



Elmer R. "Spec" Retzlaff

January 1, 1923 - April 22, 2020

NORFOLK -- Graveside service for Elmer R. "Spec" Retzlaff, 97, of Norfolk, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 27, 2020 at the St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Norfolk with Rev. Austin Ziche officiating. Limited visitation will be held 2:00-5:00 p.m., Sunday, at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. In compliance with COVID-19 restrictions there will be a strict enforcement of 10 people allowed inside the facility at one time and they may need to wait outside. Military rites will be conducted by the Tomek-Otto Post 72 American Legion of Pierce and the United States Army Honors Guard.

Spec passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at the Norfolk Veterans Home.

Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Elmer "Spec" was born January 1, 1923, rural Hadar to William and Elenore (Dederman) Retzlaff. Spec was baptized on January 28, 1923 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hadar. He attended grade school in Hadar until the 8th grade, and he was confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hadar on May 16, 1937. On January 19, 1945 Spec joined the United States Army and served in World War II until his honorable discharge on December 1, 1946. After serving in the military Elmer moved back to Hadar where he worked construction for Theisen's. On September 5, 1973, Elmer married Jeanette Magnussen at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hadar. He had a great love for baseball; he was an avid fan and played baseball and softball for many years. Elmer was the youngest of six brothers and sisters whom

have all passed.

Survivors include his step-children Roger (Carol) Magnussen of York, Rodney (Connie) Magnussen of Norfolk, Cindy (Gordon) Johnston of Key West, Florida, step daughter-in-law Kathy (George) Witte of North Platte, 11 step-grandchildren, sisters in law Lois Retzlaff and Diane Kahler, several great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his is wife Jeanette in 2002, step son Randall Charles Magnussen, his parents, siblings Irene (Kenneth) Stephens, Verona (Augie) Kuhl, LeRoy (Ethel) Retzlaff, Bernice (Ronnie) Moss, and Harry (Sophia) Retzlaff.

Casket bearers will be Elmer's grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be made to the family for a later designation to be made in Spec's name.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Cemetery - Norfolk

1200 N. 13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Elmer R. "Spec" Retzlaff

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ Condolences to Roger, Rod, Cindy and their families. John Campbell

John Campbell - April 24, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elmer R. "Spec" Retzlaff.



April 24, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ Matt Magnussen and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elmer R. "Spec" Retzlaff.



Matt Magnussen and Family - April 24, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ I will never forget Spec taking me to Hadar several times. Spec would enjoy a cold one watching the cubs and I would get to play video games and enjoy a soda. Spec, you will be truly missed. Thanks for being so amazing!

Matt Magnussen - April 24, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elmer R. "Spec" Retzlaff.*



April 23, 2020 at 01:28 PM