



Kenneth Philip Kroll

February 27, 2015

Kenneth Philip Kroll

(March 18, 1915 – February 27, 2015)

Kenneth Kroll, 99, formerly of Warren MN, passed away on Friday, February 27, 2015, at home in Hopkins, MN, resting comfortably in his rocker while alternately snoozing and reminiscing with family.

Kenneth Philip Kroll was born on March 18, 1915 in Crookston, MN to Carl and Josephine (McLoughlin) Kroll. He and his younger sister Dolores grew up in Red Lake Falls, MN, attended St. Joseph's K-10 and Lafayette High School followed by 1 year at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, and four years at North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND. He earned a degree in Pharmacy and became a lifetime registered pharmacist in both ND and MN. During WW II Ken served in the U. S. Navy, first at the Naval base in Corpus Christi, TX and then on independent duty (no doctor) on the USS YMS-345. He took care of cuts, scratches, and shots of the 40 man crew of a 125ft x 30ft wooden ship chasing magnetic, electric, and acoustic mines. Their ship took them up and down both coasts, throughout the Gulf of Mexico, Cuba, Bermuda, half way to Africa and back on convoy duty, through the Panama Canal 4 times, to Hawaii and a host of islands in the Pacific both north and south of the equator. They were at Kwajalein, Guam, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Yap, Palau, Eniwetok, Saipan, Tinian, Rota, Truk and more. The job description of the YMS was to remove mines from the path of attacking troops before the attacks began.

Ken married Mildred Frances Johnson on April 14, 1942, two weeks before the Navy called him up. They were together in Corpus Christi for a year before he was called to Bremerton, WA. He was discharged 2 days before Christmas in 1945. In 1946 they moved to Fergus Falls and then in 1948 to Warren, MN where they bought the Kroll Drug. For the next 22 years He worked nearly every day at the drug store and still found time for the U.S. Naval Reserve, MPhA, Knights of Columbus, City Council, Chamber of Commerce, Toastmasters, Lion's Club, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a great supporter of local business and social organizations, always participating and giving jobs to local high school students. In 1970 they sold the Drug Store and Ken went to work as a relief pharmacist for other pharmacies in rural northern MN. He would work anywhere from 1 day to several weeks for the individual pharmacies giving their pharmacists a break. He was fond of saying "He never missed a day's work" during those 36 years. He finally retired from active Pharmacy at 92.

Kenneth is survived by three children, Richard (Kristen) Kroll of Livingston, TX, Kathryn (Jeff) Dale of Minnetonka, MN, and Janelle (Steve) Schoenbauer of Duluth, MN, the families of four nieces, five grand-children, and one great-grand-child.

He was preceded by his parents, sister, and wife.

In lieu of flowers, please gift memorials in the name of "Ken and Mildred Kroll and the Kroll Drug" to the WAO Education Foundation, PO Box 125, Warren, MN 56762 (<http://www.wao.k12.mn.us/?DivisionID=17657&DepartmentID=19181&ToggleSideNav=ShowAll>)

Services will be held Wednesday, March 4, at 11 AM, at the Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 W. 50th & Hwy 100, Edina, MN 55436, (952) 920-3996.

Military Funeral Honors will be presented on Wednesday, March 18, at 12:15, at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery (<http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftsnulling.asp>).

Grave sites can be found at: <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/>.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Helping the community heal is a benevolent legacy.*

May you enjoy eternity with THE GREAT PHYSICIAN...

Peace

Carol Larter Johnson, daughter of Floyd (Midwest Gas Transmission Company)and Kristine Larter(Warren Elementary)

Brian K Johnson, Son of Carl F Johnson (HS teacher)and Flo Johnson(PKM)

Carol - March 05, 2015 at 09:48 PM

PK

“ *I have so many memories of Ken & Mildred. We grew up across the street from them on Johnson Avenue for many years. Janelle was my best friend so I spent maybe more than my share of hours in their home. Ken was my first boss at Kroll Drug too so that was my first paycheck besides babysitting! I am so amazed to read of his vast military career! Wow! My sympathies for the loss of both Ken and Mildred. God Bless you all and cherish those wonderful memories!*

Patti Koranda - March 05, 2015 at 11:46 AM

LS

“ *I was on council and Ken was sharp he didn't let anyone pull the wool over his eyes. Your mother sat behind Maxine in church with our 4 kids when acted up your mother she always got the wrong one. Great people we stop and visit when we came to Warren*

Lee SkunesMaxineSkunes - March 04, 2015 at 10:26 AM

MK

“ My sympathy to those of you left behind. Although your parents are both gone they will be with you forever and cherish the fact you had your wonderful father for so many years. I have fond memories of both your parents from church as well as the drug store. I was a regular partaker in those 15 cent hot fudge sundaes, 20 cents if one had cashews with it.

He was a jewel in the Warren community. I know my oldest sister Marilyn Madsen worked at the drug store for a short time when we first moved to Warren in the early 50's.

Many prayers for your parents and I know how good it makes one feel to know what an impact ones parents had on so many lives. My God Bless. Marla Madsen King

Marla King - March 03, 2015 at 09:46 PM

KD

“ Hey Dad- Missing you and mom so much; are we ever ready to say goodbye? I'll be watching your Navy shows and our Sunday shows for a long time and still feel connected to you both. XO Katy



Katy Dale - March 03, 2015 at 08:22 PM