



Keith Goembel

March 14, 1935 - May 21, 2026

Keith (Grumpy) Lowell Goembel, age 91, of rural Lennox, SD, died Thursday, May 21st, 2026, at the Sioux Falls VA Hospice Cottage.

Please join Keith's family for services on Wednesday, May 27, 2026. Visitation will be from 9:00-11:00 am followed by the funeral at 11:00 am at West Prairie Lutheran Church in Lennox. Interment with military honors at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

He was born March 14th, 1935 to Edna and Russel Goembel. On October 25, 1957, he gained step mom Helen and step sister Mary Ann.

Keith spent most of his childhood at his aunt and uncle, Ted and Esther Utley's farm in rural Lake Benton, MN.

He joined the Army in March 1954 and was honorably discharged February 1956. In May of 2023, he took the flight of a lifetime when he was chosen to participate on the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation Honor Flight, that honored his dedication and service to his country.

In May of 1957 he married Marilyn Arends. They welcomed son Kevin and daughters Dawn and Coleen. On February 28, 1976, he married Janice Finch, who became his lifelong partner. They welcomed daughter Amy. He also

gained daughter Connie and son Brad. They made their home in Brandon, SD until moving into the Lennox area in 2005.

For many years, Keith worked for John Morrell as an over-the-road truck driver. He eventually left the open road to shag trailers around the John Morrell plant in Sioux Falls, SD. After retiring at the age of 65, he continued to use his trucking experience working for various companies around the Sioux Falls and Lennox area.

Keith is survived by his wife Janice, Lennox, SD; his children Kevin (Tami) Goembel, Worthing, Coleen (Dan) Letellier, Sioux Falls, stepson Brad (Billie) Dean, Sioux Falls, and daughter Amy, Lennox. He is also survived by his siblings James (Marvella) Goembel, Glenn Goembel, Barbara (Don) Ossenfort, Diane (David) Stearns, Bryce (Maggie) Goembel, Larry Goembel, sister-in-law Mary Anne Goembel, 11 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughters Dawn and Connie, sister Sharon Goembel, brothers Clifford "Whitey" and Daryle Goembel and step sister Mary Ann Kerschmann.

Cemetery Details

South Dakota Veterans Cemetery

25965 477th Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

West Prairie Lutheran Church
46788 282nd St
Lennox, SD 57039
<http://westprairielutheran.org>

Funeral Service

MAY 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *He loved his family. They were more important to him than anything.
He was a big teddy bear.*

Betty D Fokken - 1 hour ago



I am so sorry to hear of uncle Keith's passing, he was one of a kind and im saddened to hear i have lost another loved one so loved by many.Aunt Marilyn and family your in my prayers in the days ahead and always.Love from Indiana, JoEllen

JoEllen Arends Myers - 55 minutes ago