

### WHS REMEMBERS STELZ... *Jack L. Olson*

Ken Stelzmillier...gosh...  
What can one say  
About a man who seeks out  
Thirteen laughs every day?

Ken was a navy man  
During the War.  
He fought home at stateside,  
Keeping foes from our door.

Although no real enemy  
Did Ken ever meet,  
He fought some fierce battles...  
...On South Bourbon Street.

So some people tease him  
For defending 'Orleans,  
But Ken's quick to remind 'em  
That no submarines...

...Ever made it past him,  
To fill up their quota  
Of captured Norwegians  
From the farms of Dakota.

"If it wasn't for me,"  
Ken will staunchly avow,  
"Our Missouri would be  
A big rice paddy, now."

Yes, Ken likes to tease  
With a wit that is drying.  
One never quite knows  
If he's truthful or lying.

'Cause there's never a clue  
In that twinkling eye...  
Like a riverboat gambler  
When the stakes get real high.

There's certainly no question  
Of Ken's knowledge of history,  
And the question of how  
Is, by no means, a mystery:

Though Ken's proud of this knowledge  
And likes to boast of it,  
The truth of the fact is...  
He's lived through most of it.

Well...I guess, now, the question  
To pose, here, is this:  
"What things about Ken  
Will we most likely miss?"

Ken's known for his gentleness  
And known for his caring;  
And known, among students,  
For his "left-handed" swearing...

...And his room filled with demons  
Sent from below  
To explain old-age frailties  
And to cause constant woe.

But mostly protesting...  
The students, en masse,  
Mourn the loss of their nap times  
During Ken's Econ. class.

The teachers will miss  
Ken's sage-like advice,  
But their lounge, without snoring,  
Will also be nice.

John will miss all Ken's help,  
With the clerical staff...  
Making change, answering phones,  
And supplying a laugh.

And why Easton's quitting  
We all know quite well:  
With Ken gone, there's no one  
Left older than Del!

Though the whole school will miss Ken,  
Let there be no mistaking:  
What we'll miss even more  
Is his wife's constant baking.

## In Loving Memory Kenneth William Stelzmillier

Born to George & Martha Stelzmillier  
June 26, 1930 ~ Mannhaven, North Dakota

Returned To His Heavenly Father  
March 16, 2017~ Williston, North Dakota

### Funeral Service

11 am, Wednesday, March 22, 2017  
First Lutheran Church  
Williston, North Dakota

### Officiating

Pastor Martin Mock

### Eulogist

Jack Olson & Dennis Healy

### Special Music

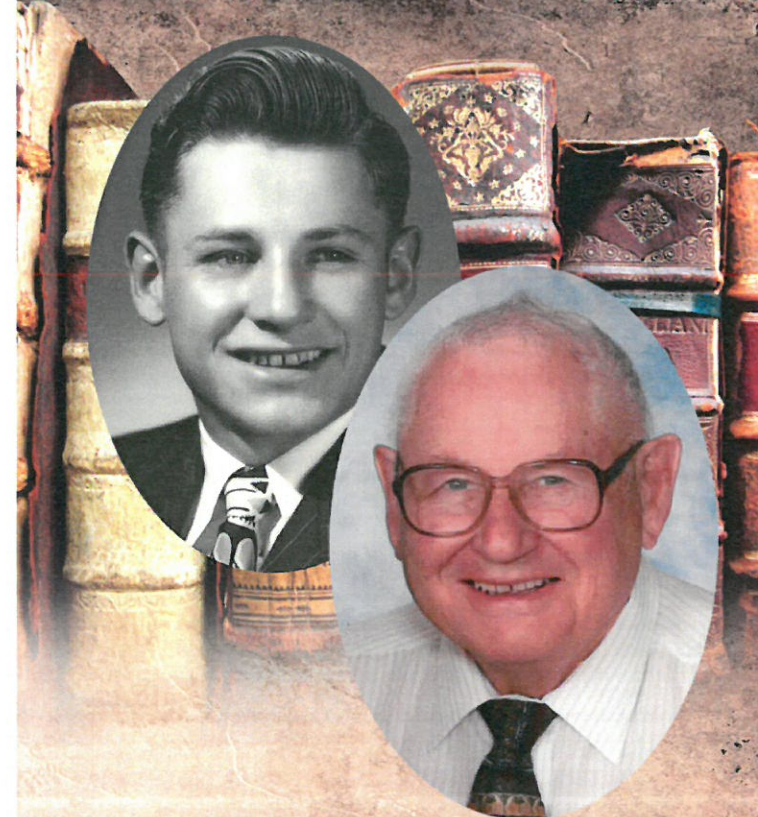
Rhonda Bartlette & Barbi Lind ~ Vocalist  
Beth Olson ~ Accompanist

### Honorary Pallbearers

All of Ken's Teaching Associates & Coffee Buddies

A Teacher takes a Hand,  
opens a Mind,  
& Touches a Heart

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home of Williston  
has been entrusted with arrangements



## In Loving Memory Of Kenneth W. Stelzmillier "Stelz"

June 26, 1930 - March 16, 2017





Kenneth William Stelzmler, "Stelz" was born June 26, 1930 on the family farm in Mannhaven ND, the son of George and Martha (Ellwein) Stelzmler. He was the oldest of four children. He was raised on a farm near Pick City, ND and attended country school before attending and graduating from Hazen High School in 1949.

Ken attended Dickinson State College and played football for one year before entering the US Navy in January 1951. He served at the Navel Receiving Station in New Orleans from 1951-1952. In 1952 he transferred to the Brooklyn Naval Receiving Station and served on the USS Bennington for two years. After being honorably discharged he continued his education at the University of North Dakota where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. In later years he furthered his education with graduate studies.

Ken's first teaching and coaching position was in Leeds ND. He was there for eight years before moving to Williston, ND in 1967 where he taught for 25 years before retiring in 1992.

Ken was united in marriage to Barbara Ann Andrews on August 11, 1968. He recently entered the Roosevelt Medical Center in Culbertson, where he enjoyed the wonderful care he received.

Ken was a member of First Lutheran Church and the Williston Moose Lodge # 239. He was also a member of the Elite Fitness Center, where he did more socializing then working out.

In retirement and when able, Stelz loved to read, play golf, watch his son and grandsons activities and generally gave everyone a bad time in his own unique way; especially at several coffee groups he attended.

He is survived by wife Barbara; son Keith; grandchildren: Drew Baldry, Katelyn (Tom) (Neuville) Odenheimer and Mackenzie Montague; sister Marion (Robert) Spears; brother George (Marti); half sister Nikki (Norlyn) Schulz; "special brother" Ivan Ellwein along with several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father George; mother Martha Fiergola, brother-in-law Robert Spears, daughter-in-law Shannon Montague; and many aunts and uncles.



*Blessed*  
be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which according to his abundant  
*mercy*  
hath begotten us again unto a lively hope  
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ  
from the dead,  
To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled  
and that fadeth not away, reserved in  
*Heaven*  
*for you.*

1 Peter 1: 3-4

