

Kenneth V. Karnopp

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Kenneth V. Karnopp, 78, formerly of Hoodspport, Wash., and Yuma, Ariz., died of cancer March 19, 1999 at his daughter's home in Albuquerque, N.M. Remains were cremated with internment of ashes to be at a later date.

Kenneth Verne Karnopp was born September 11, 1920 to Louis John and Ida (Passage) Karnopp at Andover. He attended East Hanson Prairie Pride grade school and a year of high school in Andover, before joining the CC Camps in the Black Hills. He entered the Navy in October, 1940, taking basic training at Great Lakes, Ill. He served on the air craft carrier USS Wasp, fought in Guadalcanal campaign, and in a battle off the Solomon Islands during which the ship was torpedoed and sunk. He then became a plankowner on the new carrier USS Kearsarge, during the Okinawa Campaign and the occupation of Japan. He went on to serve on the USS Antietam, USS Coral Sea, USS Norton Sound, USS Suisan, USS Koener and after 20 years of service a retirement ceremony took place on the USS Forster at Pearl Harbor on April 2, 1960. During peach time Kenneth had graduated from Washington, D.C., gunnery school, served two tours of duty at recruiting and training centers in San Diego, Calif. He received a letter of commendation for outstanding service, American Campaign, Asiatic Pacific, China Service and Korea Service medals. He was employed by Container Corporation in Tacoma,



Wash., until he retired in 1974. He was married to Annabelle Sanford in 1943, two children were born to this union. He married Helen Richarson on February 14, 1958. She died on June 12, 1992.

His interests were outdoor sports, especially fishing and hunting.

Survivors include his son, Louis Lee Karnopp of Antioch, Calif.; his daughter, Barbara Ann (Ryan) Nolan, Albuquerque, N.M.; a stepson, Willie Stalder, Hoodspport, Wash.; a stepdaughter, Connie Barabe of Tacoma, Wash.; two sisters, Arlene Boehmer and Marlys Rodman of Groton, and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Wallace, and his wife, Helen.