

Kenneth C. Holcomb
December 18, 1923 -- March 14, 2022

Kenneth C. Holcomb, age 98, of Highland, Indiana, passed away on Monday, March 14, 2022. He is survived by his son Stephen Holcomb; grandson Michael (Candy) Fisher; great-grandchildren: Abigail, Zachary and Madison Fisher; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 74 years, Alice (Schenk) Holcomb; daughter Cheryl Fisher; great-grandchildren Faith and Rebecca Fisher; his parents, Clarence and Sophia (Ritschard) Holcomb; and sisters Charlene Trow, and Lucille Hess.

Ken was raised on a farm in Washington Township, rural Monticello, Wisconsin, graduated from Monroe High School and enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1942. He flew out of England as a radio operator and waist gunner on a B-24 bomber. On his 19th mission over Nazi occupied Belgium, he and his crew members were forced to bail out of their damaged aircraft. He was captured by the Germans, managed to escape and with aid from the Belgium underground was able to make it to neutral Switzerland. After the war ended, Ken returned to the states and flew as a radio operator with the Air Transport Command ferrying troops back home from Europe. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the ETO Ribbon with three Battle Stars.

After his honorable discharge from military service, Ken used the G.I. Bill to enroll at the University of Wisconsin where he obtained a B.S. Degree in electrical engineering. Ken, Alice and daughter Cheryl then moved to Indiana where he spent his career working for Northern Indiana Public Service Co. and supervised the building of electrical power substations throughout northern Indiana.

A visitation will be held from 3 pm to 7 pm on Monday, March 21, 2022 at Solan Pruzin Funeral Home & Crematory, 14 Kennedy Ave., Schererville, IN. A funeral service with military honors will be held at 6 pm with Rev. Merlyn Lawrence officiating.