,

Our deepest condolences to you and your family. We have many happy memories of you and Ken when you were in Lincoln and active in the Dominic Club.

*God Bless,
Dan and Barb Miller*

Dan & Barb Miller - February 09, 2013 at 09:50 PM

DW

“ Dear Bibi, Zach and Sam, You are in my thoughts and prayers. We have all been so blessed to have had Ken in our lives. I looked forward to his emails. He was such an inspiration. It saddens me, but knowing though that he has gone to his eternal life with our Father lessens the pain. May God keep you in His caring hands,
Donna

Donna Wege - February 09, 2013 at 08:14 PM

KS

“ Bibi,

Ken meant so much to us. His love for everyone he met was amazing. We were blessed to know him and will miss him. All our prayers.

*Ken and Mary Swindell
Theresa & Jacinta*

Ken Swindell - February 09, 2013 at 08:08 PM

DH

“ Dear Bibi, Zachary and Sam -

*We send our sympathy, love, thoughts and prayers.
Ken was a remarkable example of Christian living.
May God our Father grant him peace in His heavenly kingdom, and
grant each of you peace and strength to see you through this
difficult time.*

Duane & Rosie Henson - February 09, 2013 at 07:30 PM

WL

“ Bibi,
I am so very sad to hear of Ken's passing. Ken was a dear friend since I first met him in 1982 while I was attending UNL and met him at Neuman Center function. Ken was the most loyal of friends and never ceased to bring love, humor, compassion, and intelligence to my life. Many people think of Ken as funny, as he was, but as you well know he had a great depth of character, values, faith, and integrity.

I will deeply miss Ken on this earth, but he promised me he would pray for all us once he was in Heaven and I am sure that the second Ken passed he was given a GO to straight to heaven to see all those he so very much loved. I will reach out to you soon. Love, Bill

William Lawlor - February 09, 2013 at 04:18 PM

FG

“ *I am so sorry for the lost. I worked with Mr. Zweig at Avondale East. My son went to school with one of his boys. He was such a funny guy. He will be missed by many.*

Francis Goodwin - February 09, 2013 at 02:54 PM

JA

“ *Bibi, Zach and Sam: We are saddened to hear of Ken's passing -- one of the most upbeat people we've known. We thank God for the gift of his life, and send you our sincere sympathy during this difficult time.*

Janet, Rocky and Evan Arnold - February 09, 2013 at 01:22 PM

KM

“ So sorry to learn of Ken's passing. We went to Pius, in Lincoln together. He was a very kind and nice person. He will be missed by all that knew him.
Your family is in our caring thoughts and prayers.

Ken and Mary (Trainor) Meyer - February 09, 2013 at 12:12 PM

BP

“ Bibi, Zach, and Sam: I am so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. I always enjoyed seeing him at school and meeting your family in your home when I was your agent. He adored his wife and sons and was a kind man. He lived his life as a good Christian man and everyone was blessed to have him in their life. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Beverly M Powell - February 09, 2013 at 12:00 PM

MR

“ God has blessed you Ken Zweig!
Bibi, Zach and Sam; you are in my prayers.

Mark Radziejewski - February 09, 2013 at 11:42 AM

JR

“ Bibi,Zach, and Sam, You are in thoughts and prayers. Ken was a wonderful person. God Bless You.

John & Georgette Reb - February 09, 2013 at 12:15 AM

VL

“ Dear Bibi,
You and your family are in my prayers. I'm so glad I got to meet Ken after we returned from the ACCW meeting in KC last fall. Peace, my friend!

Vikki Lindemuth - February 08, 2013 at 06:32 PM

CT

“ Kenny was the kind, sweet, gentle grade-school classmate who could always make us laugh. He missed our 50th (eighth grade) Reunion in Lincoln NE during May of 2012 because medical treatment schedules conflicted with the celebration. Now we join with others to celebrate Kenny in his new dawn of life.

Christine Sherman Thompson - February 08, 2013 at 04:48 PM

AD

“ Bibi, sorry to hear of your husband. I remember meeting him. He was a cheerful giving person. Mom and I appreciated him so much. He was a special sweet soul! Praying for God's peace and comfort for you and your family. God bless!
AnnMarie Dobson(Guerich)

Annamarie Dobson - February 08, 2013 at 01:11 PM

LM

“ Bibi and family - I was so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. Ken enriched so many of our lives when he started the St. Dominic Club when he first came to Topeka. He will be in my prayers.

Linda Glotzbach McNulty - February 08, 2013 at 12:26 PM

DL

“ *Bibi and family
Sending thoughts and prayers. Ken has such a precious smile and such a sweet person. He was so strong in his faith. Our girl's faith grew whenever they would read his letters and journey logs on line. We have them in our living room in a photo frame along with an angel sitting next to the frame. He will be forever in our hearts and truly knew the meaning of faith, hope, and love. God Bless*

From:

Dan, Gerry Lou., Michaela, Shaina and Brianna

Dan and Gerry Lou - February 08, 2013 at 12:04 PM

AT

“ *Bibi,
I am so sorry to hear about Ken. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.*

Arlene Eagan Talbert - February 08, 2013 at 10:29 AM

EK

“ *Bibi, Zach and Sam - Ken will always live in you hearts and memories and will now be watching over you from his heavenly home. There will be a void here in this earthly home, but someday you will be reunited. I have known Ken for many years back when we were in the Dominic group. He will be missed by more people than you can imagine. Know that you are in my prayers and that God will see you through this difficult time.*

Ellen Koester - February 08, 2013 at 09:12 AM

LG

“ *Bibi, Zach & Sam, we are very sorry to hear of Ken's passing. May God give you peace and memories give you comfort. God Bless*

Larry & Rachel Guerrero - February 07, 2013 at 03:48 PM

MF

“ Dear BiBi, Zach, and Sam,
We were sorry to learn of the loss of Ken. We will always remember him from our "Children's House" days ~ his caring, friendly personality and his kind ways. When we would run into each other in more recent years, he always remembered us and asked about our family. He will be missed by many, but please take comfort in the fact that you have another angel watching over you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.
Sincerely,
Mark and Alice Reinert Family

Mark & Alice Reinert Family - February 07, 2013 at 02:24 PM

KW

“ Dear Bibi, Zach, and Sam,
My deepest sympathy on your loss. He was such a wonderful man...loved God, his faith, and family....such a kind and gentle man. Know that you are in my prayers. Being part of the body of Christ, he will always be with us in spirit. Blessings in JMJ.
Love & Prayers,
Kathy Welch

Kathy Welch - February 07, 2013 at 01:17 PM

SD

“ Dear BiBi and family, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I have been praying for Ken and the family the past several weeks. May he rest in peace and may you be comforted by the love of Jesus.

Shirley Deters - February 07, 2013 at 01:13 PM

DL

“ Dear Bibi, I met you and Ken after mass at the Incarnate Word convent and so enjoyed talking with Ken. I was honored that he asked me to pray for him and his family. He had a spirit of joy that transcended his suffering. I will cherish his emails for his words are a beautiful testimony to a life well lived. My prayers go out to you and your family. It was a privilege to know you both.

Debbie Leh-Pargac - February 07, 2013 at 11:49 AM

MB

“ Dear Bibi and family, I only knew Ken through a few brief encounters, some at SJ Adoration Chapel, at Holy Name Church, St. Matthews Church, etc. Though we didn't know each other well, I sensed his great faith, humor, and gentle, kind heart. There are many beautiful testaments to him here. I pray that he has felt great joy in the embrace of Jesus, and pray that God gives you peace and comfort as you heal from your loss.

Marti Boling - February 07, 2013 at 08:45 AM

FB

“ To the family of Ken Zweig, I was so very sorry to hear of your lost.

I only knew Mr.Zweig as a concerned parent of a son who had entered the University of Kansas School of Engineering.

May God sustain you in your loss.

*Florence E. Bodlridge
Director of Diversity and WOmEN's Programs
School of Engineering
University of Kansas*

Florence Boldridge - February 06, 2013 at 07:59 PM

AK

“ Dear Bibi, Zach, and Sam,

Ken has been such a special person to all of us and brought humor, joy, and faith to our lives. He has helped all of us to see child-like faith! Yet he suffered and had the strength of a warrior for the Lord as he prayed for others through his pain and led us on his own Way of the Cross to a deeper faith.

We are so glad that Ken was able to celebrate his 66th birthday recently with you and to be surrounded by all of you during his final days.

Prayers and blessings as we celebrate Ken's rising to new life in Jesus Christ.

Andy and Vicky Kresha - February 06, 2013 at 07:52 PM

KF

“ Bibi, Zach and Sam,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ken has always been a part of our lives in church and scouting. We will always celebrate his life.

Kalas Family - February 06, 2013 at 05:47 PM



“ Dear Bibi and boys, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Masses will offered for Ken. You have heard and will hear how much Ken was appreciated and respected. All the good that he accomplished and the positive nature of his character will not soon be forgotten. From his heavenly home we now ask that he remember us.

Frank and Sharon Ybarra

February 06, 2013 at 04:22 PM

HJ

“ *It was a special privilege and pleasure to work with Ken, Zach, and Bibi. Prayers go with this note to all the family.*

Harry Peterson Jr - February 06, 2013 at 02:39 PM

MW

“ *To the entire Family of Ken Zweig: May God hold you in the palm of His hands now, while He accepts our prayers and condolences for Ken's safe return to Our Lord in Heaven. May Ken now Rest in Peace.*

Mr&Mrs Jim & Jean Wilson - February 06, 2013 at 11:46 AM

JD

“ *Well he fought the good fight! If the Lord would heal anyone it would be Ken, so that tells me God has other plans for him and for your family. God is good and is in control of all, working for the good to those who love God! And it was very obvious that Ken and you LOVE God!*

Joe and Kathy Dowding - February 06, 2013 at 10:52 AM

MS

“ *Mrs. Zweig,*

Our condolences for you and your family. Our prayers for healing are sent.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Stainbrook - February 06, 2013 at 10:32 AM

CF

“ Bibi, Zach & Sam -

Kenny is a great person. Although we have only met a few times, I remember most of them as he was always vibrant in conversation. In fact, I just came across a short video the other day when he had visited us in Massachusetts right after Ethan was born - Kenny was just like I remembered.

His battle with cancer was long and tiring, yet when I talked or wrote with him, he was always uplifting and positive in outlook. God bless all of you during this time of transition and may you rest knowing that you were very lucky to of had such a great person in your lives.

Craig Fransen - February 06, 2013 at 10:23 AM