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RINEHART, NIEL BOYD

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Niel Boyd Rinehart passed away on December 4, 2015 at the Warroad Senior Living Center with his family by his side at the age of 90.

Niel was born May 26, 1925 to Marshall J. and Edna (Johnston) Rinehart in Waterville, MN. He attended school in Waterville until the 5th grade. In 1935, the family moved to a farm six miles NW of Waterville, and he attended school at District 28 until graduating from the 8th grade. He farmed with his parents, was drafted, and sworn into the Army on September 22, 1944, during WWII. He served in the Philippines, was wounded, and received Purple Heart.

After returning from the war, he married Janet Joyce Meyer on June 13, 1948. Together they farmed and raised a family. They retired, and in 1993, they moved into North Star Apartments in Roseau, MN, where most people knew him as the key keeper. He was in charge of looking after things, and notifying the managers if there were any problems or emergencies. He was very proud of that job, and he especially enjoyed helping Kim with projects. Niel was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great grandfather, and friend.

He was a past member of St Peter's (Bell) Lutheran Church, Waterville, MN. Currently he was a member of First United Lutheran Church LCMC, Roseau, MN. He was a lifetime member of the VFW, and extremely proud that he served his country. He loved life, and caring for others.

Niel is survived by his children, Nancy (Ron) Berndt, Waterville MN, Bonnie (Alan) Daniels, Panhandle, TX, Sally (Dean) Robinson, Roseau, MN, and Russell (Lisa) Rinehart, Waseca MN; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild; sister-in-law Darlene Schwartz, brother-in-law Roland Cram, both of Waterville, MN, sister-in-law Janet Meyer, Rochester, MN; along with many nieces, nephews and special friends Kim and Debbie Koemplien and family, Roseau, MN.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janet, mother, father, stepmother, his only brother Donald, infant grandson Mark Rinehart, infant granddaughter Marjorie Rinehart, along with many other family members. A special thank you to the Roseau Altru Dialysis Unit, and the Warroad Senior Living Center for their exceptional compassionate loving care.

A Celebration of Life will be Sunday, December 13th at 2:00 pm. at First United Lutheran Church LCMC, Roseau MN. Interment will be held at Spruce Cemetery.

Family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to First United Lutheran Church LCMC Roseau, MN, Disabled Veterans Association, or Altru Dialysis Unit.