



## Kenneth Funk

April 21, 1921 - January 1, 2009

Kenneth Harding Funk went to be with his Lord Jesus on Jan. 1, 2009. Born in Ashland County, Ohio, on April 21, 1921, to Glenn and Lucinda Hagerman Funk, Ken (also known as “Cap” to many of his friends) grew up on the family farm near Jeromesville, Ohio, where he learned the work ethic from his parents. He attended Chester schools and was drafted into the U.S. Army, serving in field artillery during WWII for three years, after which he attended Ashland College and worked with Davey Tree Expert Company. He learned the skills of arboriculture and along with two of his brothers established Funk Brothers Tree Service Inc., which became well known and respected throughout north central Ohio. He was past president of the Ohio Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture and member of the National Arborist Association and the American Society of Consulting Arborists.

On Feb. 26, 1950, Ken married Rachel Osburn. They lived in Ashland, Ohio, and rural Richland County, Ohio, where they raised their son and daughter. They moved to Corvallis in 1999 to be near their children and grandchildren. Ken enjoyed his beloved family, farm life, and travel to arborist conferences across the U.S. and Canada. He also loved flying, earning his private pilot’s license and flying all over the eastern U.S. He was a member of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association for many years.

Ken is survived by his wife, Rachel, of Corvallis; son Kenneth H. Funk II of Corvallis; daughter Melody Taylor of Scio; and by his grandchildren, Olivia and Celia Funk and Jonathan, David, Rebecca, Benjamin, Caleb and Mary Taylor.

Also surviving are brothers Wilbur of Ohio and Harold of Texas, and sisters Nellie James and Virginia Billheimer of Ohio. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Mary Chapman and brothers Miles, Lewis, Roy and John Funk.

Ken was a man of integrity, devoted to his Christian faith, to his family and to his clientele. He was a member of First Alliance Church of Mansfield, Ohio, and The Gideons International. While in Oregon, he attended Calvin Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian churches in Corvallis.

Donations in his memory can be made to The Gideons International or Benton Hospice Service care of McHenry Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 1736 N.W. Dixon St., Corvallis.