LONG, Ronald K.

May 23, 1924
rural Viborg
died: mid-May of 1988

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Services Held For Ronald K. Long

Funeral service for Ronald K. Long was held Friday, May 20, 1988 in Sturgis, South Dakota, with Rev. Don Gaarder officiating. Full military rites were performed by the Sturgis American Legion Post. The eulogy was given by Ron Olinger. Organist was Joyce Larson and special music was provided by Virgil Mikkelsen and Paul Inman. Casket bearers were Mike Shaw, Don Sturm, Mel Chandler, Ron Olinger, Don Licht and Wally Gunderson. Ushers were James Likness, Howard Ness and Norman Sampson. Honorary casket bearers were friends of Ron's.

Burial was in Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, South Dakota.

Ronald K. Long was born on May 23, 1924 in rural Viborg, South Dakota, son of Tony and Marion (Sorensen) Long. He grew up in Viborg and graduated from Viborg High School. He later attended and graduated from Southern State College in Springfield, South Dakota. In 1942, Ron enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a staff sergeant until his discharge in 1946.

On July 13, 1946, Ron married Evelyn A. Berthelsen in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Ron worked as a retailer in Canton, South Dakota. The family moved to Pierre in 1958 and Ron worked for the Department of Finance, the Fort Pierre School System as business manager, and he was the owner and manager of the Sears Catalog Store until his retirement.

Ron was a long-time member of the Lutheran Memorial Church where he was presently serving as treasurer, a member of the S.D. Board of Accounting, SCORE Volunteer and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He always enjoyed spending time with his grandkids and loved ones as well as spending time on the river fishing and relaxing.

Ron is surved by his wife, Evy, of Pierre; son, Steve, of McCook, Nebraska; daughter, Renee Baade, of Plymouth Minnesota; his mother, Marion Long, of Viborg; a brother, Roger Long, of Yankton, SD; a sister, Ardyce Weeg, of Sioux Falls; and five grandchildren, Anthony, Matthew and Christian Baade, and Katie and Megan Long.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1963 and an infant child.

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