



Kenneth Hermanson

May 27, 1924 - May 3, 2014

On May 3, 2014, Kenneth Alfred Hermanson, of Newberry, Michigan, passed away at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital with his wife, Jeanie, Bruce, and Pastor Nancy by his side. Born May 27, 1924 at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, he was the eldest son of Alf and Eva Hermanson. A graduate of Sault High School, class of 1942, he received his draft notice the day after graduation. He served in the European Theater as a member of the 390th Flying Fortress Heavy Bombardment Company. Discharged in 1945, he attended Kalamazoo College earning a degree in accounting. Kenneth owned several businesses in the Detroit Area. In the late 1970's he retired to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. There he met and married Billie Jo Dallas, managed the Newberry Country Club and took a job with the Green Thumb Program, supervising the U.P. for many years. Kenneth was a village clerk and Luce County Commissioner. He belonged to the Elks Club, American Legion and he was a 32 Degree Mason. Kenneth is survived by his wife Billie Jo; two step-daughters, Jeanie (Bruce) Haapalainen and Kathy Lahti; one granddaughter and three grandsons. He was preceded in death by his brother Ronald and survived by his sister: Linda (Rick) Soder and a brother: Michael (Becky) Hermanson and nieces, nephews, and their children. Kenneth was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Newberry, where a celebration of his life will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 11:00 AM. This date will mark his 90th birthday. Any memorials will go to Newberry's First Presbyterian Church for a community food program.