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Kenneth Henry Pistulka was born on January 23, 1940, to Charles and Rosalain (Opbroek) Pistulka in Burke, South Dakota. He began his life in Fairfax, South Dakota, on the farm.

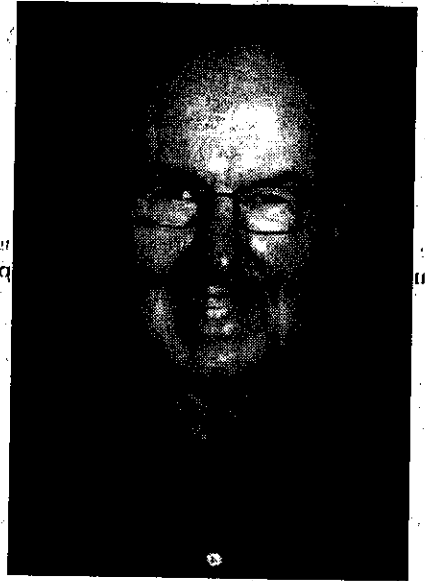
Kenneth was united in marriage to Shirley Schmitz on November 7, 1959, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Bonesteel, South Dakota. They began to raise their family in Fairfax, moving on to Gregory, South Dakota, and thereafter, Grand Island, Nebraska. They also lived in South Sioux City, Nebraska, and Liberty, Missouri, before moving to Grinnell in November of 2011.

Ken experienced a successful career of 44 years with the Cenex Cooperative System, retiring in January 2003. He was community-minded. Supporting neighboring businesses and participating in church and community activities were very important to Ken. He served on many committees and boards.

Ken loved spending time with family. In retirement, he looked forward to traveling with Shirley to attend the activities of his 11 grandchildren. This was an important focus of his life.

Ken leaves behind a loving wife of 54 years, Shirley Pistulka of Grinnell; their children, Darlis (Jim) Hawkins of Grinnell, Tammy Deffenbaugh of Denver, Colorado, Vicki (Tom) Snider of Denver, Paula (Michael) McDermott of Denver, Marty (Jill) Pistulka of Marion, Iowa, and Troy Pistulka of Grand Island, Nebraska; 7 grandsons, Andrew Wiese, Jesse Deffenbaugh, Joshua Hawkins, Jordan Deffenbaugh, Aaron Pistulka, Colvin Snider, and Zach Pistulka; 4 granddaughters, Brittney Hawkins, Allie Snider, Emily Pistulka, and Elizabeth McDermott; a great granddaughter, Kennady Kruse; and his siblings, Eleanor Horst of Portland, Oregon, Duane (Carol) Pistulka of Tea, South Dakota, Louis (Lana) Pistulka of Greybull, Wyoming, and Dan (Carol) Pistulka of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



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