



Kenneth C. Tanke

July 28, 1926 - March 28, 2008

Kenneth C. Tanke, born July 28, 1926 in Fremont, Nebraska, to Alfreda Dorthea (Kielstrup) Tanke and Otto Hans Leopold Tanke, passed away Friday, March 28, 2008. He is survived by his wife Mary Jean (Pierson) Tanke, his children Stephanie, John (Valerie), two grandsons Matthew and Michael. He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers, and 1 sister. Surviving siblings are Keith Tanke, Janet Salak, and Linda Love.

During High School, Ken was a Nebraska state champion back stroker.

Ken was an Army Air Corps and served in Japan during WWII.

He graduated from George Williams College, and was employed by the YMCA. Ken was instrumental in starting Y Indian Guides in South Bend, working with chiefs from the Blackhawk tribe. He later was employed by Inland Steel, where he was an accountant and a foreman in the 4BOF.

Ken was a member of DeMolay and received the Legion of Honor Award. He also was a Mason and belonged to Roosevelt Lodge #678.

A memorial gathering will take place on Tuesday April 1, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with services at 7:00 p.m. Arrangements will be

entrusted to Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Merrillville. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery, Princeton, Illinois. In honor of his memory, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation.

Tribute Wall



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