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Raymond Jerome Kenealy was born Aug 25, 1923, near Neola, the son of Jerome D. and Florence A. (Schierbrock) Kenealy. He was raised on the family farm. While in high school, he was captain of the basketball team and graduated with the class of 1942 from Beebeetown High School. He was inducted into the United States Army on Jan. 23, 1943, at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and served during World War II as a gunner in B-17s. He was honorably discharged from military duties on Jan. 1, 1947, from Offutt

Field, Fort Crook, Neb. He continued his devotion to the military, enlisting into the National Guard of Nebraska on Jan. 2, 1947, and on Dec. 8, 1948, was honorably discharged from his guard duties.

On Nov. 15, 1944, he was united in marriage with Rosaline A. Mohatt at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Omaha, Neb. They both served as presidents of the "Kingsley Swingers Square Dancing Club." They also shared years of camping and looked forward to hosting their annual St. Patrick's Day celebration in their home.

He was engaged in farming in the Neola area until 1958, when he chose to accept an employment opportunity at the Neola Implement Co. In 1966, He and his family relocated to the Pierson area, where he worked at Pierson Implement and later as a seed salesman for 4 Star Seeds, from which he retired.

He was the Pierson town clerk for several years and a member of both the Neola and Pierson volunteer fire departments. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and the Nash American Legion Post #140, all of Kingsley.

He is survived by his sons and daughters, Janet Cattoni of Omaha, Neb., Terry Kenealy of York, Neb., Larry Kenealy of Grinnell, and Rita Conry of Merville; one sister, Mary Catherine O'Rourke of Missouri Valley; three brothers, Phil Kenealy of Creston, Tom Kenealy of Council Bluffs, and Leo Kenealy of Minden; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his wife, Rosaline Kenealy in 1992 and his parents, Jerome and Florence Kenealy.