

# Kenneth Merle Short

January 12, 1919 – July 2, 2015

Kenneth Merle Short, 96, a lifelong resident of Wheatland passed away Thursday, July 2 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Kenneth Short was born Jan. 12, 1919 in Phillips County, Kan. the son of Lester Charles and Mabel (Sanderson) Short.

Kenneth graduated from Wheatland High School in 1938. Kenneth went into the United States Army on Mar. 31, 1942 and he later became a squad leader. He was wounded in the second day D-Day on June 7, 1944 on Omaha Beach. After he recovered he became a PT trainer for wounded troops. While serving in the Army he earned the good conduct medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Service Medal, Purple Heart, GO 140th G H APO 350 44, and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal. He was a hardworking, honest, and opinionated man. He wasn't afraid to tell you his opinion and gave great advice. He held his friends dear. He was an excellent teacher and mentor. He helped a lot of the Wheatland area farmers to their success for his whole life with his mechanic business. Kenneth married Irene Weinmeister on Feb. 21, 1948 in Wheatland. Kenneth



enjoyed hunting, fishing, and working very hard.

He is survived by his sons, Dennis (Lynne) Short of Glenrock, Roger Short of Wheatland, and Steve (Zella) Short of Black Hawk, S.D.; sister, Edna (Bob) Martin of Mesa, Ariz.; grandchildren, Ryan (Kendra Dunn) Short, Amanda (Mitch) Stenkamp, Ashley (Jeremey) Littleton, Jason (Morgan Keller) Short, and Matthew Short; great grandchildren,

Braxton Short and Braedon Dunn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Irene Short on Sept. 16, 2009; siblings, Charles Short, Owen Short, Clara Berry, James Short, and Ben Short.

A memorial to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758515, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or to Wyoming Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 1117, Riverton, WY 82501 would be appreciated by the family.

A service will be held at a later date.

Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences can be sent to the family at [www.gormanfh.com](http://www.gormanfh.com)