

Kenneth R. Kennedy

March 20, 1903 - January 13, 1979

Kenneth R. Kennedy, 75, formerly of Madison and Monticello, died Saturday at his home in Knoxville, Tenn., after a long struggle against cancer. Kennedy was well known in Madison as a reporter for The Capital Times and The Wisconsin State Journal, as a nationally known track star, and as the husband of Anne Masino, long successful business woman in the community.

Kenneth Richards Kennedy was born in Monticello, March 20, 1903, the son of Charles D. and Blanche Richards Kennedy. He spent his early life in Monticello, graduating from MHS in 1922.

As a student at the University of Wisconsin from 1922-1926, he attracted wide attention as a crack quarter-miler, running the 440-yard dash faster than anyone in the nation for two consecutive years. He was captain of the track team in his senior year.

From Madison he went to the Tennessee Valley Authority where he was reports editor, preparing the agency's annual report to Congress. He retired in 1968.

Kennedy was active in liberal affairs. He was a member-founder of the Madison Newspaper Guild more than four decades ago.

He willed his body to the University of Tennessee-Memphis Medical Center. The family asks that memorials be sent to Fort Sanders Hospital, Knoxville, Tenn.

In addition to his widow Anne, he is survived by a son, Michael, 39, two grandchildren, and two brothers, Howard, Monticello, and Edwin, of Apache Junction, Arizona.