

## Erhart Edwin Denke

*In Loving Memory Of*



Erhart was born May 15, 1927, to Henry Denke and Esther (Eisenbraun) Votroubek of Sturgis. Erhart grew up on the family farm north of Creighton along with his siblings and attended Hammon Country School.

Erhart enlisted in the U. S. Army December 22, 1948, and transferred to the U. S. Army Reserve December 22, 1949. He was honorably discharged on December 21, 1951. During the

Korean War, he worked as a medical technician in the Tokyo Army Hospital.

On June 1, 1955, he was united in marriage to Alice Hirschert in Quinn, SD. To this union, six children were born. Erhart and Alice raised their family on the farm north of Creighton. Erhart also worked various other businesses including a spraying business, D & H gas station, and the country store to name a few.

Erhart enjoyed spending time with friends and family, hunting, fishing, attending auctions, and traveling.

Erhart Edwin Denke, 90, of Sturgis, was called home December 18, 2017, surrounded by family.

Grateful for sharing his life are his wife, Alice of Sturgis; his children, Kenneth (Nancy) of Creighton, Debbie (Marty) Gartner of Philip, Bruce of Sturgis, and Michael of Sturgis; grandchildren, Zachary Denke, Kari Denke, Cuddy (Rachael) Gartner, Katrina Gartner, and Tyler Gartner; great-grandchildren, Kiara Perkins, Andy Grimes, Maria Denke, and Fisher Trautmann; brother-in-law, Jimmy Hirschert; and nephew Justin Hirschert.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Denke and Esther Votroubek; daughter, Barbara; son, Carl; brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and Hilda Denke, Helmuth and Marie Denke, Adolph and Violet Denke, Julius Denke, and Eugene and Marge Denke; sister and brother-in-law, Clara and Thurston Crose.

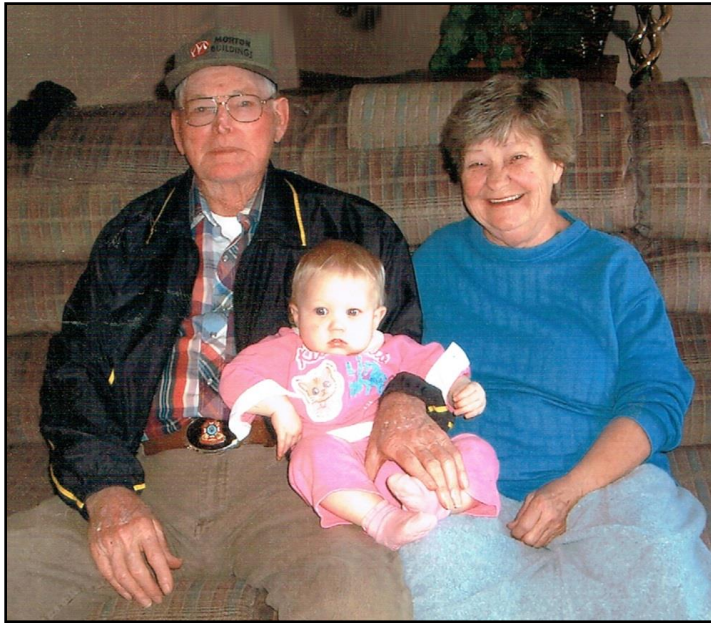
Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following the committal at the VFW in Sturgis. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



***Erhart Edwin Denke***

*1927 ~ 2017*



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*Erhart Edwin Denke*

*Born*

May 15, 1927  
Creighton, South Dakota

*Died*

December 18, 2017  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Funeral Service*

Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.  
Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Officiant*

Pastor John Fries

*Musician*

Rachael Gartner

*Musical Selections*

“The Old Rugged Cross”  
“On Eagle’s Wings”

*Pallbearers*

Marty Gartner ~ Jimmy Hirschert ~ Don Tidwell  
John Lewton ~ Glen Crose ~ Justin Hirschert

*Military Honors*

Post 1273 Veteran’s Honor Guard  
Rapid City, South Dakota

*Interment*

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Heart Prints*

*Whatever our hands touch we leave fingerprints!  
On walls, on furniture, on doorknobs, dishes, books,  
As we touch we leave our identity.  
Oh please, wherever I go today, “Help me leave heart prints!”  
Heart prints of compassion, of understanding and Love.  
Heart prints of kindness and genuine concern.  
May my heart touch a lonely neighbor or  
an anxious mother, or, perhaps, a dear friend!  
I shall go out today to leave heart prints, and if someone should say,  
“I felt your touch,” may that one sense be....  
your LOVE touching through me.....*

*“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to  
the Father except through me. John 14:6*