



## Arthur LeRoy "Bud" Tonkyn

Arthur LeRoy "Bud" Tonkyn was born June 2, 1923, at Hanna, SD, to Arthur and Lily (Hodge) Tonkyn. He attended grade school in Hanna and high school in Lead.

Following his education, he served with the 969<sup>th</sup> Engineers and landed on Omaha Beach. He served January of 1946 and was awarded a five star battle ribbon.

Following his honorable discharge, he returned to the Black Hills. On May 25, 1947, he married Virginia Agnes Kraemer at Rapid City. They

lived in Lead and Bud worked for Homestake.

In 1953, the family moved to Diablo, WA, where Bud worked for Seattle City Light Company for the next 27 years as a Hydro Machinist. Following retirement in 1980, the family returned to Nemo, SD.

Bud enjoyed playing Santa Claus for the Diablo community children for 27 years. He also served the Diablo Volunteer Fire Department and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and photography.



Bud was a lifetime member of the Naja Shriners, the VFW, and American Legion.

Bud, 88, Nemo, died Saturday, April 14, 2012, at the VA Black Hills Health Care, Fort Meade.

Survivors include his children, Casey (Chris) Tonkyn, Sedro Woolley, WA, and Cindy Solaas, Nemo; four grandchildren, Chad, Angie, Jeffery, and Lindsey; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, two sisters and one son in law.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch at the Nemo Community Hall immediately following the memorial service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving Memory Of*

*Bud Tonkyn*

*1923 ~ 2012*



*Every blade  
in the field  
Every leaf  
in the forest  
Lays down  
its life  
in its season  
As beautifully  
as it was taken up*

*---Thoreau*

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***Born***

June 2, 1923  
Hanna, South Dakota

***Died***

April 14, 2012  
Fort Meade, South Dakota

***Memorial Service***

Friday, April 20, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.  
Nemo Community Church

***Officiating***

Pastor Nick Rombaugh

***Accompanist***

Rosie Seaman

***Singers***

Dick Seaman ~ Patsy Hood  
Marilyn Anderson

***Musical Selections***

"The Old Rugged Cross"  
"In The Garden"

