



Kenneth James Maakestad

Kenneth James Maakestad was born February 17, 1922, in Mason City, IA, to Helmer and Edith Maakestad. He graduated from Mitchell, SD, High School in 1940. Ken joined the Army in September of 1942. He was very proud to be a World War II Veteran. On December 24, 1944, he married his doll, Mardella Dietzel. They recently celebrated 70 years of marriage.

Ken worked at many jobs including Gebhardt's Hardware in Alexandria, SD, before moving to Sturgis in 1962 where he worked for the Homestake Mine for 9 years. He then worked for Corner Construction in Rapid City. Some of the proudest projects of his career were the Rapid City Regional Hospital, the Rapid City Civic Center, and Sturgis Community Center, working till the age of 72. He was a member of various bowling leagues, rolling his last ball at the age of 91.

Ken and Mardy's house was open to all and welcomed with a smile. They had 7 children who learned from the best on how to treat your fellow man. His greatest joy was the holidays and being Santa to many generations of family, neighbors, and patients in hospitals.

On July 16, 2015, Kenny got to KISS his ANGEL (Mardy) "Good Morning" once again. He passed away at the Ft. Meade Veterans Hospital.

Survivors include seven children, Jim (Barb) Maakestad, Sheridan, WY, Connie (Stan) Holmes, Abilene, KS, Sheila (Bill) Limbo, Sturgis, SD, Ken Maakestad, TX, Scott (RuthAnne) Maakestad, Littleton, CO, Dawn Wagness, Sturgis, SD, and Tim Maakestad, Gillette, WY; one sister, Jean Muck, Mitchell, SD; one brother, Stan Maakestad, Woonsocket, SD; eleven grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and special sons; Mitch and Michael Loobey.

His wife, Mardy, preceded him in death by 36 days. His parents, two sisters, and one grandson also preceded him in death.

A memorial has been established.

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



In Loving Memory Of



Kenneth James Maakestad

1922 ~ 2015

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments
at the Sturgis Vet's Club following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



The Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly.
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone,
for part of us went with you
the day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one,
the Chain will link again.*

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Born

February 17, 1922
Mason City, Iowa

Died

July 16, 2015
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Wednesday, July 22, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Officiant

Pastor John Tesnow

Soloist

Danny Chapman

Musical Selections

"Daddy's Hands"
"Grandpa"
"Wind Beneath My Wings"

Pallbearers

Mitchell Loobey ~ Michael Loobey
And All Grandchildren

Honorary Pallbearers

All Family and Friends

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota