Kenneth Lynn Martin, age 47, of Allen, Texas, passed away December 7, 2007, in Dallas, Texas. Kenneth was born December 24, 1959, in Wausau, Wisconsin, to Ernest and Frances (Barwick) Martin. He married Cheryl Widule on June 13, 1981 in Rothschild, Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; daughters, Mallory Martin, Madeline Martin, and Mackenzie Martin, all of Allen; sons, Matthew Martin and Mitchell Martin, also of Allen; sisters, Cindy Akavickas of Wausau, Wisconsin and Linda Graap of Rothschild, Wisconsin; parents, Ernest and Frances Martin of Mosinee, Wisconsin.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel in McKinney, Texas. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends during a visitation on Monday evening from 7:00-9:00 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Martin family.

Memorials

Hi Cheryl, So sorry to hear of your husband's sudden and unexpected death. My sisterinlaw (Deb Blaubach), called me, otherwise I w/have missed it in our Wausau Paper. I spoke w/ Jim (Ken's brotherinlaw), did not know you were related...our kids went to Maine School together. Your family is in our prayers..I hope you have lots of good memories to keep close in your heart. Give Debbie or myself a call if you are ever in Wausau. Would love to get together. Take care. Beth.
BETH (GRUENEBERG) BARTELT, DECEMBER 12, 2007

Cheryl, I was shocked & sad to learn of the passing of your husband. Our prayers go out to you and your family. I think of you often and hope the good memories and happy times you had with Ken will get you through this difficult time. My heart goes out to you and your children. Please let me know when you are in the Wausau area. We live in Tomahawk and I would LOVE to see you. A Friend Always, Deb

DEBBIE BLAUBACH (BARTELT), DECEMBER 12, 2007

Cheryl, I am so sorry for your loss. I tried to reach you for the class reunion, but your number was disc. When the Packers were on I would think of Ken cooling off in the garage waiting for the Packers to get ahead. Wish the best for you and the kids. Miss You. Love Al Debbie Bisping-Berndt

DEBBIE BISPING-BERNDT, DECEMBER 11, 2007

You have our prayers and thoughts...

TED FISH, DECEMBER 11, 2007

I recently had the pleasure of working with Ken the past few months. He was a hard-working and very devoted individual - truly a man of honor who loved his family and enriched everyone around him with his unconditional kindness, warmth, and generosity. He will be missed but never forgotten - my prayers are with his family and I am sure he is watching over us from heaven.

ROBERT PECCOLO, DECEMBER 11, 2007

Cheryl and family, Our hearts are broken because as a cousin, Kenny is one of the best. Even over the miles, he always managed to keep in touch with his family in Wisconsin with funny emails and short notes to say hello. We will miss him very much. We will continue to keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. God bless.

DEBBIE & STEVE SCHREIER, DECEMBER 11, 2007

We are deeply saddened by your loss. I am glad to have known Ken and that he considered me a friend.

GARY SHEPHERD, DECEMBER 10, 2007

May memories of your loved one comfort you, and may it help to know that
caring thoughts are with you always.

JAMES SALBER & JAMI AHRENS, DECEMBER 10, 2007

The Martin Family are our neighbors and friends. We have been so blessed to share our lives with them over the years. We are shocked and saddened by Ken's unexpected death. Ken leaves a legacy as a great husband and father. In essence, Ken was simply a GOOD man. He was always willing to lend us a needed tool, but then went the extra step of helping with the project! He was a friend we looked to for advice on things. Ken's sense of humor was so awesome and we so enjoyed the many happy times spent with him and his family. Our hearts are full with the deepest sympathy for Cheryl, Matthew, Mallory, Madeline, Mackenzie and Mitchell. We will continue our fervent prayers for God's mercy and grace to be upon them.

STEVE AND LORI HALL, DECEMBER 10, 2007

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

BRYAN AND AMY GILLES, DECEMBER 10, 2007

We were shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Ken’s sudden death. We have fond memories of him, his warm, friendly nature and spirit for fun. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

RUSSELL & TAMMIS LEWIS, DECEMBER 9, 2007

The Martins have been our dear friends and neighbors for many years. We have shared Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas, birthdays, cook outs, good times and bad. Always, the Martins have been there to give a helping hand for any situation. They are a very close loving family and we will miss our good friend Ken. He will be forever in our hearts. Our love to all the Martins.

KEITH, RUTH, SHANNON & SARA THE BLOMS, DECEMBER 9, 2007

Cheryl and kids. We are so saddened to learn of Ken’s passing. We pray "The Peace of God which passes all understanding be on all of you" We have such very good memories of our visit last Summer and how welcome you both made us feel. Ken will always have a special place in our thoughts, prayers and heart.

LEN & DEBBIE EHRFURTH, DECEMBER 9, 2007
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