Kenneth "Ken" Jacob Grad

DECEMBER 25, 2021

It is with great sadness and broken hearts we announce the passing of Kenneth “Ken” Jacob Grad on December 25, 2021 at the age of 78 after a manful fight with cancer.

Ken was born on April 17, 1943 in Regina, SK. Ken was predeceased by his parents Jacob and Georgina Grad (nee Kuntz) and younger siblings Robert Grad and Anita Grad. He is survived by his wife of 53 years Lyla; daughter Kendra (Pieter), grandchildren Colton (Camila), Jillian (Daniel) and great-granddaughter Lucy; daughter Leasa (Todd) and granddaughter Erin; son Evvan (Dawn), grandchildren Nichole, Jacob and Christopher; daughter Brook (Jeff), granddaughter Capri, Codee (Logan) and great-grandchildren Ella, Karter, and Hayze. Ken is also survived by his sister Myrna Young, sister-in-law Rosemary Grad (Bud), brother-in-law Robert Weselowski, along with many special nieces and nephews.

We would like to thank the staff at the Regina Pasqua Hospital, Regina Pioneer Village and Regina Wascana Grace Hospice for their compassion and excellent care in the last few months.

Funeral Service to Celebrate Ken’s Life will take place on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the Italian Club, 2148 Connaught Street, Regina, SK. We will be observing standard Covid-19 protocol for private indoor gatherings, masking is mandatory throughout the celebration.

In lieu of flowers, please pray that farmers will get more rain this year and that Ken’s buds in the entertainment industry will get a little more work.

Messages of Condolence

Grad Family:

Eternal God, Bless those who mourn with the comfort of your love that they may face each day with hope and certainty. May their memories become joyful and their lives encircled by God’s love.

— Dwight & Shirley Arnold

Lyla & Family,

Our Family always loved Ken and his jovial nature. He was a character that brought a smile to many faces over the years. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God Bless
Sandra & Danny Goldsney & Brian Gottselig

— Sandra Goldsney

Dear Grad family
Please accept my condolences as you mourn dear Ken. He was a sparkling light leading your beautiful family, inspiring with his tenacity and friendly way. You will each carry his light in your own special way.
Sincerely
Sandra Epp

— Sandra Epp

Between old country songs, jokes and pranks, we say goodbye for now, dearly missed, and dearly received we are sure. Our heart is with all that are left behind, with the hopes that's we too find our way. Hugs and kisses to all! God bless everyone!

— Sali Family.

Sorry to hear of Kens passing, condolences to Lyla and family. May God bless and keep you! I especially remember the threshing bee days, brings back many memories for me.

— John Ashdown

Dear Lyla & family
I was very sad to hear about the passing of Ken, my deepest condolences to the whole family. May you find peace in all of your wonderful memories.

Bonnie

— Bonnie Kuntz

Dear Lyla and family please accept our sincere condolences on Ken’s passing. May your fond memories provide comfort and guidance.

— Kim and Karen Kuntz

Lyla and Family, my condolences on the passing of Ken. May your many good memories comfort you at this time. One thing you knew when you got together with Ken, you were going to have a good laugh about something.

— Stewart Kuntz

I’m sorry to learn of this. I did not know Ken as an adult but we started grade one together at St. Joseph’s two room school. I remember him as a neat kid - we got along very well. My deepest sympathy.

— Ruth Pepin nee Yunker

Lyla and family! I was shocked and saddened to hear of Ken’s passing, he was always a pleasure to work with and be on the union executive with. God bless you and your family at this difficult time.

— Trevor Ewen

I am saddened to hear that Ken has left us. He was one of the first people to make me feel at home when I came to work at 295. He was a gentleman and a true friend.

— Debra Sawarin

It brings great sadness to hear of the passing of dear Ken. Our deepest condolences to you Lyla and your family! Ken and Lyla were the two people I looked forward to meeting up at the dinner table with at all of our previous Iatse functions. Ken always had a big smile and a hug to offer. He was a very kind, loving and generous man with his gleaming personality. I pray for guidance to you and your family in order to feel and cope through time of sorrow. Sending loads of hugs to you Lyla. Love Phil and Denise

— Phil and Denise Wright

Had the chance to spend some time learning from Ken the fishing master. Great memories and so glad that I got to spend some time with him this fall. Our thoughts and prayers will be with the Grad family during this difficulty time.

— Brian Cruson

Lila and Family our deepest and sincere sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Thinking of you in your time of sadness

— Kathleen and Emil Schatz

Lyla and family
Our sincere condolences on the passing of Ken

— Pat and Carol Kydd

Lyla and family. Our sincere sympathies to each and everyone of you. Such a fun wonderful man taken too soon. We will always remember Ken singing his favourite George Jones tunes and sometimes with Brook. Rest In Peace Ken.

— Don and Marge Steidl

Lyla and Family: We are are so sorry to hear of Kens passing. He was a fun guy to be around and our days playing hockey together with the Olys are some of my best memories. Especially the singalongs on the Bus trips. ky2

— Brian & Leah Ayers

My sincerest condolonces to Lyla and your family. I have the warmest memories of Ken, whether a humourous conversation during a quiet moment at a stage call, of his mentoring when I succeeded him as the IATSE Local 295's business agent, or just over coffee in Lyla's kitchen. He set the bar by conducting himself in a good way.

— David Phillips Vice President IA63

Lyla, Lynn and I were very saddened to hear of Ken's passing. Our deepest condolences go out to you and your family. We are sorry we will not be able to attend Ken's service, but we will be thinking of him from across the pond.

— Dave & Lynn McCann

Lyla and Family: Our thoughts are with you in your time of sorrow. Ken was a truly good man. Marg and Wayne Steadman

— wayne steadman

So sad to hear of the passing of Ken, sincere condolences to Lyla and all the family. It was good to see him and Lyla a few short months ago. Hope your memories with him give you some solace during this difficult time.

— Bruce and Annette Kuntz

Dear Lyla and family. It is with great sadness that we learned of Ken's passing. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. Always keep the good memories close to your hearts.

— Alex & Pat Keen

Dearest Lyla and family; please accept our sincere sympathy on losing Ken in your day to day life. We are truly sorry for your loss. Ken was an excellent reeve, efficient and fair, his service to the RM was much appreciated. We hope your many good memories help you through your grief and that God holds him in the palm of his hand.

— Brian and Marian Zerr

So saddened by the passing of Ken. Gone are the days when we met at the rink watching our grandsons play hockey - great memories and lots of humorous chats. May fond memories of Ken's jovial spirit help you and the family through this sorrow.

— Deanna & Dwayne Radmacher

My heartfelt condolances to Lyla and your family. Many years since i have seen you. God Bless. Shaaron Dally

— Shaaron Dally

Lyla - I was really saddened when I heard about Ken. My deepest condolences to you and your family. I always liked working with Ken and we had some special moments together on the executive. Ken certainly added something positive and fun to the life of the stage hand in Regina a few years back.

— Greg Morley

Our memories go back to better times. From our travelling suppers to fishing trips, his wonderful smile, and his love for the farm. They will always be with us.

— Dwaine & Heather Entner and family

Lyla and family. So sorry for your loss! Ken was an awesome guy and a great neighbour. I remember way back when we used to go to school at St Joseph’s Colony. Ever once in a while he would drive us. I remember that joking happy smile that he always had. He will be missed. Love and prayers!

— Garry Reilander

Heartfelt sympathies, Lyla & Family. Very sad to hear of Ken’s passing and that I was not able to attend his service. Wonderful early memories of Ken when my family visited the farm and I tagged along with my brother to spend time with them. His inclusion, wonderful smile and unforgettable laugh brought joy and fun always. May God bless you, hold you close and bring you peace. Rest In Peace cousin Ken.

— Lorraine Leier nee Weimer

Lyla and family. So very sorry to hear of Ken's passing. He was always a pleasure to deal with and see at the centre Rip Ken.

— Pat McLaughlin

Dear Lyla and family, we were so very sad to hear of Ken's passing-he was such a happy, fun-loving friend. We will miss his laughter and smile! Thinking of you all Al and Wendy

— Al & Wendy Vollnan

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