



## Kenneth Jay Kobes

October 17, 1951 - August 1, 2007

Kenneth Jay Kobes, Jr., age 55, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away Wednesday morning, August 1, 2007 at Northern Michigan Hospital. Ken was born on October 17, 1951 in St. Louis, Missouri. He graduated from Battle Creek Central High School with the class of 1969. Later he received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Lake Superior State University. On October 5, 1974, he married Deb (Lawrence) at the First Baptist Church of Sault Ste. Marie. Ken worked as an accountant for the Sault Tribe Health Center. Ken was a member of the Sault Wesleyan Church. He had been a board member at the church for more then twenty years, serving as chairman of the board for about ten years. Ken also taught Sunday School for many years. He enjoyed working on his computer, playing with his grandsons, and spending time with his family. Ken also loved to play games with family and friends. Ken is survived by his wife; Deb Kobes, two sons; Dan Kobes of Sault Ste. Marie, MI and Justin (Kelly) Kobes of Grand Rapids, MI, a daughter; Amy (Simon) Dunn of Ft. Wayne, IN, and two grandsons; Isaac and Mason Kobes of Grand Rapids, MI. He is also survived by his father; Kenneth (Karen) Kobes, Sr. of Battle Creek, MI, a sister; Kay (Bill) Carter of Kalamazoo, MI, and a brother; Keith (Iris) Kobes of Overland Park, KS. Ken was preceded in death by his mother; Phyllis (Bos) Kobes. Visitation will be held from 4:00 until 8:00 PM on Sunday, August 5, 2007 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, August 6, 2007 at the Sault Wesleyan Church with Pastor Chad McDonald and Pastor Dale Kessler officiating.

Interment will be at Pine Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Carenet Pregnancy Center (1420 Ashmun St. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783) or the Sault Wesleyan Church Building Fund. (701 E. Easterday Ave. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783)

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ So sorry to hear about the death of Ken Jr. I do not know him well but have met him. His mom Phyliss and my mom Lois were sisters. I wish you God speed and will be praying for your family.  
Marilynn VerSteeg

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**Marilynn Ver Steeg** - August 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ For all of us who grieve the lost, I pray that God may bless and comfort you and your's in this time of need. We extend our deepest sympathies to you until that great day, when we shall all be together again in the name of Jesus.

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**Tim & Deb Johnson** - August 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SQ

“ Our sincere sympathy to you Deb, Amy (my piano student of many years ago - our last meeting was at our house during her recital), your mother Phylis (I believe as our son Phil was a good friend of David - Lake Superior Estates) and to others of your family. My time knowing Ken was during the short duration of my time with Sault Bank. Knowing of his health problem, I had from time to time wondered how Ken was doing. Now I know that God has called him home to a far better place, and with Ken's testimony & legacy, many of his family and those that knew him will be joining him in that coming day.

*May God's blessing be with you.*

*Stuart (Stu) and Pearl Quack*

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**Stuart & Pearl Quack** - August 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ To the Kobes family... I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Ken was a very kind, humble man who will be missed very much. He now resides in heaven, and I can think of no more deserving person of that. My prayers are with you.

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**Nick Jannetta** - August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with your family with the loss of your loved one.

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**Lester & Donna Pratt** - August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Dear Deb and family:  
We are so sorry about your loss. Ken was such a Godly man and awesome influence for many of us. Our prayers are with you and your family. May you draw your strength from God during this difficult time.

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**Trent, Kris, Marissa, and Justin Lawson** - August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Dear Deb, Dan, Justin & Amy,  
Our thoughts & prayers are with you. We feel so blessed to have known Ken as a leader in the church & as a co-worker. He will be missed!

*Ben & Kiersten*

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**Williams Family** - August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Ken was very well respected and loved by our family. He has been a solid leader in the church and a great servant of God. We will greatly miss our friend and family member.

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**Mcdonald family** - August 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Deb, Dan, Justin, and Amy,

*Our prayers are with you and will continue to be. Ken was a wonderful man of God and a Godly example for all of us. He will be greatly missed. We feel so blessed to have known him.  
Love, John, Karen and kids*

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**John and Karen Goetzz** - August 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Deb & Family  
May the Heavenly Father wrap his arms around you at this time of sorrow. My deepest sympathy to you and yours.  
Blessings  
Connie Ferraro*

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**Connie Ferraro** - August 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Deb and family,  
I pray God will give you the comfort needed during this time. Ken was an amazing man of God. He will be greatly missed. Stacy and I will continue to pray for you and thank God that we were able to get to know a family like yours.  
Drew, Stacy, and Kids*

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**Drew Bush** - August 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *Deb, Dan, Justin, Kellie, Amy and family, please know that we are praying for your family and are saddened by your loss. Ken was a wonderful example of faith and wisdom. We have really enjoyed his leadership in Church and Sunday School and will continue to pray for your family. May God's presence bring you amazing comfort and hope.*

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**Hirt Family** - August 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *Deb,  
Sending prayers to you and your family during this difficult time.  
Ken will be greatly missed by all.*

*May God bless you all,*

*Becky*

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**Becky Andary** - August 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Deb, Dan, Justin, Kellie, Amy, Simon-  
My heart is with you as we together will learn how to be without Ken. I know it will be a journey, but I am so grateful we have each other. Ken was (is) such an awesome man! I can only imagine the work God will have for him in heaven. Knowing Ken is in heaven waiting for us is another reason to want to be there! I love you and promise to walk with you. Jane*

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**jane kennedy** - August 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Deb, Dan, Justin, Amy: We wanted you to know that our hearts and prayers are with you. Ken's spiritual strength is such an inspiration to us. May God wrap his arms around you all and comfort you.*

Les, Leslie, Eric, Brandon - August 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dan and Family, I am sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace.*

Becky Mills (Brown) - August 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ *We have lost a man among men who have lived a Godly life and shown so many others how to overcome what God has placed before them. Ken was just that man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. We know that Ken has fulfilled his goal in life and is now rejoicing with our Father. Praise God forever more. Love and Prayers  
Walt, Judy, Lee & Jeff & families*

Walt & Judy Wilke - August 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *Dear Deb, Dan, Justin and Amy - We are saddened with you at the loss of Ken. He was a godly man whose influence will be greatly missed in this world.  
With tears and rejoicing, Carl and Michele*

Coles - August 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM