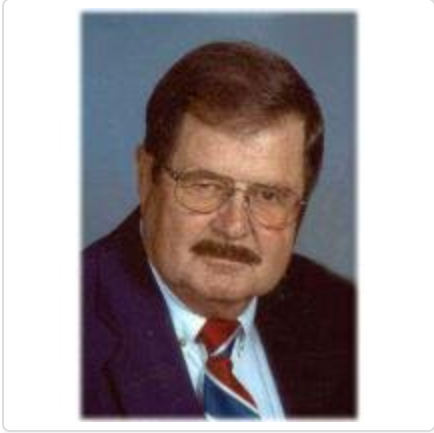




Leslie Duane Engstrom

April 21, 1935 - April 7, 2012

Leslie Engstrom, 76, Bismarck, died April 7, 2012, at his home. Services will be held at 10:30 am Thursday, April 12, at First Baptist Church, 306 E Divide Ave, Bismarck, with Rev. Paul Gibson officiating. Burial will be held at 12:00 Noon, Friday, April 13, at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan. Visitation will be held at 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm Wednesday, April 11, at Eastgate Funeral Service, 2302 East Divide Ave, Bismarck. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Leslie Duane was born April 21, 1935, in Wilton, ND, the son of Adolf and Josephen Bly Engstrom. He spent the first 18 years of his life in Wilton, graduating from Wilton High School in 1953. Following graduation, Leslie worked as a teacher in Baldwin, ND, at the Burnt Creek School District #1. He enlisted in the US Navy in July of 1954 and was honorably discharged in 1958. Leslie was united in marriage to Donella Mae Roberts on September 24, 1955, in San Diego, CA. Together, they were involved in the Burleigh County Foster Parent Organization, and members of First Baptist Church where they served youth groups, on the board of trustees, and as ushers. Leslie accepted a position with the ND State Highway Department as a computer operator/programmer. In 1960, Leslie and Donella moved to Billings, MT, where he worked as the Director of Data Processing with the Eastern Montana College of Education. They moved back to Bismarck in August of 1961 and Leslie worked as Data Processing Director with the Department of Public Instruction. Leslie was appointed editor of the North Dakota Educational Directory and later promoted to Coordinator of

Information Systems in 1967. In 1976, he was promoted to Assistant Director of Information and Research. In 1980, Leslie was promoted to the position of Director of Surplus Property in the Department of Public Instruction. He later worked for the IRS where he retired in 1995 as a Tax Service Specialist. Leslie was a member of the US Army Reserve until 1995, when he retired with the rank of Master Sergeant E8. Leslie and Donella were involved in the ownership of Pioneer General Store in Wing, ND, and the Stanton Super Valu in Stanton, ND. They designed and built their own A-frame cottage at Lake Sakakawea. Leslie enjoyed bow hunting, volleyball, softball, basketball, jogging, woodcarving, auto and bicycle restoration, rock hound and overall enjoying his retirement and traveling. Leslie is survived by his wife, Donella, Bismarck; his children, four daughters, Terry Bill Upham, Minot, ND, Julie McLain special friend, Wayne Entze, Stanton, ND, Bonnie Greg Bechtold, Minot, ND, and Marnell Ken Kelly, Farmington, NM, and son, Jay Engstrom, Minneapolis, MN; two sisters, Leatrice Bob Eik, Fargo, and Barbara Mack Caldwell, FL; brother, Virgle Shirley Engstrom, Bismarck; four grandsons, Justin Jennie Upham, Reno, NV, Joshua Upham, Mandan, Jesse Upham, Minot, and Trever Bechtold, Minot, and granddaughter, Lorelei Upham, Minot; his great-grandchildren, Gage Upham, Gavin Upham and Lily Upham; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Cecil and Martha Roberts; his grandson, Ryan Upham; son-in-law, Ed McLain; brothers, Larry and Ronald Engstrom; sisters, Virginia Craven and Betty Lind; brother-in-law, Leo Dockter and sister-in-law, Brenda Olson.

Tribute Wall

CN

“ *My sympathy to the Engstrom family. My acquaintenshipp with Les goes back more than 40 years to our early work days at the Capitol. I always had so much respect for his integrity and ability. The public was well served by his work. I will also miss very much our Sunday Coffee conversations after church. Sorry I couldn't attend his funeral. He will really be missed. Chet Nelson*

Chester Nelson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *We were sorry to hear about Les and send our sympathy to you and all the family. We enjoyed the summer Engstrom picnics which you and Les hosted at your cabin and at your home. He did a beautiful job restoring the posts and trim for the porch on the Engstrom house and also restored some windows to the original condition. His grandfather's house is now located at Buckstop Junction in Bismarck. We wish we could be with you today but we are still in CA.*

Jeanette Adamyk - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *So sorry that I am not able to be there with you at this time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Am at peace knowing Les is in heaven with Mom and Dad. I love you, Barb*

Barbara St. Helene Caldwell - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear Donella and family: Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I can share your pain. I know that you took good care of Les and that you share many wonderful memories as a family. If I can be of any help, please don't hesitate to call. Barb Middaugh

Barb Middaugh - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ So sorry to hear of your loss may you have Gods strength at this time.

Pat Easton - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ Jay, I'm sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Nancy Arso - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Donella and family--So sorry to hear about Les! Didn't get to know him, like I did you, but remember talking with him also, the times I came to your place for the cakes you baked. Our sympathy and prayers are with you and your family. Verdeen and Dennis Schlafmann

Verdeen Schlafmann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Have nice memories of Les and Don working together on the Trustee Board at First Baptist Church. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you Donnella and your family. May you find comfort to know Les is in his heavenly home.

Arlys Sieler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Leslie's passing. He was a wonderful person and I enjoyed getting to know him through Justin. Justin talks a lot about growing up in North Dakota and spending lots of time with his grandparents at the cabin. I am glad that Justin and his family got to see Leslie in Las Vegas recently, my prayers are with Donella and the whole family. We are thinking about you here in Nevada.

Kathy Wiechers - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ So sorry for yours and our loss. I have fond memories of Jess going back to high school, sports, and joining the Navy together. During the Navy years I caught a ride back to Wilton from California with Jess and Donella in their Studabaker. It was fast on the level but challenged through the mountains. On a couple of Jess's business visits to D.C. we also got together. In my den I have a picture of the three new sailors- Jess, Darwyn D. & myself which always brings back good memories--oh so young. Our thoughts & prayers are with you. Bernie & Jane Easton, Waldorf, Md.

Bernie Easton - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ So sorry to read of my years ago neighbor and good friend "Jesse's" passing. The old group is dwindling. I'm sure there will be some spirited basketball games in heaven, now that the boy's have their 5th member. God be with you in your time of sorrow. Martha

Martha Oshanyk Stelzmler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *Donella & Family Sorry to hear of Les's death. Enjoyed my time spent with Les at church and on our bowling league. Nice reserved man. May God comfort you at this time of loss.*

Howard & Karen Fitzgerald - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *I remember the fun family reunions at the cabin as a young girl. Who could forget the pontoon rides and wonderful food! Thank you. Will surely miss you and wish I would have had more time to get to know you. My thoughts and prayers are with you all! Love, Juliana*

Juliana St. Helene-Kraft - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM