Lowell Marrion Kessler

Lowell Marrion Kessler was born December 24, 1918, to Harvey and Nellie (Cox) Kessler in Okaton, SD. He grew up on the family homestead just north of Okaton. Lowell attended the Kessler country school. He worked on the family farm until he joined the Navy in 1942. While in the service, he was aboard the USS Louisville in the Pacific Theatre. Lowell was honorably discharged in 1945 and returned to the family farm. In 1946, he married Dorothy Erickson in Billings, MT. He owned and operated the Phillips 66 service station and bulk delivery service in Okaton. In 1959, the family moved to the Black Hills area. Lowell worked at Fort Meade for 27 years.

Some of his hobbies were gardening, fishing, and beekeeping (a hobby that became a job). Lowell really enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Lowell, 94 of Piedmont, SD, died Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at Fort Meade VA Medical Center.

Survivors include three sons, David Kessler of Piedmont, Dan (Carol) Kessler of Black Hawk, and Randy (Janet) Kessler of Bremerton, WA; two sisters, Lorraine Waitman of Belle Fourche, and Ester (Art) Arp of Belle Fourche; four brothers, Glen (Hazel) Kessler of Buffalo, WY, Harvey (Janet) Kessler of Mesa, AZ, Loyal (Inge) Kessler of Red Lodge, MT, and Larry (Wanda) Kessler of Kearney, NE; nine grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Lowell was preceded in death by both parents and his wife.

A memorial has been established to the Wounded Warrior Project. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkade funerals.com.

In Loving Memory Of



Lowell Kessler



I will lift up
Mine eyes unto the hills,
From whence cometh
my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven And earth.

Psalm 121

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Born

December 24, 1918 Okaton, South Dakota

Died

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Funeral Service

Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Officiating

Pastor Nathan Ennis

Special Music

Faith Shuck

Musical Selections

"Shall We Gather At The River"

"It Will Be Worth It All"

"Mansion Over The Hilltop"

Honorary Pallbearers

All Children, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren

Military Honors

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery Sturgis, South Dakota