



Ken Cater

April 24, 2009

Kenneth “Kenny” Cater, age 91 Cold Spring May 27, 1917 – April 17, 2009 A Memorial Service will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 24, 2009 at First United Methodist Church in St. Cloud, MN for Kenneth “Kenny” Cater, age 91, who died Friday at the VA Medical Center. A private family burial will be at 11:30 a.m. in the North Star Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call after 4:00 p.m. Thursday at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring. There will be a prayer service at 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening at the funeral home. Ken was born in St. Cloud, MN to Charles and Margaret (Hawkins) Cater. He married Virginia (Jinny) Michaelson on April 18, 1947 at Peabody Avenue Methodist Church, Memphis, TN. Ken played for the All City Marching Band, Directed by G. Oliver Riggs. He graduated from St. Cloud Tech H.S. in 1935 then attended St. John’s University. Ken was an Army Air Force Pilot for four years during World War II. After the couple moved back to St. Cloud; from 1953–1956 he owned and operated Ken Cater’s Sports Shop in the basement of the old Guaranty State Bank. From 1956–1959 he was a salesman and gunsmith for Thielman Hardware. For the next 28 years, he went to work for Gopher Shooters Supply in Faribault as a sales representative for central and northern MN. Ken started trapshooting in the early 1950’s. He became a Director of the MN Trapshooting Association in 1965; in 1968 he was elected Vice President; in 1969 elected President and then back to serving as Director. Ken was treasurer from 1969–1975 and was appointed MTA Secretary and Treasurer for sometime after that. He helped a good many clubs get started. Ken has

won several community service awards and trophies because of his involvement with trapshooting. In 1990, Ken was inducted into the Minnesota Trapshooting Association Hall of Fame. Ken was also an avid hunter. He loved duck and goose hunting and many years back he enjoyed spending the opener for deer hunting with his brother, brothers-in-law and nephews at the 'deer camp'. Many a story was told. He went partridge hunting with his wife and daughter and every spring he and his wife Jinny, would go prairie dog hunting in N.D. Ken loved to travel with his family all over the U. S. and overseas. He loved to play golf. Ken was a member of the St. John's Alumni, Elks Club-for 32 years, the Cold Spring American Legion Post #455, the NRA, and Ducks Unlimited. Ken was known by some as "Hawk". Ken always had a lot of stories to tell people regarding his life's' adventures. He treated everyone with respect and loved everything and everyone around him. He never missed anything his daughter or grandchildren were involved in. Ken was always there to wipe the tears away and bring a smile to your face. Life will never be the same without him. Ken "Dad" spent the last year and a half at the VA Medical Center, Bldg. 49-1. He received the most outstanding care there and no words can express how wonderful the nurses are on that floor! They were always there when he 'needed' them and they were always willing to go that extra mile. They made Dad feel 'extra special'. Dad was kept busy with the activities on ward and off ward outings. Last October he was able to go on his last deer hunt. Dad was touched so much by everyone. Thank you so very much for sharing in his life. Survivors include his daughter, Kimberly Cater-Phillips of Cold Spring; grandchildren, Nicholas, Jess and Kristi. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Virginia "Jinny" (07-12-2007); brother, Harry; sisters, Edna Wilson and Helen Bensen; niece, Catherine and nephew, Cork.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ken Cater*

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“ *Our love to you all, and prayers for acceptance of the loss as well as wonderful memories of a great guy!*

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