



Kenny Roeder

December 23, 1969 - January 9, 2026

Kenneth Allen Roeder, 56, died on Friday, January 9, 2026, surrounded by family at his home in Dike.

He was born on December 23, 1969, in West Union, Iowa, the son of C. Kent and Irene (Anderson) Roeder. He graduated from North Fayette High School in 1988 and earned his associate's degree from Hawkeye Community College. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy and spent his career at John Deere, working at the Product Engineering Center, most recently as a product development specialist.

On August 31, 1996, Kenny and Jennifer Egge began a lifelong journey together at Big Canoe Lutheran Church in Decorah. For 29 years, their marriage was a testament to love, partnership, and a bond that only grew stronger with time. Together, they built a life full of meaningful family memories and shared adventures. With his lifelong love of fishing, Kenny was able to take a memorable trip in July 2025 to Alaska with his wife—an experience he deeply cherished.

Kenny lived his life with passion and purpose. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially skiing, hunting, camping and kayaking and valued time spent with family and friends. He served his community as a volunteer firefighter in Dike

for 10 years and was a member of the Black Hawk RC Pilots Club and the Cedar Valley Walleye Club.

A loyal Green Bay Packers fan, Kenny good-naturedly “divided the house” on football Sundays—cheering alongside two of his daughters as Packers fans, while his wife and other daughter proudly rooted for the Vikings. This playful rivalry even included attending a Packers vs. Vikings game together toward the end of 2024, creating another special family memory.

Above all else, Kenny was deeply devoted to his daughters. He was actively involved in their lives and was their biggest supporter—their best cheerleader—always encouraging them and celebrating their accomplishments. He will forever remain their heavenly cheerleader, watching over them with the same love and pride he showed every day.

On his final night, Kenny was surrounded by family, a reflection of the love and closeness that defined his life.

Kenny is survived by his wife, Jennifer of Dike; daughters, Emily (Anthony) Bellendier of Cedar Falls, Haleigh Roeder of Cedar Falls, and Katelyn Roeder of Dike; his mother, Irene Gusta of Fayette; and grandmother, Marian Roeder of Strawberry Point.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kent Roeder, and stepfather, Kenneth “Gus” Gusta.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 15, 2026, at Big Canoe Lutheran Church in Decorah, with burial in the Big Canoe Cemetery immediately following. Visitation will be from 4:00–7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 14, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Cemetery Details

Big Canoe Cemetery

1381 Big Canoe Rd.
Decorah, IA 52101

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

JAN **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Big Canoe Lutheran Church
1381 Big Canoe Rd.
Decorah, IA 52101

Tribute Wall

DL

“ *Sorry to hear this. Was probably one of the kindest classmates in high school. Always a calm demeanor about him. Rip Ken, Dave L*

dave lau - February 01 at 12:58 PM

TD

“ *Tina and Duane planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenny Roeder.*

Tina and Duane - January 13 at 11:49 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Kenny Roeder.*



January 13 at 11:49 AM

SC

“ *Scott and Sharon, Kris and Courtney purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Kenny Roeder.*



Scott and Sharon, Kris and Courtney - January 12 at 09:30 PM

Y/

“ Your Kwik Star family 703 /Dike purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kenny Roeder.



Your Kwik Star family 703 /Dike - January 12 at 09:24 PM

BK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ben Kimball - January 12 at 06:29 PM

MR

“ Marian R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenny Roeder.

Marian R. - January 12 at 03:05 PM

DC

“ Deborah C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenny Roeder.

Deborah C. - January 12 at 02:01 PM

DC

“ Deborah C. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenny Roeder.



Deborah C. - January 12 at 02:01 PM

TF

“ The Havenstrite Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenny Roeder.

The Havenstrite Family - January 12 at 11:42 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenny Roeder.



January 12 at 11:42 AM

EF

“ Elise & Brandon Frink planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenny Roeder.

Elise & Brandon Frink - January 12 at 07:27 AM

EF

“ Elise & Brandon Frink purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kenny Roeder.



Elise & Brandon Frink - January 12 at 07:27 AM

RH

“ *Jan and I offer you our sincere condolences. We remember the Christmas Eve service at Nazareth when you all showed up in your pajamas. Good for you. May God surround you with His unending love.*

Ron Heth - January 12 at 06:50 AM

CS

“ *2 files added to the album Fishing memories*



Chris L Scherf - January 11 at 10:57 PM

FJ

“ *My sympathy to Jeni and the girls. I always told Kenny that I would adopt him if he wanted me to. I think he was so nice to everyone he met. I enjoyed his hunting trips here with Rob. Florence Johnson*

Florence Johnson - January 11 at 06:18 PM

JO

“ *Jeff and Lana Olson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kenny Roeder.*



Jeff and Lana Olson - January 11 at 06:07 PM

JO

“ Jeff and Lana Olson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenny Roeder.

Jeff and Lana Olson - January 11 at 06:07 PM