

Kenneth Vernon Lund was born in Baker, North Dakota on July 28, 1922 the son of Alfred and Minnie (Volden) Lund. He grew up and attended school in Baker. At 17, he enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps, and worked at camps in Alcester, SD and Kramer, ND. During World War II he served in the Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop of the Army 103rd Infantry Division, received Bronze Stars for bravery in the Battle of the Bulge and Rhine River Crossing. He was honorably discharged in 1945, and returned to Baker. He was a member of the American Legion, served in the Honor Guard, and held continuous membership for over 60 years.

On January 2, 1946, Kenneth married Elizabeth Catherine Platz of Fillmore, North Dakota. The newlyweds took up residence in Baker for a few months, and then moved to Fillmore. Kenneth and Elizabeth had a fulfilling marriage of sixty-five years, raising six children. His greatest love was his family. He always looked forward to visiting with family and took interest in what they were involved in.

Kenneth was well respected in the work community as someone who could fix most anything. In the early days, Kenneth owned and operated a blacksmith shop for 12 years in Fillmore, where he also served terms as city constable, school board member, city councilman, and volunteer fire fighter. After closing the business in 1961, he managed the Farmers Union in Esmond. In 1964, he moved his family to Flaxton, where he worked as a mechanic for Roy Faulk Construction. In 1967, he was offered a position at Oil Field Service in Tioga and served as mechanic, shop foreman, and field supervisor for 11 years. After Oil Field Service closed the Tioga office, he worked for Tiger Drilling in Williston until 1982. He finished his work career in Tioga at Wiedmer Brothers Well Service, where he served as mechanic/welder for 7 years.

At leisure, Kenneth enjoyed hunting and fishing with family and friends, feeding squirrels in the back yard, and playing pinochle. He liked fishing with his grandchildren and taught many of them how to bait hooks and fillet fish. Deer hunting was his favorite annual event and he never missed a year until his health precluded in 2008. In the winter months, he enjoyed bowling in the men's league.

During retirement, Kenneth liked to tinker in his shop. He loved to create and fix things with his hands. He built all kinds of birdhouses, lawn ornaments, and picture frames. He had a passion for recycling old things into something useful or decorative. Whether at work or play, he had a great sense of humor and always seemed to have a joke or witty humor handy to brighten someone's day.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; and six children, Deborah (Marvin) Gunderson of Fertile, MN, Kenneth Jr. (Arlene) of Mandan, ND, Lilia (Bob) Waggoner of Williston, ND, Julie (Dennis) Jacobson of Tioga, ND, Larry (Mary) of Ames, IA, and Penny (Doug) Lalim of Williston, ND; 18 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 2 great great-grandchildren. He is also survived by sisters-in-law, Laura Lund of Columbia, TN, Marion Walters of Devils Lake, ND, Lena Ganje of Velva, ND; and numerous nieces and nephews.

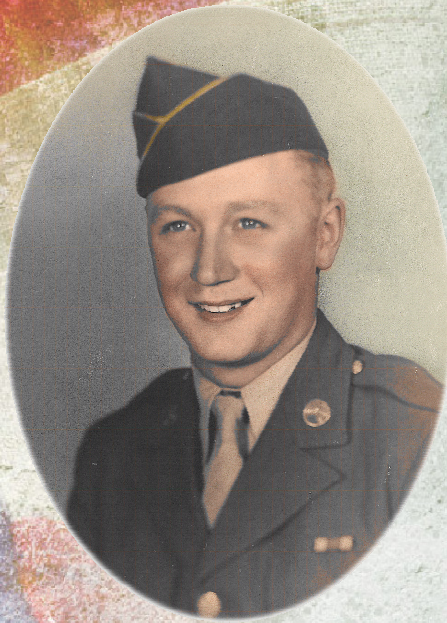
Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Minnie; two sisters, Anne (Percy) Christensen, Doris (Lowell) Simpson; and four brothers, Manvil, Harris, Julius, and Elvern.



In Loving Memory

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Date And Place Of Birth

July 28, 1922

Baker, North Dakota

Date And Place of Death

March 9, 2011

Tioga, North Dakota

Funeral Service

10:00 AM, Monday, March 14, 2011

St. Thomas Catholic Church

Tioga, North Dakota

Officiating

Father Benny Putharayil

Father Leonard Eckroth

Organist

Nancy Olson

Vocalists

(Granddaughters)

Ashley Leier & Chelce Detert

Casketbearers

(Grandsons)

Wesley Leier

Monty Lund

LaVern Lund

Christopher Waggoner

Jason Waggoner

Ryan Jacobson

Joshua Lalim

Adam Lalim

Josiah Lund

Zachary Lund

Nathan Lund

Military Honors

Tioga American Legion Post #139

North Dakota Veteran's Honor Guard

Interment

Spring 2011

United Cemetery

Tioga, North Dakota

SAFELY HOME

I am home in Heaven, dear ones; oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty, in this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over, ever restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever, safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder why I so calmly trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me in that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on, could I have no doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely, for I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows, pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you, so you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth—you shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed, he will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting, oh the joy to see you come!



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