



Eldon John Ickes

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Eldon John Ickes, 83, passed away peacefully of natural causes Saturday, September 1, 2018 at Legacy House Assisted Living in South Ogden, UT. Eldon was a very loving father, grandfather, and friend. He will be greatly missed.

Eldon was born on November 5, 1934 to Enoch and Bernita (Bick) Ickes in his grandmother's farm house in Hanson County, South Dakota. He attended country schools in Hanson County through the eighth grade, then moved to Mitchell for his high school education. After graduating from Mitchell Senior High in 1952, he honorably served in the United States Army during the Korean War era from 1953 to 1956. Following his discharge he moved to Idaho, where he completed two years of the Civil Engineering curriculum at Idaho State University. He then transferred to South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering in 1963. He met his wife, Julie Howes, in Pocatello, ID and they were married in 1966. They had two daughters, Hallie and Diana. They later divorced.

Eldon had many opportunities to experience life in several cities throughout the west while advancing his career. His first engineering position was with the U.S. Forest Service in Challis, ID. He then worked in the city engineer's office in Pocatello for several years before accepting the City Engineer position at Baker City, OR, and later, at Laramie, WY. Following the Laramie assignment he joined the engineering staff of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs at Poplar, MT, and later spent twelve years as Assistant City Engineer in Billings, MT. He settled back in Mitchell, SD for 30 years before moving to South Ogden, UT where he spent his final 3 years.

Eldon loved the outdoors, camping, hunting, working on cars, and the wild west. He was an avid musician, who loved to sing, play trumpet and guitar. He loved spending time with his family and friends, who were most important to him. Eldon was a strong man of integrity, and will be remembered most by his sense of humor, sweet



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smile, love of storytelling, and patriotism.

Surviving are his daughter, her spouse, and three grandchildren: Diana (Josh) Nuss, Maddie, Natalie, and Sierra. He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Hallie Ickes.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 24, 2018 at Will Funeral Chapel, 210 Green Drive, Mitchell, SD. Friends are invited to visit with the family at the viewing starting an hour before the services.

Interment with military honors, Graceland Cemetery, Mitchell, SD.

Condolences and memories may be sent to wfc@sdfuneral.com



Tribute Wall

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BT

Bill Tenborg posted:

His smiles a soft manner.

April 5 at 8:22 PM

BT

Bill Tenborg posted:

I met Eldon in Billings, MT back in the early 70's, we became friends and hunting camping partners. We both were avid gun collectors. We spent considerable amount of time hunting and shooting. Eldon was a very positive mentor for me. We enjoyed our camping and hunting time together. I remember when Julie rented their home out to a movie company and they moved into an apartment for several months. Unfortunately, I moved to WY and eventually Eldon moved back to SD. Sadly, we lost contact with each other. I will forever remember our good times together. Rest in Peace my friend.

April 5 at 8:21 PM

MA

Mark lit a candle in honor of Eldon .

In 1977 Eldon hired me on the CETA program to work for him in the Engineering Dept. of the City of Billings, MT. For the next 5 years he taught me much about Civil Engineering and it gave me a career. He was a great teacher and friend. I was a guest at his home many times. We played guitars together and he taught me about guns, mostly Colts single actions and lever action rifles of which he had a great collection. When my mother died suddenly he helped me fly home for the funeral. I lost touch when I moved from Billings in 1983, but I never forgot the knowledge he imparted to me as it helped feed my family over the decades. Rest in peace Eldon.



April 13 at 7:46 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eldon by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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