



Kenneth G. Mehrle

March 1, 2011

Kenneth G. Mehrle, 85, of Cape Girardeau, MO, died Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at Missouri Veteran's Home in Cape Girardeau, MO. He was born August 19, 1925 in Cape Girardeau, MO to Arthur J. and Anita Schwab Mehrle, Sr. He and Bettie Fulbright were married August 30, 1946 at Kansas City, Kansas. He was a 1942 graduate of Cape Central High School, attended Southeast Missouri State University and graduated from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. He was a retired independent pharmacy owner of the Medical Arts Pharmacy after 35 years. in business. He retired to Sun City West, Arizona. Kenneth served in the U.S. Army during WWII and received the Purple Heart during "The Battle of the Bulge". He was a member of the following pharmacy organizations: Past President, National Association of Retail Druggists (NCPA) Past President, Missouri Pharmaceutical Association Past President, Missouri State Board of Pharmacy Past President, Cape Girardeau County Pharmaceutical Association Past member, Board of Trustees, St. Louis College of Pharmacy Member, St. Louis College of Pharmacy Alumni Association Member, Gammi Pi Graduate Chapter, Kappsi PSI Pharmaceutical Fraternity Past member, D.E.A. Pharmacy Working Committee Past member, Board of Directors of American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education Past member, Consumer Products and Safety Committee Past member, Missouri Medicaid Advisory Committee Past member, Pharmacy Advisory Committee, Pfizer Laboratory First Chairman, NCPA Political Action Committee (NARD PAC 18 years) Past

President NCPA Foundation 8 years. Currently serving on Board of Directors He was awarded: President's Award - Missouri Pharmacists Association King of Courtesy Award - Missouri Travelers Association Man Of The Year Award - Missouri Pharmacist's Association Man Of The Year Award - Kappa PSI Pharmaceutical Fraternity Honorary member - Alumni Association of the University of Missouri School of Pharmacy, Kansas City, MO. Bowl of Hygeia Award - Missouri Pharmacist Association Distinguished Alumnus Award - St. Louis College of Pharmacy He was Past Vice President - Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce, Past President - Cape Girardeau Chapter of the U.S. Navy League Past member - Board of Directors of the United Fund Past Director - Southeast Missouri Hospital Member of the Board of Directors of Boatman's Bank of Cape Girardeau. He was a delegate at the 1972 Democratic National Convention representing the Missouri 10th Congressional District Delegate at the 1972 Missouri Democratic State Convention Past member - Cape Girardeau County Democratic Committee He was a community leader and his civic affairs included: Charter member of the Cape Girardeau Exchange Club Past President and member of the Board of Directors of Pharmacist Mutual Insurance Company of Algona, Iowa. He was a member and past deacon of the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Cape Girardeau. Survivors include Daughter - Debbie Kitchen and husband, Darrell, Cape Girardeau, MO Daughter - Jane Koch and husband, Scott, Cape Girardeau, MO Grandchild - Megan Koch and fiance` Tyson Rayburn Grandchild - Amanda Koch Grandchild - Corie J. Nunnally Grandchild - Racheal Kitchen Grandchild - Damien Kitchen Grandchild - Kenny Long He was preceded in death by his parents, Wife, a son, William Kent Mehrle, and a brother, Arthur Mehrle. Visitation will be from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, March 4, 2011 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Funeral will be at 1:00 PM Saturday, March 5, 2011 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau with Pastor Dan Johnson officiating. Entombment will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum with military rites by Missouri Honor Team. Memorial contributions may be given to

NCPA Foundation, 100 Daingerfield Rd., Alexandria VA. 22314-2888 or
Muhammed Ali Parkinson's Center and Movement Disorders Clinic, St.
Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, 240 West Thomas Rd., Suite 301,
Phoenix, Arizona. Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com. Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ My mother Jane (Mehrle) Bodine just informed me about Kenneth passing away. As a relative, he will be missed by all. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Mark Bodine - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ The family thanks all who sent messages to us--we appreciate all of you. Mom and Dad will be missed by so many of us, but are finally together again! Thank you for your prayers we need them!

Debbie Mehrle Kitchen - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ My thought and prayers are with you and your family during this time of grief.

Tammie Lincoln Koenig - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Bettie, We extend our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. Ken was a great leader in our profession, he left this earth a better place. Love Bob and Chery Greenwood

Chery and Bob Greenwood - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Debbie and Jane; Mom was so saddened to hear of your Father's death but happy he could be released to join your Mother whom I know he missed greatly. Personally I will always remember the card games your Mom. Dad, Les and my Mom played almost nightly at Sun City West. It was a hoot whether I joined them or just watched. Our prayers are with you. Virginia Schwab and Son, Bill Stone*

Bill Stone - May 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Our condolences to the entire Mehrle family on the passing of such a great man. He was instrumental in the success of Pharmacists Mutual.*

Scott M. Naeger, Pharmacists Mutual Co - April 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *To Janie, Scott, Debbie, Megan, Amanda and extended family: We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Bob lost his dad at the Veterans Home and it was made somewhat better by seeing what great care they gave him in his final years. Hope that was your case, too. Your dad was a great man with many accomplishments. He lived a good life and you will have many memories to sustain you. I will always fondly remember him, especially for his gracious way of putting up with all our crap back in the day! Wish I could be at the services, but I have been under the weather this week and am unable to attend the visitation and funeral. However, our thoughts will be with you and your family in the coming days and weeks. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you, Love Bob & Sue*

Bob and Sue Morrow - April 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was a great man who had a passion for other people. I owe him a great deal since he was the one to get me started in my career. I enjoyed being a delivery boy for him at Medical Arts during my college days . I'm sure both of you have forgotten, but I played Santa Claus for both of you and several of the Doctor's kids a couple of years and had a great time doing it. Getting back to your Dad, he helped me get my first job when I got out of College, with Merck and Co.. That job lasted 36 years. I have been retired for 15 years and am living in Banning Ca.. My wife (Jodie) and I visited your dad and mom several times in their home in Sun City. We enjoyed those visits very much as they brought back old times. Ken is dear to our hearts and will be missed. May God bless your families. Ken's delivery boy ART WELCH.

Arthur Welch - April 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Jane and Deb, I have only good memories of your Dad. He will be missed for sure. One of the "good" ones! Condolences, Steve and Patty

Stephen Estes - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ to the mehrle family,the Koch Family and the Kitchen family, 'sorry to learn about the lost of your father and grandfather. A great guy and neighbor.

bob pollack - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ He was a favorite cousin and we thought so much of him and Bettie. He did a lot of good during his lifetime. I'm sure he is in heaven rejoicing with Bettie and our heavenly Father.

Bob & Meg Stroder - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Mehrle Family. Ken was a true gentle-man & patriot, and his friendship & leadership over many decades will be truly missed.

Vivian Przondo Byrley - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Mr Mehrle set a wonderful example of pharmacy leadership and political involvement. A true gem in our pharmacy profession. My condolences and prayers.

DeAnn Mullins, RPh NCPA Executive Committee - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ With deepest sorrow & sympathy. Ken was my mentor at NARD and my hero. He will always be remembered as a pillar of strength for Independent Pharmacy. Rest in peace, dear friend. Joe & Annie

Joe & Anna Margaret Mosso - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ While I only met Ken a few times, I know he was a great man. I respect him for his leadership in our profession and ascent to the highest position in NCPA. Charlie West, who is my mentor, always spoke of Ken in admiring tones. He has several times told me of what a great family man he was and that he possessed great integrity. I am sincerely sorry for your loss. You will be in my prayers. He will be missed by all and long be in our conversations and thoughts. Mark Riley

Mark Riley - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM