



## Norris L. Rusmisell

September 19, 1916 - June 27, 2012

Norris "Norrie" L. Rusmisell, 95, of Kearney died Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at the Southlake Village Nursing Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be Saturday, July 14, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Gary Main officiating. Masonic ritual services will also be at the church and conducted by members of Rob Morris Lodge #46 AF & AM. Burial will be private with family members only present, and will be in the Kearney Cemetery with military rites at the cemetery by American Legion Post # 52, V.F.W. Post # 759 and members of the Nebraska National Guard Military Honors Squad. There will be no visitation. Memorials are planned to Shriners Crippled Children Transportation Fund or University of Nebraska at Kearney Foundation. A message of condolence, tribute, or memory may be sent to [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements. Norrie was born September 19, 1916 in Mason City, Nebraska to G. Ralph and Merle E. (Lanterman) Rusmisell. He was raised in the Mason City area and was a graduate of the Mason City High School in 1933 and also attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. He entered the service on February 15, 1941 and served with distinction in the U.S. Army for five years during WWII in the Asiatic Pacific Theater of Operations, receiving 3 combat ribbons and the Bronze Star. He married Katie B. Murrish on October 18, 1941 in St. Paul, Nebraska. Following his discharge, Norrie and Katie moved to Kearney where Norrie was employed at Lowe & Company selling real estate and insurance. He later

purchased the company and changed the name to Rusmisell's Lowe & Co. He also started Rusmisell's Realty, which he owned until he retired in December of 1999. Norrie was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Fort Kearney Shriners, Tehama Shriners, helped establish the Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation serving as it's president 2 terms, past member of the Good Samaritan Hospital Board, chairman of the Buffalo County Hospital Authority # 1, appointed Nebraska Diplomat by Governor Charles Thone, co founder and past president of the Central Nebraska Senior Golf Association. Past president of Kearney State College Foundation Board, Buffalo County Board of Realtors, a lifetime member and past president of Kearney Chamber of Commerce, past Master Rob Morris Masonic Lodge # 46 AF& AM, past Associate Guardian of Jobs Daughters Bethel 6. Served on the Board of Directors of the Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska , the Board of the Nebraska Realtors Institute, was awarded Outstanding Citizen by Woodman of the World, received Elk of the Year, the Masonic Grand Master's Humanitarian award, the Friend of Kearney award, recipient of the first Cornerstone of Masonry award, which was created in his name for his outstanding masonic achievements, Surviving relatives include: 2 daughters Sue Johansen and her husband Arnie of Lincoln Cathie Lacey and her husband Dr. Steffan of Norfolk 5 granddaughters Allison Borovik and her husband Lior of Madison, WI Abbe Boonstra and her husband Tim of Lincoln Dr. Mindy Lacey and her husband Dr. Geoffrey Talmon of Papillion Kelli Funk and her husband Josh of Omaha Jennie Lacey Benson and her husband Drew Benson of Ralston 8 great grandchildren Quadruplets Anna, Katie, Luke and Riley Boonstra of Lincoln Taylin Lacey Benson of Ralston, Hannah Funk of Omaha and twin daughters Emma and Claire Lacey Talmon of Papillion 1 brother W.C. Rusmisell of Chula Vista, CA 1 sister Madeline Rusmisell of Fallbrook, CA Norrie was preceded in death by his wife Katie on March 5, 1996 and two sisters.

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