

In Loving Memory

Otho S. Eaton

August 14, 1922
Hand County, South Dakota

January 23, 2013
Orient, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 29, 2013
St. Joseph Catholic Church ~ Orient, South Dakota

ROSARY BY: Maxine & Lloyd Oleson

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:
10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 30, 2013
St. Joseph Catholic Church ~ Orient, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. Thomas Clement

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER & LECTOR: Staci Aesoph

OFFERTORY: Michelle Mehlhaff, Tiffany Curtice, Heather Schreiner,
Danielle Tibbetts, Shannon Andazola, Nichole Clement, Jacelyn Schneider,
Jessica Meyer, Jeni Kramer, Carly Eaton, Erin Stark, Abby Clement

ALTAR SERVERS: Jack and Alex Aesoph

MEMORIAL ESCORTS:
Cody Selting, Chris Bailey, Adam Meyer, Daniel Meyer,
Brandon Clement, Christopher Eaton, Alec Eaton, Tristin Eaton

HONORARY MEMORIAL ESCORTS: All of Otho's Grandchildren,
Great Grandchildren, Great Great Grandchildren

USHERS: Steve Aesoph and Mike Aesoph

ORGANIST: Joyce Arneson

VOCALIST: Jerry Bowar

HYMNS: "Amazing Grace" "Old Rugged Cross"
"How Great Thou Art" "Song of Farewell" "On Eagle's Wings"

Otho's military service is honored by South Dakota Patriot Guard Riders.
INURNMENT: St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery ~ Orient, South Dakota

*The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou
art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.*

Psalm 23



*Death leaves a heartache
No one can heal,
Love leaves a memory
no one can steal.*



Faulkton, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net

Otho Eaton was born August 14, 1922 to Orville and Josephine (Mueller) Eaton, one of 10 children. He attended school in Orient and graduated from Orient High School. He entered into the Army Air Force on August 9, 1943 after working in air craft assembly plants in San Diego, California and Omaha, Nebraska.

His unit was stationed in Italy and was a radio operator, mechanic and gunner. He operated the top turret 50 caliber machine gun of a B-24 Liberator, the Dakota Queen, piloted by George McGovern, a fact that he was always very proud of. After returning from overseas he was assigned as a military police officer in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After his discharge in November of 1945, he returned home to Orient and worked construction for a time.

In 1949 he took over his father's rural mail route, a job he proudly worked for 36 years. There are many great stories he has accumulated on his daily route. He has been stuck in the snow in blizzards and pulled out of the snow by his friends and his team of horses. He has dropped mail in gunny sacks from an airplane to his friends on his route and has delivered mail from the seat of a snow mobile. I think he gave the meaning to the US Postal Service creed "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

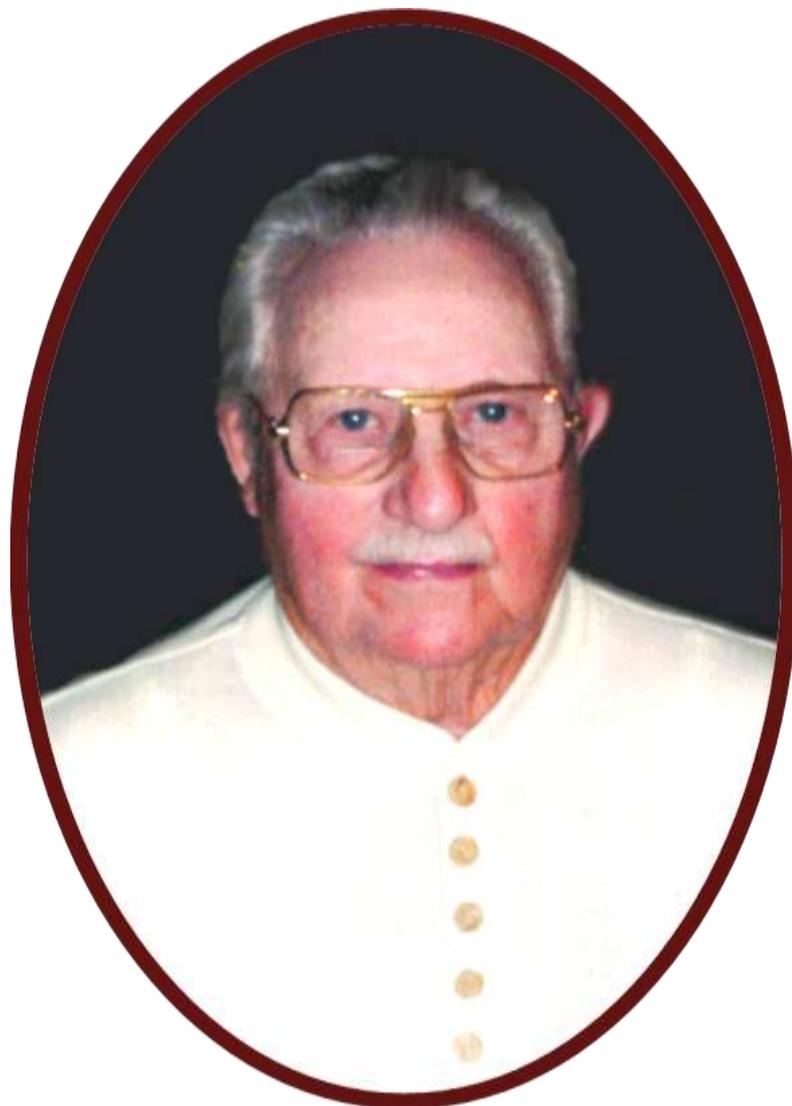
He married Dolores Baloun on August 24, 1948. His journey with Dolores produced and successfully raised (some people of Orient may be of different opinion) eight children: Danny Joe, Anita, Nancy, Debra, Paul, Lynette, Jodene and Russell. He has a long legacy of seven living children, 20 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years Dolores and his seven children: Anita Hasek, Nancy (Mike) Gulbrandson, Deb (John) Lantz, Paul (Sandy) Eaton, Lynette (Paul) Meyer, Jodene (Don) Clement and Russell (Charlene) Eaton; his brothers, Ted (Wanda) Eaton and Dick (Evie) Eaton; sisters: Maxine (Lloyd) Oleson, Mary (Richard) Kelly and Janet Eaton.

He was preceded in death by his infant son, Danny Joe; granddaughter, Kristina; brothers, Gordon and Kevin; sisters, Virginia and Claudine; and his parents, Orville and Josephine Eaton.

❖ **Following both services a time of food and fellowship will be held at the Orient American Legion Building, everyone is welcome.**

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