Kenneth Roche – BS 1952 Pharmacy

Kenneth Roche, 95, Grand Forks, passed away Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at Altru Hospital Grand Forks.

Ken was born in Drayton, ND, on January 15, 1925, the son of James & Marjorie (Junkin) Roche. He was raised in Drayton, ND, Greenbush, MN, and Thief River Falls, MN. After high school, he served with the US Army during WWII in France and Germany under General Patton. He attended and graduated from NDSU School of Pharmacy. He was in Pharmaceutical Sales for Parke Davis and then worked in several pharmacies in the area.

Ken was a member of United Lutheran Church and active in the Choir, the Ken Shrine Chanters and bugle Corps, Grand Forks Curling Club, Lincoln Park Golf Club, and the Elks. He liked UND Football and Hockey. Ken was proud of his Irish heritage and liked to tell a good joke.

Ken is survived by his wife, Donna (Bear) Roche; Children, Colleen Leake (Mike), Scott (Sharon); Grandchildren, Ian Roche, Erica Leake, Conor Roche.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters Lucille Damberger, Dorothy “Babe” Berg and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials are asked to be directed to Choice Fitness or Shrine Children's Hospitals.

A family service will be held at Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Forks. Arrangements are with Amundson Funeral Home, Grand Forks, ND.