

Clarence Elkin was born February 28, 1940, the son of Alfred and Olinda (Frederick) Elkin. He attended rural grade school and completed high school in Taylor, ND in 1957. Clarence entered the United States Army in 1960 where he served for three years in Korea and Unincez, Italy. He married Beverly Perhus on June 12, 1964. Together they raised three kids; Kelly born 1966, Brian born 1969, and Krista born 1972. Clarence and Beverly both attended Interstate Business College in Fargo, ND, worked at home, then moved to Denver to work at a Texaco station. He bought the Standard Oil Co. bulk fuel dealership in Taylor that served the Taylor/Gladstone area. He finished college in 1973 at North Dakota State University and promptly entered the finance industry. His first job out of college was with Security Bank of Hebron in Taylor, ND and quickly got an offer to work as a loan officer for Production Credit Association (PCA) in 1975. PCA transitioned its name to Farm Credit Services. Clarence ended up working there for 17 years. The locations of work with Farm Credit were Dickinson, ND, Salmon, ID, Alexandria, MN, Bowman, ND, and Twin Falls, ID. Each one of these stops included a lifestyle that centered around ranching and farming. He remarried in April 1991 to Helen (Tade) Elkin and were together upon her passing in 2019. They resided in Billings from 2003 to 2020. Lisa and Gary Bonneau are Helen's children. He finished his banking career with Summit National Bank in Hulett, WY and retired in 2008. He served as President & Chairman. Clarence's interests were moving, farming & ranching, travel, collecting tractors, training horses, hunting, fishing, story/joke telling, & land speculation. He was quick witted and enjoyed telling stories about anything with a punch line or humor in it. One-liners, short funny poems, and old historic 'sayings' were his favorites to deliver to anyone who'd listen. Wherever they were located, Clarence and his family raised cattle, sheep, dairy cows as well as produced small grains. He was convinced that the grass was greener on the other side which kept him searching, discovering, and dreaming about the next pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Clarence is survived by his two

sons, Kelly of Dickinson, ND & Brian (Desiree) of Billings, MT; daughter Krista Ramirez of Billings, MT; step daughter, Lisa Bonneau of Helena, MT; stepson, Gary Bonneau (Sharon) of Colorado Springs, CO; Beverly (Perhus) Elkin of Billings, MT; grandsons Anthony Ramirez, Jack Elkin, & Brock Elkin, & granddaughter Samantha Ramirez all of Billings, MT; step-grandsons Tyler, Nathan, Blake, Kyle Peterson and Andrew Bonneau; step-granddaughters Ellen and Madeleine Bonneau; brothers Richard (Janet) Elkin, Charles Elkin. Many nieces and nephews. Clarence is preceded in death by his parents Alfred and Olinda Elkin; wife Helen Elkin; sister Beatrice (Ralph) Messer; sister Inez (Neil) Peters; brother Willy Elkin.

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February 28, 1940 - February 7, 2022



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FUNERAL SERVICE:

Friday, February 18, 2022 10:00 am
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE:

Thursday, February 17, 2022 6:00 pm
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Stephen Backes

MUSIC:

Jean Marcusen

READERS:

Jack Elkin

Brock Elkin

PALLBEARERS:

Jay Elkin

Corby Elkin

Rick Woodbury

Anthony Ramirez

John Alastra

Francis Meeker

HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

All of Clarence's Family & Friends

INTERMENT:

Pioneer Cemetery
Taylor, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served in the fellowship room
following the funeral service.
Everyone is welcome.*

