



Kenneth Mathers

March 27, 1921 - March 10, 2007

Kenneth Mathers -- MomenceA memorial service for Kenneth L. Mathers, 85, of Momence, will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church of Kankakee, where he was a member. Rev. Deborah Slack-Harris will officiate. Cremation rites were accorded by the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Crematory, west Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Kankakee or to the donor's choice. He died Saturday (March 10, 2007) at his daughter's home in Kankakee. Mr. Mathers was a retired longtime farmer in Momence. He was born March 27, 1921, in Springfield, and raised in Mason City, the son of Manley B. and Fay Merritt Mathers. His wife of 56 years, Geraldine "Gerry" M. Edmondson, whom he married Sept. 30, 1949, at the Kenwood Church in Chicago, died April 25, 2006. He was a member of the Kankakee County Farm Bureau and the Society of Mayflower Descendants. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a second lieutenant in the Signal Corps. He was a graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in agricultural engineering, where he played in the band and participated in track and other athletic activities. He enjoyed traveling with the Holiday Ramblers and Foretravel Motorhome groups. His hard work with the land, love of nature, and enjoyment of animals came very early in his life while growing up on one of the largest private zoos. Surviving are one son, Kris Mathers of Momence; one daughter, Lesa Mathers of Kankakee; two grandchildren, Shannon and Terra Mathers of Wylie, Texas, Richard and Amanda Homberg of Slinger, Wis.; six great-grandchildren, Tyler, Collin,

Garrett, and Kylie Mathers, Kasandre and Logan Homberg; two nieces, Cyd and Steve Twaddle of Little Rock, Ark., Rhea King of Thomasboro; one great-nephew and great-niece, Nathan and April, both of Arkansas. Deceased are his parents; one sister, Marcella "Kelly" Tozer; and one brother, Merritt Mathers.

Tribute Wall



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“ Lesa and family, so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad.
ĩ½Its been so many years since I had met your folks, and its been
so long since I have seen you. ĩ½Know my prayers are with you
and your family at the most difficult time. ĩ½My husband and I
winter in Florida, and I always try to read the Journal on line to try
and keep up with what goes on back home. ĩ½ĩ½May God Keep
You in his Care. ĩ½Mary Hicks Chaney.##imported-begin##Mary
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