



Hubert Kenneth Hinkle, age 79, of Arapahoe, Nebraska, passed away on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at Cambridge Memorial Hospital, Cambridge, Nebraska. He was born on Shake Rag Road to Jessie Jacob and Dorothy Elizabeth Hinkle (nee McGuffey) in Waynesburg, Kentucky on July 12, 1938. He was the oldest of four children, having three younger sisters. He attended Memorial High school, where he played baseball and basketball. Kenny was always a willing worker. When family needed help with any heavy lifting or in the harvest field they would always turn to him, knowing that he would be willing and able to help.

He graduated from high school in 1956 and then attended a military specialty school where he was selected to go into logistics. He learned to manage warehouses and military supplies. In October of 1956, he joined a reserve unit of the Army Air Corp, which became the U.S. Air Force in 1958. He was a member of the supply squadron as a material facilities supervisor. He eventually achieved the rank of Master Sargent. During his service, he traveled the United States going to Texas, Wyoming, Florida, Nebraska and Michigan. He was also stationed in Greenland, Taiwan, the Philippines and Germany. The strong work ethic learned in childhood stayed with him; he was known as a hard worker who was liked and appreciated by the men who served with him. In 1978 after serving his country for 22 years he was given the choice of accepting an assignment to Turkey without his family or retirement. He put his family's needs first and decided to retire.

After retirement he worked a few different jobs including steel fabrication and managing the warehouse for a chemical cleaning supply company. He also spent five years volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. In 1959 Kenny met Mary Jane Driever on a blind date. They were married on August 14, 1960. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Carla Jane, Kenneth Jeffery and Carol Ann. For many years, Kenny enjoyed woodworking, baseball, traveling and reading. He also loved nature and was an avid bird watcher. Most of all Kenny was a people person, he said, "I never met a man I didn't like." His greatest pleasure was visiting with his friends and family. His grandchildren have known him as the spunky Grandpa, who still enjoyed dancing even with his walker or cane. Kenny was a humble man who always considered his greatest accomplishment to be his 22 years of military service and providing a good home for his wife and children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Carol, two sisters Margaret and Shirley, niece Pamela and nephew Robert.

He leaves behind his wife Mary Jane of Arapahoe, son Kenneth Hinkle of Pacific Junction, Iowa, daughter Carla (Randy) Gardner of Arapahoe, grandchildren Megan Gardner of Lexington, Kendra Gardner of Schuyler, Ryan (Melinda) Gardner of Arapahoe, Jacob Gardner of Arapahoe and sister Betty Leibert of Lexington. Nieces, nephews and many friends.

There will be no viewing or visitation as cremation was chosen. Funeral service will be Saturday, December 30, 2017 at 11 AM at the First United Methodist Church, Arapahoe, Nebraska with Pastor Becky Saddler, officiating. Inurnment will be at the Arapahoe Cemetery, Arapahoe, Nebraska at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the family. Wenburg Funeral Home of Arapahoe, Nebraska is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences or personal reflections may be left at wenburgfuneralhome.com.