



William "Bill" Stevens was born near Edmore, ND on October 2, 1917 to William and Vera Stevens. After the death of his father in 1927, the family moved to Minot.

He attended Model High School and graduated in 1936 from Minot High School where he was active in basketball and football.

Bill studied telegraphy at night school and obtained employment with the railroad as a train order operator at the Soo Tower in Sawyer, ND. He later became a Chief Dispatcher for the Minot Division of the Great Northern Railroad, which later became the Burlington

Northern Railroad. He retired on May 28, 1978 after 34 years of service.

On July 2, 1942, he married LaVerne C. Lee at Havre, MT and in 1944, they moved to Minot where he worked as a telegrapher and train dispatcher. His wife, LaVerne died on October 25, 1995.

Bill made his home at Somerset Court from 2002 to the present. He very much appreciated the staff's care and concern they showed toward him.

He was a sharp card player and also enjoyed a good game of pool. Bill was a member of the Elks, Eagles and Moose Lodge. He was a member of First Lutheran Church, Minot.

Bill enjoyed word games with his granddaughter, his son's singing, and watching TV News. He had a vast knowledge of many subjects because he was an avid reader and loved watching documentaries.

He is survived by his son, William (Rick) Stevens and his wife, Vicki, granddaughter, Jessica Stevens, all of Minot; brothers-in-law, Tom Lee of Walnut Creek, CA and Dean Nichols of Omak, WA, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, LaVerne Stevens, his brother Dean Stevens and sister Betty Nichols.



William "Bill" D. Stevens

Born Into Earthly Life

October 2, 1917, near Edmore, ND

Born Into Life Eternal

September 7, 2007, Minot, ND

Funeral

First Lutheran Church, Minot, ND

Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

Officiant

Rev. Ken Nelson

Music

Bill's son Rick will offer "To God Be the Glory" (Medley)

Congregational Hymns

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" #439 LBW

"Children Of the Heavenly Father" # 474 LBW

Gary Stenehjem, organist

Honorary Bearers

Bud Kalmbach

Emmett Ness

Hollis Hall

Roger Steenerson

Kenneth Lee

Rueben Hammond

Along with all of the other railroad dispatchers and residents and staff of Somerset

Active Bearers

Steve Fogarty

Neil Scharpe

Jerry Lyon

Terry Epps

Joe Berg

Leo Schafer

Burial

Rosehill Memorial Park, Minot, ND

Those processing to the cemetery are kindly asked to drive with your headlights and hazard lights on, follow the car in front of you as closely as safety permits and double park once inside of the cemetery gates. Then follow the family over to the gravesite for the final prayers

Following the service, everyone is invited to join with the family in a time of fellowship in the parish center of the church.

Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot