

Kenneth Wesley Montague

Ken was born October 15, 1929, to Melvin and Mable (Smith) Montague in Beattie, KS. He lived a long and full life with many stories that he could, and would, tell at the drop of a hat.

Like many kids in his day, Ken dropped out of school at the age of 14 to help his family, working a mail route with his dad. At the age of 17, he moved to Belle Fourche, SD, to drive truck on the bentonite run. During that time, he would meet the love of his life, Lora Green. The two would be wed on July 10, 1950, and to this union would come a son, Dale, and a daughter, Karla. Ken lived in many places, from Kansas to Texas, and finally settling in South Dakota.

Ken managed the truck stop at Maverick Junction in Hot Springs, SD, and Skelly's Truck Stop in Sturgis, SD. He eventually went to work at Godfrey Brakes in Rapid City, SD, and while working there, he would purchase his first of many trucks. Over 30 years, with his loving wife by his side, he would travel millions of miles around the U.S. and Canada, hauling everything from military equipment and jet engines, right down to dry goods. Eventually, when Lora's health began failing, they retired from driving truck over the road, and sold their last truck.

Lora passed away in the Spring of 2010, and Ken sold his home in Sturgis and moved to Belle Fourche with his daughter and son-in-law. In 2017, Ken moved into the Rolling Hills Nursing Home in Belle Fourche. Throughout the years, Ken looked forward to spending time with his grandkids and great-grandkids, and enjoyed attending their events.

Kenneth "Ken" Wesley Montague, 89, died Sunday, April 7, 2019, at Rolling Hills Nursing Home.

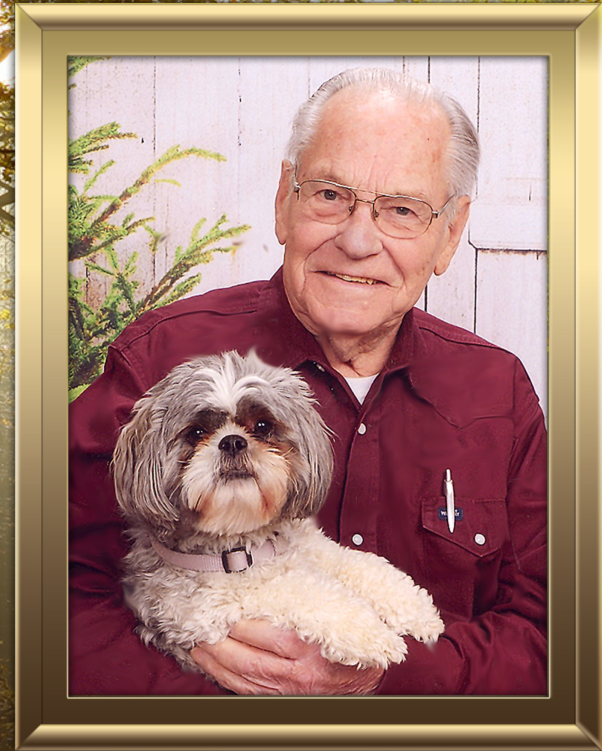
Ken will be missed by his son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Gayle Montague; daughter and son-in-law, Karla and Gary Berglund; grandkids, Shawn Fischer, Brian and Mindy Berglund, Scott and Lynzie Montague, Brad and Lawonza Montague, Tricia and Tom Williams, and Tanya and Matt Hahn; brothers-in-law, Gene and Nicki Green, and Marlin and Judy Green; 18 great-grandchildren; and his dog, Coco.

Ken was preceded in death by his wife, Lora Montague; parents, Melvin and Mable; brother, Bob; sister, Maxine; sister, Locetta; grandson-in-law, David Fischer; and great-grandson, Mason Peterson.

A memorial has been established.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Fire Hall in Sturgis following the service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Kenneth Wesley Montague

October 15, 1929 ~ April 7, 2019

Trucker's Prayer

Lord please help me to be safe as I travel
each mile. Let your presence guide me
and bring me a smile.
Take care of my family while I am away.
Let them know I miss them each and
every day.
Steer me clear of danger as I cross the
country alone. I put my hands in yours Lord.
Keep me safe, get me home.
Amen



In Memory Of Kenneth Wesley Montague

Date of Birth

October 15, 1929
Beattie, Kansas

Date of Death

April 7, 2019
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, April 12, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Chaplain Randy Bradley

Musician

Danny Chapman

Musical Selections

"Just Beyond the Moon" "Daddy's Hands"
"Drink A Beer" "The Old Rugged Cross"

Final Resting Place

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

He gives **strength** to the weary,
and to him who lacks **might**
He increases **power**.

Isaiah 40:29