

*Elmer Kilene*

**Elmer Kilene**

, 86, Berthold, ND; died Monday, November 13, 2000 in a Minot nursing home.



He was born May 31, 1914 on the family farm near Berthold, ND, the son of Osten and Bertha (Bjelland) Kilene. He was raised and educated in the Berthold area, and graduated from Lonetree High School in 1932. He attended Minot State University (Normal College) for two years, and received his teaching degree. He taught at country schools south of Berthold from 1934-1936.

He was united in marriage to Loseal Knight on August 5, 1945 in Berthold. They made their home on the family farmstead southeast of Berthold in Mandan Township of Ward County. They farmed there throughout the years until 1994, when he semi-retired. They continued to live on the farm, and maintained their farming interests until he entered the hospital in March of 2000. He recently entered Trinity Nursing Home.

Elmer was a longtime member of Zion Lutheran Church, where he served on the Church Council. He served on the Ward County Soil Conservation District, Berthold School Board, Berthold Farmer's Elevator Board, and served as a clerk for the Mandan Township Board. He had also been a member of the Des Lacs Valley Rifle Club.

**Family:** Wife: Loseal Kilene, of Minot; Sons: Dennis Kilene and his wife Donna, of Warwick, RI; Bryce Kilene and his wife Sherie, of Apple Valley, MN; Keith Kilene and his wife Carol, of Berthold, ND; Daughter: Sheila Kilene Slezak and her husband Dennis, of Glendale, AZ; Grandchildren: David Kilene, John Kilene, Micah Slezak, Austin Kilene, and Jenna Kilene; Sister: Lily Johnson, of Seattle, WA; and a number of Nieces, Nephews, and Cousins. Mr. Kilene was preceded in death by his Parents; Brothers: Bernt, Oscar, and Osten Kilene; and Sisters: Clara Lee, Anna Johnson, and Anna Kilene

**Funeral:** 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 16, 2000 at Zion Lutheran Church, Berthold, ND

**Interment:** Wildrose Cemetery, rural Berthold, ND

**Clergy:** Reverend Russell Rhoads and Reverend Tom Stenzel

**Music:** Paul and Lynn Singer, Vocalists; Selections: "How Great Thou Art" and "When Peace, Like A River;" Kristin Berg, Organist; Congregational Hymns: "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

**Honorary Pallbearers:** David, Austin, and Jenna Kilene and Micah Slezak, as well as Elmer's many friends.

**Casketbearers:** Raymond Hennessy, Don Kilene, John Kilene, Gary Luetzen, Cyril Lee, and Glen Berg