

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 969th 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.

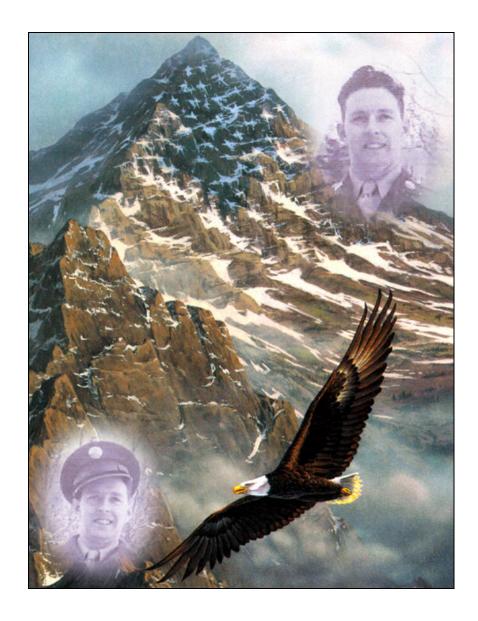
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.

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The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch at the Nemo Community Hall immediately following the memorial service.





In Loving Memory Of

Bud Tonkyn

1923 ~ 2012

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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"

