



Kenneth Francis Tiede

December 17, 1926 - January 27, 2019

Tiede, Kenneth Francis, age 92, passed away peacefully on January 27th, 2019. Ken was born in Parkston, S.D. and raised with siblings Ray and Helen on a family farm without electricity. He served in the U.S. Army 1944-46, and subsequently attended the U. of Minnesota on the G.I. Bill, graduating with B.A. and M.A. degrees in Mathematics and Statistics respectively. Recruited for the Computation department at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory he developed one of the first successful FORTRAN compilers, followed by a productive career at the Control Data and Data 100 corporations. In retirement he served two tours as an IESC volunteer helping grow local businesses in Zimbabwe. Ken was happily married to his beloved wife Barbara Sue Witte of Anoka from 1951 until her death in 2016. They are survived by their three children Mark, Anne and Paul, and eight grandchildren Ben, Sarah, Alex, Johanna, Margaret, Grace, Adrian and Jack. Ken's acerbic wit and down-to-earth humor will be sorely missed by his family and friends. Memorials to the Salvation Army.