

*Someday I will soar  
Where only eagles dare to fly.  
My wings will span great distances  
In a clear blue azure sky.  
So high above this worldly place  
That Heaven's doors I'll see.*



Gettysburg, South Dakota  
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**William Edward Eliason** was born June 9, 1923 at Gorman, SD to Henry "Hank" and Estelle (Pence) Eliason. He graduated from Gettysburg High School in 1941.

After high school, Bill traveled to Long Beach, CA to work for Douglas Aircraft, building DC3 airplanes. He joined the US Army as a paratrooper in 1945. After his honorable discharge in 1946, he earned his pilot's license on the GI Bill.

In 1947, Bill was united in marriage to Dorothy Briscoe. To this union four children were born: Larry, Pat, Kay, and Sue. They lived on the farm in rural Potter County.

During Bill's life he was a jockey for Mike Herron, a semi-truck driver for Tennant Trucking and Beringer Trucking, an airplane mechanic, auctioneer, rancher, and owned his own aerial spraying business. Later he co-owned Fischer-Eliason Spraying with Don Fischer.

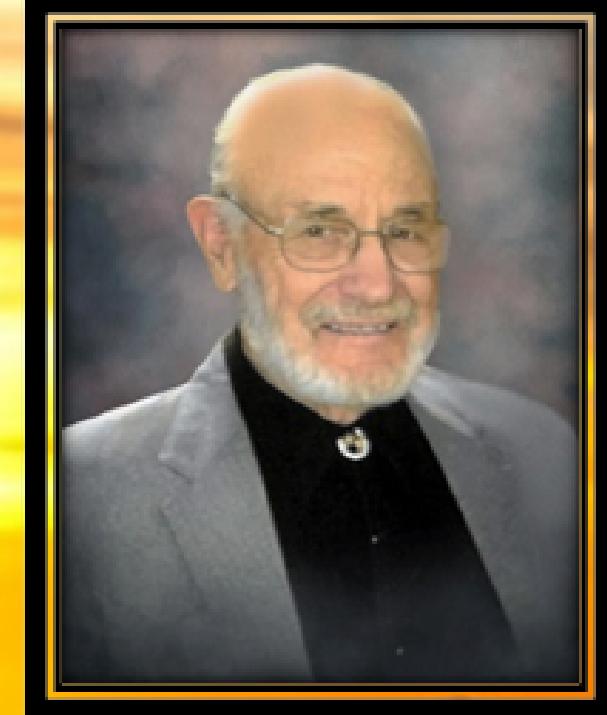
Bill attended school in Kansas City, MO and earned his aircraft engine and frame mechanic's license, and he repaired and rebuilt airplanes throughout his life. Once he retired, he went to work planting trees for the Potter County Conservation District.

In 1986, Bill was united in marriage to Sharleen Fischer.

Bill's life will be cherished by his wife, Sharleen; his children: Larry, Pierre, Pat (Randy) Harer, Gettysburg, Kay (Larry) Schmidt, Gettysburg, and Sue (Kelly) Glodt, Pierre; sister, Rosella "Penny" Boyle and niece, Kim Roberts, Spokane, WA; six grandchildren: Jessica Harer (Kyle Falkenhagen), Darrick (Carrie) Harer, Blaine Schmidt (Cami Privett), Kaycee (Chase) Hill, Kyle (Jori) Glodt, and Heather (Scott) DeBoer; and 12 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorials may be directed to the Potter County Library, 205 W Commercial Ave, Gettysburg, SD 57442.



**In Loving Memory Of  
William "Bill" Eliason**

**1923 - 2021**



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**WILLIAM "BILL" EDWARD ELIASON**

June 9, 1923

Potter County, SD

March 30, 2021

Gettysburg SD

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE  
11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 6, 2021  
United Methodist Church  
Gettysburg, SD

OFFICIATING  
Pastor Jeff Adel

HONOR BEARERS  
Blaine Schmidt, Kyle Glodt, Curt Eliason Jr.,  
Brad Eliason, Wade Beringer, Eddie Beringer,  
All of Bill's Grandchildren and  
Great Grandchildren

PIANIST:  
Donna Rozell

VOCALIST:  
Emma Rozell

MUSICAL SELECTIONS:  
"Amazing Grace" "On Eagle's Wings"  
"Shall We Gather at the River"

INURNMENT:  
10:00 a.m. MDT, Wednesday, April 7, 2021  
Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, SD

