

Leo Peter Kenkel,

95

Dec. 28, 1922 - Dec. 10, 2018



WOODBINE – Leo Peter Kenkel was born on December 28, 1922, to Bernard and Caroline (Mumm) Kenkel on a farm near Dunlap. Leo attended St. Joseph's School in Dunlap. The family moved to Woodbine his senior year, so Leo stayed in Dunlap with the Shields family and helped on their farm. He graduated from St. Joseph's High School in 1941. After high school, he worked on various farms. He enlisted in the U.S.

Navy in 1945 and served his country. After his honorable discharge, he worked on a travelling harvest crew. Leo then worked as a teller at the bank in Panama, and it was there he met the love of his life. Leo and Monica Schwery were united in marriage on May 11, 1954, at St. Mary's of the Assumption Church in Panama. The couple lived and farmed outside of Panama for five years. In 1959, they moved to a farm near Woodbine and raised five children. In 1963, they moved to town and Leo started full-time at First National Bank of Woodbine. He started as a teller and retired as Vice President in 1982.

Leo was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where he sang in the choir and served as President of the Parish Council. He was President of the Community Club during Woodbine's Centennial celebration. Leo was a member of Kiwanis and the Woodbine American Legion Post # 143. He was a longtime pitcher on the Westside Farmers slow-pitch softball team.

Leo died on Monday, December 10, 2018, at the Rose Vista Nursing Home in Woodbine attaining the age of 95.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Monica Kenkel on January 25, 2004; siblings and siblings in-laws, Gerald (Fern) Kenkel, Mary Ann Kenkel, Pauline (James) Kaster, Bernard Kenkel Jr., Edward Kenkel, Arlene Kenkel, and Mike Calder.

Leo is survived by his five children, Kathy (Dan) Hays of Elkhorn, Nebraska, Ron (Natalie) Kenkel of Omaha, NE, Regina (Jeff) Modica of Memphis, TN, Jeff (Lynn) Kenkel of Menomonee Falls, WI, Phil Kenkel of Woodbine, 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Donald "Red" Kenkel of Woodbine; sister, Marjorie Calder of Omaha, NE; sister-in-law, Lee Ann Kenkel of Pawleys Island, SC; and many other relatives and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2018, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Woodbine. The celebrant of the service was Rev. Joel McNeil. The musician was Mary Kay Eby. Honorary pall bearers were Leo's granddaughters: Caitlin Hays, Anna Kenkel, Claire Kenkel, Laura Papajcik and Abbey Sualy. Active pall bearers were Leo's grandsons: Patrick Hays, Adam Kenkel, Evan Kenkel, Kevin Kenkel, Troy Kenkel and Ben Modica. The military graveside rites were held by the Woodbine American Legion Post #143. Leo's final resting place is at the Woodbine Cemetery.

Fouts Funeral Home in Woodbine was in charge of the arrangements.

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