Kennedy, Robert

Robert McQueen Kennedy, 90, of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, passed away Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001, at Linhaven Home for the Aged in St. Catharines. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on Feb. 5, 1911, to Henry and Agnes (McQueen) Kennedy and attended public school in Govan, Glasgow, Scotland. On Jan. 29, 1932, he was married to Jean Eaglesham in Govan. Mr. Kennedy joined the 5th Battalion Highland Light Infantry as a bugler in 1927. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the 109th Company of Royal Engineers, being active in France at Dunkirk, in North Africa and also with the invasion of Italy. He was honorably discharged in 1945 with the rank of Company Quartermaster Sergeant. He was a member of the St. Columba Masonic Lodge in Govan. He emigrated to Toronto, Canada, with his family in 1954, and found work at his trade as a master plumber. He retired in 1972 after a successful career in the Ontario hospital systems maintenance department. He and his wife, Jean, were certified by the Royal St. Andrews Society of Scotland to teach Scottish country dance and were instrumental with the establishment of the New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Scottish Country Dance Club. Mr. Kennedy was a proud Canadian citizen and a loyal supporter of the United States. He is survived by his three children, Henry Kennedy and his wife, Martha, of St. Catharines, Crawford Kennedy and his wife, Ann, of Pigeon, and Elizabeth Ferguson and her husband, Ronald, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada; five grandchildren, Andrew and Deb Kennedy of Santa Monica, Calif., Robert and Mary Pat Kennedy of Saginaw, Glen and Lisa Kennedy of Santa Monica, Dean and Tricia Ferguson of Tampa, Fla., and Debra Ferguson of Toronto; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, May McConnell; and two brothers, Jack Kennedy of Australia and William Kennedy of Glasgow. Besides his loving wife, Jean, Mr. Kennedy was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Elizabeth McGillivary and Ann McCleary; and two brothers, Christopher and Henry. Private services will take place. Memorials may be made to Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon. Arrangements are being handled by the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon.