

William Eslick, 82 ✓

Oct. 14, 1918 – May 7, 2001

WALNUT – William Albert Eslick was born Oct. 14, 1918 in Sioux City, son of William and Nellie Easton Eslick, and was one of four children in the family. Bill grew up in Elk Point, SD, and attended school there. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America and became an Eagle Scout in 1936 in Elk Point.

In 1938, he married Eleanor Chaussee. They were the parents of one son, Robert. Eleanor died in 1979.

Jan. 8, 1983, Bill married Barbara Shirley. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the Navy, as a Master Electrician in San Diego, CA. He was an electrician for over 30 years. While working for E. A. Pedersen and Company of Omaha, NE, he serviced light plants in Minnesota and Iowa. The last 15 years he was the owner and operator of BAR-ES Appliance Repair. He was an ardent supporter of the Walnut Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. He was a member of the Walnut AmVets and the American Legion in Walnut. He was very active as a member of the Walnut First Presbyterian Church. He served on the Session, was a member of the Choir, and served on the Pastor Search Committee. He was a longtime member of the Walnut Fire Department. Bill served several terms on the Walnut City Council and on the Water Board. He was a past president of the Walnut Community Club. Bill was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star in Marne. Bill died at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Omaha, NE, May 7, 2001, at age 82 years, six months and 24 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Eleanor; his brothers, Earl and Eddie Eslick; and his sister, Irene Kneebone. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his son, Robert Eslick (Mariel) of Venezuela; his daughter-in-law, Janet Eslick of Fort Collins, CO; his sister-in-law, Nancy Eslick of Mesa, AZ; his two granddaughters, Colleen Eslick and Kelley (Peter) Ganison; his grandson, Greg Eslick (Kristie); his stepson, Sam Shirley (Brinda); his two stepdaughters, Lori (Lee) Burras and Jolene Shirley; his two step grandchildren, Brandi and Daniel Shirley; three great grandchildren, Alexa and Chase Eslick and Aspen Ganison, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 12, 2001, at the First Presbyterian Church, Walnut, with Pastor Craig zumBrunnen officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Walnut American Legion and AmVets. Honorary casket bearers were Don Walter, Erwin Arndt, Bill League, James Tooley, Robert Stuart and Roger Muri. Casket bearers were Greg Eslick, Allan Hagen, James Hansen, Sam Shirley, Justin Tooley and Dennis Book. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.