



Kenneth "Doc" Strong

September 20, 1923 - April 28, 2015

Kenneth D. "Doc" Strong, 91, was called home by his Lord on April 28, 2015, at Country House Residence in Grand Island, NE.

A celebration of life service will be held at 10:30 am, Saturday, May 2, at the All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island NE. Graveside service will be at 2:00 pm Saturday at the Stromsburg Cemetery in Stromsburg. Military honors will be conducted at the graveside by the US Air Force and Stromsburg American Legion Post 231.

Visitation will be Friday, 5- 7 pm at All Faiths.

Ken was born In Stromsburg on September 20, 1923, the son of Maurice and Lois (Standing) Strong. Growing up in Stromsburg and graduating from Stromsburg High School class of 1941.

He then attended Hasting College, Hastings, Nebraska before joining the U. S. Army Air Corp in February 1943. Ken served in World War II as a navigator in a B-17 bomber. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal with Bronze Star device for combat actions. He was honorably discharged in September 1945, achieving the rank of First Lieutenant.

After being discharged Ken attended Kansas State University where he received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1949. That same year he

began his veterinary practice with his father, Maurice, who was the first veterinarian in Stromsburg. Ken continued the practice for the next 25 years. He was also a farmer, rancher, and land developer. He spent over 25 years farming and developing farm land in Nebraska and Alaska.

Ken was united in marriage to Ione Whitacre on September 6, 1944 in Polk, Nebraska. They were married for 54 years until Ione's death in 1998. After the death of his first wife, he married Martha Ostransky in 1998 in Delta Junction, AK. They were married for seven years until Martha's death in 2005. Ken was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, and traveling. He was a long-time member of the Stromsburg Baptist Church.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents; his 4 siblings, Helen Inness, Carol Rogers, Maurice Jr. and Wallace Strong; first wife Ione; second wife Martha; and his beloved son Thomas Strong (2012).

Survivors include his sister, Marilyn Kennedy of Scottsbluff; NE; his son John Strong of Vicksburg, MS, daughter Ann Hanquist (Don Hanquist) of Grand Island, NE, daughter-in-law Manon Strong (wife of the late Tom Strong) of Lingle WY, daughter Susan Peterson of Grand Island, NE, son Richard Strong (Becky) of Lawrenceville, GA, son Robert Strong (Edie) of Lincoln, NE, son Allen Strong (Tammy) of Cheyenne, WY as well as 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and a number of other relatives and close friends.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth "Doc" Strong*

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“ *Doc,
You are greatly missed at Country House. I wont forget you calling us all Babe, that was so you didnt have to memorize all of our names. That was a good one on us all... You had great stories to tell us about when you were in the service and flying them planes. So glad you bacame a part of my life you touched us all at CH. Till we meet again my friend.*



*Love'
Rachel M
AKA "Babe"*

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