

Ray Loyd Esbeck, 62 ✓

Oct. 10, 1932 - Mar. 24, 1995

Elk Horn - Ray Loyd Esbeck was born Oct. 10, 1932 to George J. and Merl Coffin Esbeck in Elk Horn. He died March 24, 1995 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City at age 62. He grew up and attended school in Elk Horn.

June 18, 1960 he married Shirley Mortensen in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. He lived in the Elk Horn area all his life. He was in the heating and plumbing business forty-six years. He had worked with his father until 1962 at which time he started his own business of Ray's Plumbing and Heating. For five years he also worked as Maintenance Engineer at the Salem Lutheran Homes and for one year he served as Mechanical Maintenance Engineer at the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Merl; a sister, Doris Willson; brother-in-law, George Willson; father-in-law and mother-in-law Alvin and Lydia Mortensen. He is survived by his wife, Shirley of Elk Horn; his dog, Sammy; a brother Burton Esbeck (Jeanene) of Elk Horn; mother-in-law, Erna Mortensen; brother-in-law, Lynn Mortensen (Julie); two sisters-in-law: Joyce Smith (LaVerne) and Gloria Bonnesen (Roger); numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 28, 1995 at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were: Leroy and Clara Pedersen, Jerry and Sherry Hansen, Dewey and Dorothy Linden, Harrison and Lois Hansen, Kenneth and Barb Hansen and Howard and Karma Sorensen. Casket bearers were: Don Madsen, Terry Madsen, Charles Madsen, Larry Klein, Keith Madsen and Charles Hansen. Steen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.