



# Kenneth P. Phinney

October 12, 1921 – October 24, 2016

Memorial services for Kenneth Paul Phinney, age 95, of Albert Lea, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dwight Netzer will officiate. Military Honors will be accorded by the V.F.W. and American Legion Honor Guard. Friends may greet the family one hour prior to the service at the church.

Ken died Monday, October 24, 2016 at Mayo Clinic Health Systems, Albert Lea.

Kenneth P. Phinney was born on the family farm in southwest Beadle County, South Dakota on October 12, 1921. He attended country school through eighth grade and then graduated from Letcher High School in 1940. Ken worked for two years in his Uncle Frank's grocery store. He served in the Navy Reserve from September 1942 to November 1945.

On January 30, 1943, Ken married his childhood love, Shirley Comstock, in Auburn, Alabama. After returning from the service, Ken was a meat cutter for 12 years in South Dakota and Minnesota. He then was a letter carrier in Albert Lea, MN from 1962 until he retired in 1984.

Upon retirement, Ken moved to Custer, SD where he worked part-time as a handyman. He was involved in his churches and the Lions Club International. In 2001, Ken moved to Rapid City, SD due to health issues. He then moved to Albert Lea, MN in 2009 to an assisted living facility and to be closer to family.

Ken is survived by his wife of 73 years, Shirley; son, Michael and his wife Julie and their son Matthew and his wife Jen, and their children Maeve and Liam; son, Patrick and his wife Linda and their children Shannon and her husband Joe Wheeler and Casey and his wife Amy and their daughter Samantha; sister-in-law, Donna Shafranek; and numerous nephews and nieces.