



Kenneth Neal Kent

(12/29/46 – 04/07/14)

West Des Moines , IA

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Obituary

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Kenneth Neal Kent, 67, of West Des Moines died on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 11:12 p.m. He was born on December 29, 1946 in San Diego, CA to parents, Tyler and Alpha Kent. He grew up with his parents and brother, Donald "Skip" Kent, in San Diego where he graduated from Helix High School. He served for two years during the [Vietnam War](#) as a chaplain's assistant in the U.S. Air Force at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, TX and Incirlik Air Base in Turkey.

Ken attended college at Midwestern State University and then seminary and the completion of his Master's and Doctorate (ABD) at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA. He served in the American Baptist Church of Athena, OR, Chula Vista, CA, Atlantic, IA, and Green Bay, WI. He went on to serve in the United Methodist Church in Early, IA and was appointed to an out of church appointment as the regional director for Oklahoma, Kansas, and Northern Texas with Church World Service CROP. He returned to Iowa and served in churches in Peace Parish (Van Home), Fairfield, Rockford/Marble Rock, and Traer before his retirement in July of 2012.

Ken is survived by his wife, Linda; sons, Dustin and Tyler; brother, Skip and his wife, Lana; step-children, Daniel and wife, Trena, Andrea, Laura and husband, Brad; and grandchildren, Nate and Alena.

Services will be held Friday, April 11 at Grace United Methodist Church in Des Moines. Visitation will be held 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. with funeral services beginning at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers or other gifts, memorials be made to either Grace UMC Music or Bidwell Riverside Center.

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