



Morris Gene Hallock

Morris was born in Springview, NE, February 17, 1926, to George and Mae Hallock. His childhood consisted of the Depression, the Dust Bowl, and World War II. He graduated from Keya Paha County High School. Morris's middle name was optimism. His can-do and productive life has too many accomplishments to name.

Morris joined the Navy in 1943 as a signalman. He served at Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and at the Japanese Surrender. He met the love of his life, Miriam Louise Olson and married her in 1954. They had 59 glorious years together.

Morris cherished and loved his 3 daughters, their husbands and children. Family was always a priority to him.

Morris was "bigger than life" and manifested a lifetime of achievements including: Budget Officer of the State of South Dakota, owner and publisher of 7 hometown newspapers (Sturgis Tribune, Black Hills Press, Tri-State Livestock News, and Rapid City Guide to name a few), State House of Representatives, and Director of Highways. In his second career he became a successful realtor. His devotion to community and civic activities few can match: supporter of higher education, Chamber of Commerce, VFW, DAV, Shriners, Presbyterian Church, Chiesman Center for Democracy, Mt. Rushmore Memorial Society Board, South Dakota and National Newspaper Associations.

His awards are too many to count. He received awards from National Association of Conservation Districts, Soil Conservation Society of America, first inductee into Black Hills Stock Show Hall of Fame, and Top Selling Realtor.

In his free time Morris enjoyed, golfing, fishing, hunting, gin, bridge, and travel.

Morris and his wife, Miriam, traveled to most all of the states in the USA including Hawaii and Alaska, also foreign travel to the Mediterranean, Europe, Toronto Canada, Spain, Ireland, and the British Isles.

Morris was "Mr. Hospitality" and with Miriam's great cooking and support, hundreds of people were welcome in their home and treated as honored guests. Many have called him Mr. Sturgis. His love of family, country, Sturgis, and South Dakota was his passion to the end of his life.

His last words were Red, White and Blue, America won't crumble. America does not win wars with guns, they win wars with their brains.

Morris Gene Hallock is at peace and passed away Saturday, August 11, 2018, at the age of 92. He will be so missed. His love of life, storytelling, holding court, sense of humor, and wisdom were gifts. While his public persona was something, there are many people he helped and supported that no-one will ever know about. Simply said Morris had a huge heart and zest for life.

He is survived by daughters, Debra (Walter) Shine, Rohnert Park, CA, Lori (Chuck) Kaiser, Fallon, NV, and Karen Hallock, Rapid City, SD; his grandchildren, Devin Bearden, San Rafael, CA, Tessa (Luke) Mickelson, Rapid City, SD, Charles Chase Kaiser, Sturgis, SD, and Matthew (Nevena) Kaiser, Reno, NV; great-grandchild, Leo Mickelson; and nieces and nephews.

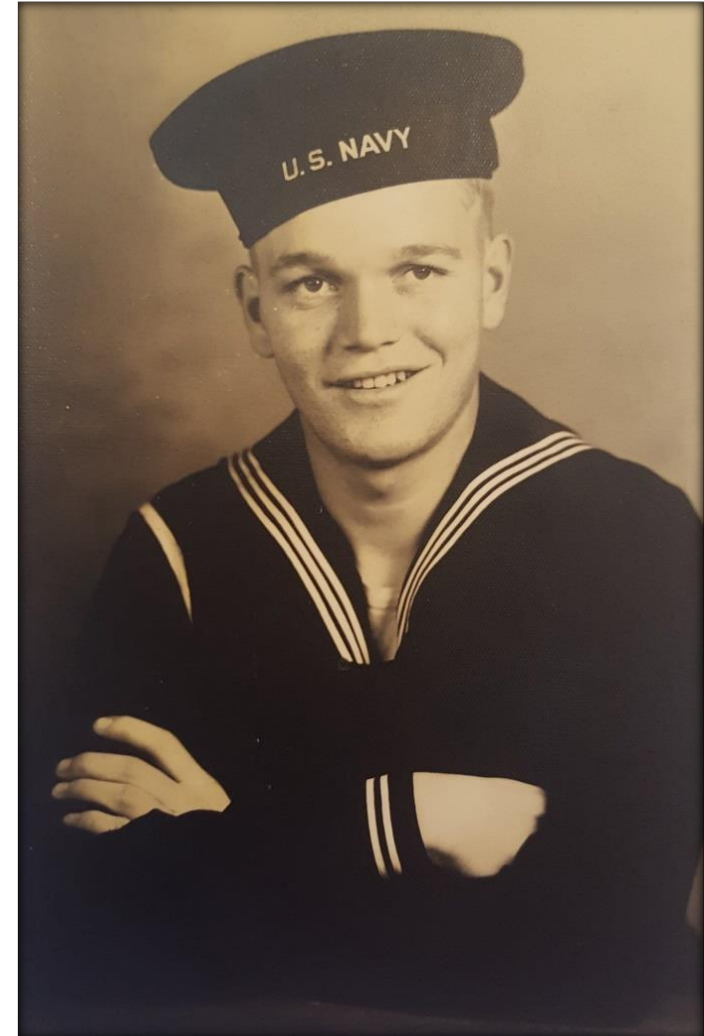
He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, sister, and his wife.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the First Presbyterian Church.



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

In Loving Memory Of



Morris Gene Hallock

1926 ~ 2018



The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

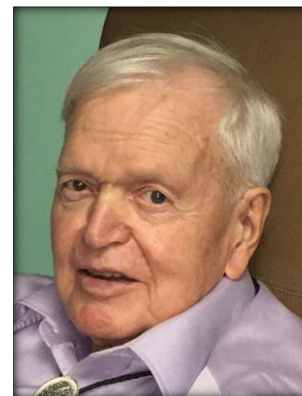
To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

*To forget the mistakes of the past and press on
to the greater achievements of the future.*

*To wear a cheerful countenance at all times
and give every living creature you meet a smile.*

*To give so much time to the improvement of yourself
that you have no time to criticize others.*

*To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy
to permit the presence of trouble.*



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Born

February 17, 1926
Springview, Nebraska

Died

August 11, 2018
Sturgis, South Dakota

Celebration of Life

Thursday, August 16, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Rev. Denzel Nonhof

Pianist

Charlie Nonhof

Musical Selections

“My Country Tis of Thee”

“How Great Thou Art”

“God Bless America”

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran’s Honor Guard

Inurnment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the Erskine Room in the church basement following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.