



Starkey C, Kenneth

July 8, 2012

Kenneth C. Starkey, 89, of Napoleon, passed away at his residence on July 8, 2012. He was born on October 20, 1922, in Liberty Center, the son of the late Charles and Tillie (Saul) Starkey. On December 24, 1941 he married Margaret Masters who preceded him in death on April 23, 2012. He was a member of the St. Paul United Methodist Church in Napoleon, and had served on the Finances and Pastoral committees. He was a Farm Bureau member, a member of the Bert G. Taylor Post #300, a past member of the Lions Club, and a former Director of the Napoleon Chamber of Commerce. He had also been members of the Masonic Lodge and Odd Fellows Lodges both in Napoleon. He graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1940 and attended Davis Business College in Toledo. He then was hired as a bookkeeper for the Henry Farm Bureau Co-op, later known as Henry Landmark, Inc. He was hired as general manager in 1949 and held this position until he retired in 1984. He was proud of the fact that during this time, the company had built a new store and facility on North Scott Street, a new grain elevator on old Route 6, and had purchased the Monsanto Fertilizer plant located in Malinta. He served in the South Pacific in W.W.II, in the 77th Infantry Division and was awarded the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star while in action on Leyte Island in the Philippines. He is survived by two sons, Dennis (Carol) Starkey of Lebanon, Ohio, Tom (Nikki) Starkey of Montgomery, Alabama, daughter, Janien (Tim) Wertz of Tecumseh, Michigan; grandchildren; Julie (Karl) Yunker, Catherine (Christopher) Krosnowski and John (Kristine) Wertz, great grandchildren; David, Stephen and Jessica Yunker, Benjamin and Caitlin Wertz, and Emilee and Jacob Krosnowski; a brother, Jack (Tena) Starkey of Swanton, and sister, Betty Jane (Robert) Bruns of Napoleon. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Derek Yunker. Services for Kenneth will be held privately at the Rodenberger Funeral Home in Napoleon. The family suggests memorial donations be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church in Napoleon.

Tribute Wall



“ Ken was my best friend while serving in the 77th Inf Division. I still remember the day he was wounded and his act of being a true hero Dec. 13, 1944. I will miss him.##imported-begin##Robert Fealko##imported-end##

December 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Ken's passing. You have my sympathies.##imported-begin##Roger Von Deylen##imported-end##

July 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Ted and I extend our sympathy to the members of Ken's family. We knew Ken for many years and did business with him at Farm Bureau--Landmark. He was always very pleasant to deal with and ready to please. I'm sure he was a great father and grandfather to all his family. God bless you and comfort you in your sorrow.##imported-begin##Dora Titgemeyer##imported-end##

July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We extend our condolences to you on your father's passing. We will miss your parents. Andy & Jill##imported-begin##Andy & Jill Anderson##imported-end##

July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom & Nikki, My thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss.##imported-begin##Cathy Kelley##imported-end##

July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Kenny's death. I also feel terrible that I didn't know of your mothers passing until recently. We forward our entire family Sympathy to all of you. What wonderful friends they were to our parents. We will always remember them as we pass by their cute home on Devils Lake. So sorry we didn't get to tell you this in person. If you are ever on the Lake, please stop and say hello. 4744 Round Lake Hwy. Karen, Hal and Marsha.##imported-begin##Karen Huber Davis Howell##imported-end##

July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM