



Mr. Kenneth Gerald Maerz

November 23, 1947 - December 13, 2025

It is with shattered hearts that the family announces the passing of Kenneth Gerald Maerz on December 13, 2025. Ken leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness that touched all who knew him. He will be forever cherished by his loving wife of 56 years, Sherrie; his adored children, Damon (Samantha) and Chantelle; his treasured grandchildren, Kayla (Dawson), Riana, Jemmima, StJon and Espenn; and his precious great-grandchildren, Anaveya and Imogen; his dear sister Merna; nieces & nephews.

Ken was a quiet, selfless and deeply loving man. He had a great sense of humour and a remarkable way of making people feel at ease. An avid sports enthusiast, he played baseball and basketball, fished, swam and golfed.

Ken will be lovingly remembered for his generous heart, his unwavering love for his family and friends, and the quiet strength that guided those around him.

A Memorial service will be held on Monday, December 22 @ 2:30 PM at the Bearspaw Community Association, 253220 Bearspaw Rd, Calgary, AB T3L 2P5. For those unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed via Ken's tribute page.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations in Ken's name to STARS Air Ambulance at <https://give.stars.ca/page/125748/donate/1>.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass)
403.652.4242.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

DEC **22**. 2:30 PM (MT)

Bearspaw Community Association
253220 Bearspaw Rd
Calgary, AB AB T3L 2P5 (CA)

Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Kenneth Gerald Maerz*



CELEBRATING
the Life of
Kenneth Maerz
1947 - 2025

Lyle Reeves Funerals - December 21, 2025 at 11:33 AM

LA

What a beautiful tribute to the life of a kind caring man.

Larry Arbour - December 23, 2025 at 04:42 AM

DH

My mother, Lily (Maerz) Stickel was a cousin to Ken's father Solly. We grew up together and often would visit on the farm west of Three Hills. Ken was older than me but I played lots with Myrna. The years separated us but when we went back home to visit my parents (Albert and Lily), we often would randomly visit with Solly and Erna. They would share about "the kids" and grandkids and how proud they were. Erna was such a wonderful friend when she and Mom were in the lodge together. She always came towards me with her arms wide open saying how happy she was to see me.

Sherry, my sincere condolences to you on the loss of your Ken. As a kid, I remember his big smile. His whole family shared that same smile. Today I was scrolling the Lyle Reeves online site for one of my friend's childhood friends and came across Ken's obituary. What a shock. I watched the service, not intending to watch it all, but I couldn't shut it down. I loved the pictures. Was happy to see my cousin Carol and her beloved, Merv Tetz with you and Ken. I also loved seeing Solly and Erna with you all. Great memories!

Thank you so much for sharing his life so I could fill in the blanks of all those years. Warm greetings and hugs to dear Myrna.

My love and prayers go out to all of your family as you grieve, heal and remember.

*Love, Diane and Glen Halvorsen
Cayley, AB*

Diane Halvorsen - January 17 at 06:20 PM

MB

“ I have always believed that God brings special angels into our lives, and Ken and Sherrie are a perfect example of that. We met them twelve years ago while we were both camping in California. My only brother was in hospice at the time and Sherrie and Ken could have been just two next door strangers, but instead became two caring friends that have lasted through these years. We've been welcomed into their home and their family. We've traveled together, laughed and cried together. Shared secrets, stories, vacations, and sorrow. Loosing Ken will leave a hole that can never be filled, but I thank God he gave us those wonderful times we did have with him as we will cherish every memory for the very special angel he brought into our life. We send love and prayers to all of the family. Marie & Jack Beschen

Marie Beschen - December 21, 2025 at 06:58 PM

CC

“ So glad we spent time with Ken the week before. His passing was a total shock. My fondest memories of Ken will be the time we spent on the golf course together. He was so looking forward to getting back at it again this year. Many many people asked if we were brothers. You will be sadly missed my dear friend. Clive and Susan Cox

Clive Cox - December 20, 2025 at 05:18 PM

JA

“ A shock indeed to hear of Ken’s passing. How fortunate to have visited and chatted with Ken on December 9th. Ken’s sudden death has left many of us saddened. He was kind and thoughtful and genuinely interested in others, always taking the time to listen. His respect within the community spoke to the person he was, and his absence will be felt by many. Condolences to Shaerrie, Damon and Chantelle. Jan & Larry Arbour

Jan & Larry Arbour - December 19, 2025 at 11:49 PM

HB

“ What a shock it was to hear of our good, longtime friend's passing!

Ken was the best man at our wedding many years ago, and he and Sherrie honoured us with having us as Godparents to their children, Damon and Chantelle. In the early years we did a lot of things together, like progressive dinners, outings, baseball and building a couple of pool tables in our basements. We learned quite quickly that he was an honest, hard working, humble man who freely and generously helped others when needed.

More recently we stayed in touch through high school reunion committee meetings, visits to their Playmore property and dinner theatre. We are so grateful to have spent a few great evenings with Sherrie and Ken in the last month or so.

We will miss this wonderful friend so very much and we give our love and support to Sherrie, Damon, Chantelle and family during this tragic time in their lives.

Keitha and Horst

Horst and Keitha Baer - December 19, 2025 at 08:50 PM

SL

“ Our hearts were broken with the news of Ken's passing. He was a kind, gentle and humble man. Just a “farm boy” as he liked to say. To us he was the type of friend you were lucky to meet once in a lifetime. We loved him dearly and always treasured our time together. We will miss him. To Sherrie, Chantelle and the Maerz family we send all our love and prayers. God speed and God Bless – Marie and Steve xo

Steve Lancashire - December 18, 2025 at 09:39 AM

DM

“ We are incredibly heartbroken for the sudden passing of our beloved close family friend Kenneth. He was a loving husband to Sherrie, a true friend and a kind, warm, gentle soul. He was a wonderful dad to Damon and Chantelle and a second dad to our family. He will be missed beyond measure and we send all our love to Sherrie, Damon, Chantelle and your families. With much love Deanna and David Masgay.

Deanna Masgay - December 17, 2025 at 11:05 PM

LG

“ *Brian and I were totally gutted to hear of Ken’s sudden passing. We can only imagine the devastating shock and pain that you and your family are suffering. Ken was a truly a special and cherished friend for us. He was a man of great kindness, integrity, and he had a large heart full of love for all. Ken was the epitome of a very fine gentleman. He will be truly missed and treasured. Sending much love to you Sherrie, Chantelle, and your families. Louise and Brian xx*

Louise Gogarty - December 17, 2025 at 04:51 PM