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## Robert L. Esbeck, 75

**ELK HORN** – Robert Esbeck was born Feb. 4, 1913 in Elk Horn. His parents were John and Fredericka (Larsen) Esbeck. He was baptized and confirmed in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, where he was currently a member. He has been a life-long resident of Elk Horn.

He attended the Elk Horn Lutheran School system. He served in the U.S. Army during WW II. On Oct. 7, 1940 he married Veta Hansen. They built a home in Elk Horn after their marriage. They adopted four children, Sharon, Sandi, Vincent and Lucinda Lee. He was in business with his brothers, Howard and Lester in the Esbeck Motors. He also has served on the town council. He died Dec. 5, 1988 at the Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife, Veta and his brother, Howard. He is survived by his four children, Sandi (Mrs Dale) Wingert of Mesa, AZ; Sharon Esbeck of West Palm Beach, FL; Vincent Esbeck of Elk Horn and Cindy (Mrs Larry) Swanson of Elk Horn; eight grandchildren, and one brother, Lester Esbeck of Elk Horn.

Funeral services were held Dec. 8, 1988 in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery with Arthur Jacobsen, Burdette Poldberg, Melvin Eskov, Merlyn Molgaard, Edward Steen and Raynold Nelson as casket bearers. Kaltoft Funeral Horne was in charge of arrangements.