



Lawrence W. Fritz

January 20, 1915 - May 18, 2011

Lawrence W. Fritz, age 96, of Kearney died Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at the St. John's Center in Kearney. Funeral services will be Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church with Pastor Donald Becker officiating. Burial will be in the Kearney Cemetery with military rites at the grave by American Legion Post # 52, V.F.W. Post # 759 and the Nebraska National Guard Military Honors Team. Memorials are suggested to Zion Lutheran Church. Visitation will be one hour prior to services Saturday morning at the Church. A message of condolence, tribute or memory can be left at www.hlmkfuneral.com. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Service in Kearney are in charge of arrangements. Lawrence was born January 20, 1915 in Wilcox, Nebraska to Charles and Dora M. (Volk) Fritz. The family moved to Upland where Lawrence attended school and was a graduate of Upland High School in 1933. He attended Midway College in Minneapolis, MN before entering the service on April 17, 1942. He served overseas in the U.S. Army as a radioman until he was discharged on October 13, 1945. He married Velma I. Tjaden on December 30, 1942 in Brownwood, Texas. While Lawrence was overseas, Velma taught at Alfalfa Center District # 46 from 1943-1944. Following his discharge they lived in Upland until moving to Kearney in 1954. Lawrence attended the Kansas City School of Television and Radio and was employed at the Sears Department store in Kearney as a radio, television and appliance repairman for over 20 years until he retired in September of 1978. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Lutheran Laymen's

League and V.F.W. Post # 759. He served on various church committees and ran the radio broadcast booth at Zion for several years. Surviving relatives include: 3 daughters: Linda Johnson and her husband Herb of Kearney Leanna Fritz and special friend Scott Gavin of Omaha Lynette Johnson and her husband Dale of Kearney 1 sister Alvera Lieske of Kearney 5 grandchildren

Lawrence was preceded in death by his wife Velma on September 21, 1998, one sister and one brother

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“ *Lawrence W. Fritz*

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