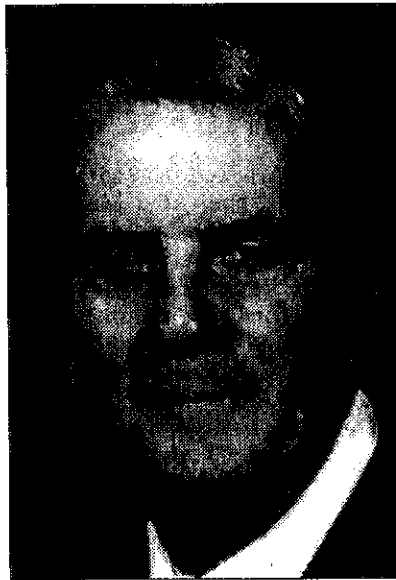


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Pallbearers were his sons, Charles, Dennis, Dwaine, Ed, Gary and Ralph, and Dan & Linda Dannar, Tim Elliott, Patrick Elliott, Nick Elliott, and Robbie Douglas. Honorary bearers were Merle, Mark and Jason Fiser, Dan Grandstaff, and John Van Cleve. Interment was in Rock Creek Cemetery near Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated to the Calvary Baptist Church or to Grinnell Regional Hospice, sent in care of Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

Paul LaVern Elliott was born to Homer and Ethel Goldsmith Elliott on Jan. 21, 1923, in a rural farm house south of Akron, Colo. When Paul was two years old the family moved back to Iowa and lived in the Rock Creek area. He attended country school near in the Rock Creek Township.

Paul worked for various area farmers and on June 4, 1944, married Edna Kimball at the First Baptist Church in Grinnell. One of their first homes was in the Lynnville area. Paul continued to farm and milk cows while raising his family, later moving into his family home in Rock Creek that had been built by his grandfather and great grandfather. In 1973 they bought a 160-acre farm east of Grinnell that was set up with a dairy barn. Paul farmed until his retirement in 1980 and then went into partnership with his son Dennis, operating Elliott Construction Company until 1996.

His family, faith and farming were most important to him. Music was also a big part of Paul's life. Paul was a

member of the Calvary Baptist Church since the early 1950s.

He is survived by his children Gary Elliott of Grinnell, Chuck Elliott of Athens, Tenn., Dennis Elliott of Grinnell, Linda Dannar of Akron, Colo., Dwaine Elliott, Ralph Elliott of Grinnell, and Eddy Elliott of Rochester, Minn.; one brother Delbert Elliott of Florida; and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, as well as friends and church family.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife Edna; one infant daughter, Betty Joyce; his parents; two sisters, Dorothy Sisco and Marjorie Huff; three brothers, Raymond, Hollis, and Kenneth; two grandsons in infancy; and two great granddaughters.

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Paul will be greatly missed by his children: Gary (Carol) Elliott of Grinnell, Chuck (Carol) Elliott of Athens, Tenn., Dennis (Lesley) Elliott of Grinnell, Linda (Dan) Dannar of Akron, Colo., Dwaine (Laura) Elliott, Ralph (Lori) Elliott of Grinnell, and Eddy (Heidi) Elliott of Rochester, Minn.; one brother, Delbert (Marilyn) Elliott of Florida; one sister-in-law, Joyce Abarr Elliott of Grinnell; and many, many grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; as well as friends and church family.

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