



Elmer L. Kolstad

April 2, 1927 - February 19, 2008

Elmer L. Kolstad, age 80, of Glendive, passed away on Thursday, February 14, 2008 at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care in Glendive. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Elmer was born on April 2, 1927 in Mandan, North Dakota, the son of Alfred Leonard and Jenny Matilde (Isaacson) Kolstad. In 1928, Elmer moved to Glendive with his family where he was raised and educated, graduating from Dawson County High School with the class of 1944. While a freshman in high school, Elmer worked after school and weekends at Whistler's Garage, fixing tires and pumping gas. He also washed cars for Pinky Armontrout and later went to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad on the bridge gang and also did sign painting. In 1946, Elmer went to watch-making school at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. He graduated in 1947 and returned to Glendive and went to work for Pete Barkema as a watch maker. He met his wife, Mable McPherson, at Barkema's Jewelry where she was working after school. They were united in marriage on November 7, 1948 in Glendive. Elmer continued to work for Barkema Jewelry for three years when he started a repair shop in the corner window of the City Drug. He worked there for two years before starting a small store (Kolstad Jewelers) that was located between the Beer Jug and George's Sandwich Shop. He later moved the store to its present location on Bell Street. Elmer

semi retired in 1990. Elmer was a life member of the Glendive Elks Lodge and he had served on the combined Dawson County High School and Dawson Community College school board. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Alfrida "Fritz" Herigstad and his brother, Melvin Kolstad. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Mable (McPherson) Kolstad, of Glendive; a son, Richard (Kay Evans) Kolstad and their children, Marcy (Mark) Scott, Sarah and Kristen of Bothell, Washington, Mark (Rhiannon) Kolstad, Jacob, Hayden and Gabriel of Billings, Montana, Jennifer (Ryan) Haggerty, Kyle and Conner of Onalaska, Wisconsin; a daughter, Diane (Jack) Crockett of Glendive and their children, Gina (Brandon) Schwartz, Brooke and Jayda of Glendive, Chad (Myra) Vogeles, Raymond, Eriq and Alena of DuBois, Pennsylvania, Kara (Cole) Ackerman, Brandt of Glendive; a daughter, Patricia (David) Zimmerman and their children, Kraig Zimmerman of Gillette, Wyoming and Nicole Zimmerman of Bismarck, North Dakota; his sister, Beatrice Kalloch of Glendive.

Tribute Wall



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