

Earl was born on July 27, 1920, in Torning Township, Ward County, ND, a son of Dennis Edward and Emma Eliza (Fierstine) Killmer. He was reared and educated in Torning Township.

After his education, he helped on the family farm until joining the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) on January 8, 1940 where he planted trees in Kramer, ND. The next year, Earl was also with the CCC at Larimore, ND, and worked as an assistant leader until becoming chief cook, being discharged in May of 1942.



Earl then entered the US Army on August 17, 1942, at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. He was transferred to the Medical Department, Victorville, California and reported there in September of 1942. He transferred to Camp Stoneman, California, for a course of instruction in School for Bakers and Cooks. He transferred to the Army Air Corps on February 28, 1944 and later transferred to the Medical Department on July 27, 1944; he was assigned as a Mechanic. He later transferred from mechanic to cooking duties in June of 1945. He was promoted to Corporal on June 22, 1945 and was transferred to Washington, Vancouver, Honolulu and finally to the 13<sup>th</sup> Bomber wing 20<sup>th</sup> A.F. Tinian in the Marianas in November of 1945. He also served in Guam, aboard the USS Frederick Funston and the USS Hampton. He was honorably discharged as a corporal on February 13, 1946 at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Earl returned to Minot, where he worked for a short time for Stohr's Moving with his brother, Jay. He then started a career with Rosehill Memorial Park for the City of Minot on April 16, 1946, which spanned 44 years until June 30, 1990, when he retired. The last twenty years, Earl served as superintendent of the cemetery. Earl was more than dedicated to his career at Rosehill. During his time at the cemetery, he either planted or overlooked the planting of most of the greenery around the cemetery. He was most proud of the flowering crab trees and lilacs.

Earl married Lorraine Leier and they had three children together, Diane, Donna and Dennis.

Earl was an accomplished bowler, bowling a 300 game when he was 65 years old on January 2, 1985. He bowled for over 40 years and in the 1960's he bowled on a local tv show called "King of the Hill", which took place at North Hill Bowl. He made enough in winnings on the show that he could take his family on a vacation.

When Earl retired from Rosehill, he moved into the Southwood Condominiums, where he did outside maintenance. Earl was a member of the VFW in Minot, the Eagles Aerie and a lifetime member of the NRA. Earl was an avid speed reader. His favorite type of books were westerns, especially Louis La'Moure and Zane Gray.

#### **Those Most Honored To Share In His Life**

His son, Dennis (Linda) Sawyer, ND; daughters, Donna Cornelius, Minot and Diane (Paul) Behm, Minot; grandchildren, Andrea Malcomb, Danielle (Rob) DeGennaro, Aaron Malcomb, Rachel (Reggie) Schaan, John Cornelius and Marlana Cornelius; great-grandchildren, Briana DeGennaro, Troy DeGennaro and Finlay Goodwin Malcomb.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dennis Edward and Emma Eliza (Fierstine) Killmer; eight brothers, Marion, Donald, Edward, Harold, Edwin, Jay, Melvin and Harry Killmer; one sister, Vera Godfrey; and son-in-law, Russell Malcomb.

## ***Earl G. Killmer***

*July 27, 1920, in Torning Township, Ward County, ND*

*March 3, 2009, Minot, ND*

### ***Memorial Service***

*Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot*

*Monday, March 9, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.*

### ***Officiant***

*Rev. Donald Andrews, chaplain Trinity Medical Center, Minot*

### ***Honorary Bearers***

*All of Earl's family, friends and those that worked with Earl at Rosehill*

### ***Music***

*Bagpiper, Aaron Malcomb, Earl's grandson will offer several selections*

### ***Interment***

*Rosehill Memorial Park, Minot*

*This will be done privately later in the spring*

### ***Flag Presentation***

*Members of the National Guard Honor Guard with taps being played by Dorothy Pence of the Minot Veteran of Foreign Wars.*

*Earl's family would like to take this time to thank everyone for all of the kindnesses accorded to them at this most difficult time.*



*Every blade in the field  
Every leaf in the forest  
Lays down its life in its season  
As beautifully as  
it was taken up.*

*-Henry David Thoreau*