

Fred Raymond Elliott

Fred Raymond Elliott, 91, died Tuesday, June 9, 1998, in Brookhaven Nursing Home, following a stroke. There were no services, and burial will be at a later date in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Fred was born Sept. 17, 1906, in Madison Township, Poweshiek County, Iowa. When he was six months old, he moved with his parents, Leroy and Bessie Gunn Elliott, to a farm southwest of Aberdeen, S.D., where they lived their lifetime.

Fred studied music with Inez and Perry Clifford of Cresbard, S.D., and sang bass solos in church and in the annual Messiah chorus and had the opportunity to be with famed musician Lawrence Welk.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of Aberdeen, S.D. He was also a leader of the local community club where, in this activity, he met Ella Mary Hartwell, a teacher, whom he married in 1938.

He built several houses in Aberdeen, with contractor Pritchard. When he moved to Washington state in 1954, he continued building and remodeling houses. By his own labor alone, he completely constructed a ranch home in Kenniwick, Wash., and although he was past 70 years, he built a large split level in Pasco, Wash.

He was an avid gardener and created many of his own plantings.

Following the death of his wife, Ella, in 1994, he moved from Washington to Brooklyn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two sisters, Elsie Elliott Brannian, a life-long Brooklyn resident, and Mae Elliott Sollie, Mina, S.D.; and his nephews, Virgil Sollie and Clair Walter, both of the Aberdeen area.

Survivors include nieces and nephews, Keith Brannian, Kenneth Brannian and Don Brannian, and their families, all of Brooklyn; Mildred Walter Owens and Gene Walter, Palo Alto, Calif.; Leota Sollie Ryman, Gettysburg, S.D., and Ferne Sollie Wiehr, Danube, Minn.; and a sister, Gladys Elliott Walter, Aberdeen, S.D.

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