



## Kenneth Paul "Ken" Torpin

May 13, 1923 - August 19, 2017

Kenneth Paul "Ken" Torpin, 94, of Doniphan died on Saturday, August 19, 2017.

Service and celebration of life will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Burial will be in Central City Cemetery with military honors provided by the United States Navy and Veterans Honor Guard.

Visitation is from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Ken was born May 13, 1923 at Oakdale, NE, the son of Henry K. and Vera (Stanley) Torpin. When he was very young, Ken's family moved to Central City. Growing up during the depression, he worked hard to help his family. He had a country paper route which he rode on his bike rain or snow and he began working in a grocery store at the age of 16. Ken graduated from Central City High School, class of 1941.

On November 6, 1942, Ken enlisted in the U.S. Navy, because he said, "It was the right thing to do." He spent the next three years serving his country as a medical corpsman during WWII. With little training he gave shots, assisted in surgery, treated wounds and saw men die. The kid from Nebraska that was still wet behind the ears grew up and became a man in a hurry.

After his discharge, Ken married the mother of his children, Darlene Quick in August, 1947. He was later united in marriage to Alice Foulk Hartford on April 21, 1972. Ken stayed with the grocery industry, eventually owning and operating Ken's Rodeo Market in O'Neill. He retired in 1988 after 45 years in the grocery business.

He and Alice enjoyed traveling over the years, eventually getting a home in Arizona, where they spent their winters. Ken was an avid Husker fan, and loved golf and fishing. Family was important and Ken enjoyed the visits from his grandchildren.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Alice; children, Terry (Deanna) Torpin of O'Neill, Paul (Valli) Torpin of O'Neill, Julie Billeter of Holdrege, Susan (Mark) Henk of Grand Island and Kendra (Bill Fox) Haynes Fox of Shelby, IA; step-children, Cathy Hartford Richardson of Kearney, Diane Hartford Bengtson of Omaha, Debra Hartford of Lincoln and Kenny Hartford (Vicky Shaad) of Grand Island.

Survivors also include 11 grandchildren, Brian, Kylee, Brady, Adam, Grant, Clay, Meredith, Andrea, Eric, Alex and Alyssa; 9 step-grandchildren, Jennifer, Stefan, Teresa, Megan, Tonya, Ryan, Mande, Tara and Derek; and 27 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Gregory Torpin; stepson, Kevin Hartford; granddaughter, Jocelyn Torpin and son-in-law, Stephen Billeter.

Memorials are suggested to Little Miracles at the Doniphan United Methodist Church or donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Central City

Central City, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 23.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Celebration of Life Service

**AUG 24.** 10:00 AM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Paul "Ken" Torpin*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Paul and Terry,*

*I am so sorry for your loss, I remember seeing Ken everytime mom sent me for groceries when I was a kid.*

*Terri (Linguist) Barger*

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**Terri Barger** - August 24, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ *My sympathies to the Torpin family. May God provide His blessing upon you at this difficult time. Ken was a great man and I enjoyed the times I spent with him.*

*Scott Haynes*

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**Scott Haynes** - August 24, 2017 at 07:30 AM



“ *We are sorry for your lose my wife Rowena could not find a ride to visitations just remember you all are in our thoughts and prayers*

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**Ronnie and Rowena Miller** - August 23, 2017 at 09:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Paul "Ken" Torpin.*



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August 23, 2017 at 10:27 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to all Kens family at this difficult time. Ray and Betty Weaver*

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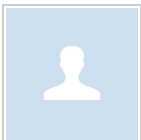
**Ray and Betty Weaver** - August 22, 2017 at 06:27 PM



“ *Harvey Blasé offers condolences to the family. I believe I was a schoolmate of Terry but not a classmate. Working for Ken was very special.*

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**Cathy Fosselman** - August 22, 2017 at 02:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kenneth Paul "Ken" Torpin.*



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August 22, 2017 at 09:50 AM



“ *Susie, I am so sorry to hear of the passing off your Dad. My deepest Sympathy & Prayers to you. Often thinking of you- Beth (the days at Pump & Pantry)*

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**beth** - August 22, 2017 at 09:18 AM

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“ KBRX Radio Scott & Darcy Poese, Gil & Carol Poese purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Kenneth Paul "Ken" Torpin.



KBRX Radio Scott & Darcy Poese, Gil & Carol Poese - August 22, 2017 at 07:48 AM

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“ Our sincere sympathy to the family of Ken. We were blessed to know Ken and we treasured his friendship. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.  
Love,  
Billy and Mary Haynes

Billy and Mary Haynes - August 22, 2017 at 06:42 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Paul "Ken" Torpin.



August 21, 2017 at 07:53 PM