



Walter E. King, 87, Cook, formerly passed away on March 20, 2011 at the Carefree Living Center in Cook. He was born on March 7, 1924 to George and Emily (Porter) King, at Orr, where he grew up and lived most his life. Walt served in the U.S. Army during World War II, where he fought at Normandy when the Allies invaded Europe on June 6, 1944. When Hitler tried to extend the war, he fought at the infamous Battle of the Bulge, where he was a Staff Sergeant and tank commander. After the war, he never received the metals he earned, then 65 years later in a recent ceremony, he was awarded the five medals he had coming. After his tour of duty, he returned to Orr, where he was employed at the Scott Erickson Lumber-yard for a number of years. He retired from Ulland Bros. Construction, where he was a longtime truck driver. He married Shirley Mae Novak on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1983 in Nett Lake. They lived in Greaney for about 8 years, then moved to Cook where they lived for the past 3 years. He was a member of the Orr American Legion and Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. Walter was a great outdoorsman all of his life and even started moose hunting at the age of 12. He is preceded in death by 5-brothers; Lloyd, Kenneth, Lavern, Warren, and Ronald King, 3 sisters; Vaughn O'Leary, Evelyn Nevitt and Marlene Haynes. He is survived by his wife Shirley King of Cook, 4 children; Judy Catlett of New Albany, Indiana, Jeannie Freiberger of New Albany, Indiana, Walter Jr. (Connie) King of Orr, and Lisa; 6 step children; Greg(Diane) Auchter of Hinckley, MN, Linda (Wade Anthony) Helman of Cook, Richard(Peggy) Auchter of Maplwood, MN, Sally (Mike) Marquette of Lake Vermilion-Tower, Robin Auchter of Chisholm and Joseph Lakoskey of Minneapolis; 2 sisters; Dolores (William) Toivinen of Aurora, MN, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

SERVICES: Memorial services will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook. A gathering of family and friends will be held 1 hour prior to the services. Rev Reuben Rosnau will be the Officiant. Military Honors will be accorded by Orr American Legion Post #480, Cook Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #1757 and the Bois Forte Honor Guard. Burial will be in the spring at the St. Bridgets Cemetery in Greaney.