



Kenneth Smith

March 12, 2003

Smith March 7, 2003 Kenneth Joseph Smith, took a spin in a little, yellow Cessna - - up thru the clouds he flew, feeling free to see the other side - - a trip he never returned from, but sent his love to all before he left. Ken was born May 13, 1919 in San Francisco to John Gordon Smith & Ladis Piatkiewicz. Preceded in death by sister, Aurelia and brother, Ludwik Smith. Spent his early years in Gilroy, CA graduating from Gilroy H.S. in 1937. Prior to WW II joined the Navy Reserve and later served as a meteorologist in the Pacific. Married Carolyn A. Loechler of Minneapolis in 1942. A Californian by birth and a Minnesotan by choice. Worked 32 years at Honeywell (M.A .V.D.) and raised 3 children: Kenneth, William (Deborah Bauman), and Julie Anne (Mark Garner). Grandfather of 5 (Anna, Leah, Charles, Sam, Elena) and uncle to many nieces and nephews. Carla Thomas and Lois Franz of California are his loving connections to family in California. Other special connections are his in-laws, Virginia and Foster Merrill. Aviation, early radio, music, the natural world and his family were his primary life's interests. His quiet demeanor and droll wit will be missed by all who knew him. Ken and his family wish to thank the staff of Hillcrest for their friendship and many kindnesses during these last months. Memorial service Saturday, 3/15/03, 10 am with visitation at 9 am, Lakewood Chapel, 3600 Hennepin Ave South, Mpls. Private family interment. Memorials to Struthers Parkinson's Center. Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel 952-938-9020