

## IN MEMORY OF

***Kenneth Burke***

*February 27, 1916 — September 27, 2006*



### CATHOLIC FUNERAL MASS

*Saturday, September 30, 2006*

*10:00 a.m.*

*United Methodist Church*

*Storm Lake, Iowa*

### CO-CELEBRANTS

*Monsignor Michael Sernett*

*Reverend Daniel Lynch*

### ORGANIST

*Barb Pytel*

### DUET

*Mark and Dawn Prosser*

### CASKETBEARERS

*Ken's Nine Grandsons*

*Michael Burke, Bradley Burke, Brian Burke  
Christopher Smith, Matthew Smith, Peter Smith*

*Adam Hoffard, James Burke, Connor Burke*

### INTERMENT

*Military Rites by AMVETS Post #66*

*St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery*

*Storm Lake, Iowa*

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## *I Met God*

I met God in the morning  
When my day was at its best.  
His presence came at sunrise,  
Like a glory in my breast.  
All day long the presence lingered,  
All day long He stayed with me,  
And we sailed in perfect calmness  
O'er a very troubled sea.  
So I think I know the secret,  
Learned from many a troubled way.  
You must seek Him in the morning  
If you need Him through the day.

Author Unknown



**W**e wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the Storm Lake Knights of Columbus Hall immediately following the burial.



**The Burke Family**

## **Celebrating** *A Special Life*



**Kenneth Burke**

1916 — 2006



**K**enneth Burke, age 90, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Wednesday, September 27, 2006 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Kenneth Cecil Burke was born in Henry, South Dakota on February 27, 1916. He was the youngest of ten children of Patrick Francis Burke and Theresa (McKenna) Burke. He attended a one-room schoolhouse and worked on the family farm. His father died when Ken was eleven years old, leaving the family to manage through the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression.

In 1942, Ken enlisted in the United States Navy and honorably served in the South Pacific during World War II. He was stationed aboard an LST, participating in 10 amphibious landings, including the liberation of New Guinea and the Philippines. He was in Manila Bay when General McArthur made his famous return to the Philippines. After the war ended, Ken earned his B.S. in Agricultural Economics from South Dakota State University. He went to work as a field officer for the Iowa Farm Bureau. While working in the Sibley, Iowa area, he met the young woman who would be his wife for 55 years, June Elinor Whitney. They were married in 1951.

Ken began his employment with Citizen's First National Bank and moved his family to Storm Lake in 1954. He remained with the bank until his retirement in 1986. He continued to serve on the bank's Board of Directors for many years following his retirement. While working for the bank, Ken attended the Harvard School of Banking and the University of Wisconsin School of Banking.

During the years Ken lived in Storm Lake, he served as President of the Chamber of Commerce, and President and Director of the Community Chest. He also was a lifelong member of the Kiwanis Club. As a charter member of the

Lake Preservation Association, Ken played an integral role in the first dredging of Storm Lake in 1958. His Catholic faith was an important part of his life, and he was an avid supporter of St. Mary's parish and school. He served as Lay Director for St. Mary's parish for a number of years and was a continuous presence in church volunteer efforts.

Ken was often heard proudly stating that "his only jewels were his children" and "eight kids and not a horse-thief in the bunch."

He is survived by his wife, June of Storm Lake; his eight children: Pat (Carol) Burke of Morris, Minnesota; Tim (Mary) Burke of Storm Lake; Jane (Dave) Smith of Hagerstown, Maryland; Anne (Mark) Hoffard of Storm Lake; Joe Burke of Dallas, Texas; Julia (Pat) Mooney of Storm Lake; Susan Burke of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin; and David (Cathy) Burke of St. Paul, Minnesota; 18 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; extended family and many friends.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, nine siblings and a granddaughter.

Memorials in Ken's honor may be directed to  
St. Mary's Foundation  
or the  
Lake Preservation Association.