



## Kevin Douglas Holen

October 01, 1954 - December 26, 2016

Kevin Douglas Holen was born October 1, 1954 to Frances (Christian) and Borg Holen in Ames, Iowa. He grew up in Roland with his two sisters, extended family, and many life-long friends. Kevin graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in transportation and logistics and worked in that field for many years in the Des Moines metro area.

Kevin was an avid Iowa State Cyclone fan and looked forward to meeting his college friends every fall at Iowa State football games. He had a prize collection of baseball hats that he liked to wear, several of them autographed ISU hats.

Kevin enjoyed fishing, hunting, and the outdoors. He taught his nieces to fish along the Skunk River and enjoyed going out in his boat to fish with friends. Kevin relished spending time with his many friends, as well as playing practical jokes on them. He was known for unexpectedly popping in on people to share a beer and a good story. Kevin was a great story teller.

He also loved traveling to Mexico with his friends to sit in the sun and fish. Kevin always made friends with the locals when he traveled and relished reconnecting with them when he returned, bringing them gifts. Kevin had a special tenderness for people who were less fortunate.

Kevin was fond of cooking for people and enjoyed surprising people with new recipes. He will be lovingly remembered for his 2-hour baked frozen pizzas and turkey roaster full of chili with only a “perfect pinch” of chili powder.

Kevin’s friendships were his greatest treasures. He was a kind, soft-hearted, loving man who would give everything to those he cared about. He loved and adored Mary and felt extremely fortunate to have her in his life.

Kevin embodied the phrase “salt of the earth”. He was a spirited, sincere, and fundamentally decent person whose kindness and honest company will be missed by many.

Kevin passed away December 26, 2016 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines at the age of 62.

Kevin is survived by two sisters, Kristie (Bud) Truman of Ames and Deborah Holen of Tempe, Arizona; three nieces, Greta (Keith Saunders) Truman, Shera (Nick) Dooley and Anna (Adam Brown) Truman; two great-nieces and a nephew, Ella Truman, Amelia Dooley, and Graham Truman; and his significant other, Mary Bartusek.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents, Laura and Olaf Holen and Helen and John Christian.

May God bless the memory of Kevin Douglas Holen.



# Events

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29  
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**VISITATION**  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Adams Funeral Home &  
Cremation Service 502  
Douglas Avenue, Ames,  
IA 50010

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**SERVICE**  
2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Salem Lutheran Church  
102 S. Main Street,  
Roland, IA 50236

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**GRAVESIDE**  
3:15 PM - 3:20 PM

Roland Cemetery 59168  
130th St., Roland, IA  
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## Tribute Wall

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**J** [janean](#)

I am so sorry for the loss of Kevin. Please find comfort and hope in the bible, it's promise of a resurrection found in Acts 24:15 and John 5:29 gives us the sure hope of seeing our dear loved ones again.

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**J** [Jurine Borton Moore](#)

To the family of Kevin Holen: May Kevin rest now in comfort with his parents and grandparents. May the light of this candle help you see the positive blessings and memories and the warmth provide Peace in closure for each of you. God's Peace be with you. Jurine Borton Moore, Milford Twp



**"Candle of Memories"**  
was lit in memory of Kevin Douglas Holen

❤️ [Light a candle](#)

*Show your support by giving a symbol of remembrance*

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**A** [Alan Sherman, Friday Evening Volunteer on Powell 3](#)

For Mary and family~~ I pray for strength and eventual healing and I pray that you are comforted by fond memories of your moments with Kevin in times past...may they be an everlasting comfort and blessing for you all~~ Alan Sherman Friday night volunteer on Powell 3 of the John Stoddard Cancer Center  
GRADDRAKE@AOL.COM

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**Karen K. Popelka**

I am so sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. I know how very much he was loved by his sisters and other Family members. It's always tragic when a young person becomes ill and succumbs to the horrible disease of cancer. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Kevin had a full, successful and happy life, though way too short.

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