



## Elmer Dockter

February 12, 1920 - April 5, 2017

Funeral Services for Elmer will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva, Nebraska with Pastor Michelle Gowin officiating the service.

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 7, 2017 at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with family greeting the public from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Military Graveside Service will be held at the Geneva Public Cemetery.

Memorials are to be directed to the family for a later designation.

Elmer Dockter was born to August Dockter and Edna Elizabeth (Ochsner) Dockter on February 12, 1920 at Arena, North Dakota and passed away April 5, 2017 at Heritage Crossings in Geneva, Nebraska at the age of 97 years. He was the fourth of 7 children in the family.

At age 8 years his family moved to Sutton, Nebraska and later settled on a farm between Grafton and Geneva, Nebraska. He attended District 7 country school and graduated from Geneva High School in 1940. He enjoyed living on the farm and loved to reminisce of days growing up and working on the farm, helping his father. He did start veterinary school at the University of Nebraska

but later enlisted in the United States Navy due to no jobs after the dirty thirties. He was stationed in the Pacific near Guadalcanal with PT Squadron 11 as Chief Gunner's mate. Elmer served his country for 6 years and 4 days, 36 months were at sea on his PT Boat. He was wounded toward the end of WW2, recovered stateside at Boston and was sent to complete his tour of duty at the munitions depot at New Orleans, Louisiana. Elmer received the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal, American Area Campaign Medal, European Mid-East Campaign Medal Medal-Asiatic Pacific Area and the Coral Sea Battle with 2 Stars. On Sept 15, 1944 on a leave he was married to Wilma Arlene Hagrman at the Fillmore County Courthouse, and to them 8 children were born. After an honorable discharge the couple moved to Aurora, Nebraska where he worked as a mechanic, later he was hired by the railroad. In 1956 the family was relocated to Ravenna, Nebraska where he was a brakeman and later conductor. In 1974 they moved to Lincoln, Nebraska and Elmer retired from the railroad in 1980. In 2003 Elmer and Wilma decided to move back to Geneva, Nebraska.

Elmer loved to be outdoors fishing and hunting, enjoyed playing and watching baseball and took his family on many wonderful vacations during the summers. For many years the family enjoyed a cabin at Sherman Dam at Loup City, Nebraska with wonderful outdoor memories and neighborhood and fish fries held at the closing of the cabin each fall. He enjoyed Husker football and any basketball games he could find on television. Elmer always enjoyed going to the Geneva Alumni Banquets and always wore his high school letter jacket.

Elmer was always active in the United Methodist Church, Legion and VFW in the various communities he lived in, was always a kind and loving husband, father, grandpa and great grandpa. He always had a story to share with any one who would listen and had a great sense of humor and he was a blessing to many as an encourager.

Elmer was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, triplet infant sons, siblings Benjamin, Edward, Erna Riberio, Esther Emerson, Raymond and Marvin.

Survivors include his son Larry (Susan) of North Manchester, Indiana, daughters Linda (Norm) Bartunek of Camdenton, MO, Donna (John) King of Ravenna, NE, Nancy (Tony) Price and Carol (Scott) Voss all of Lincoln, NE, 10 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and so many friends and family at Heritage Crossings.

# Cemetery Details

## Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present for Visitation

APR 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

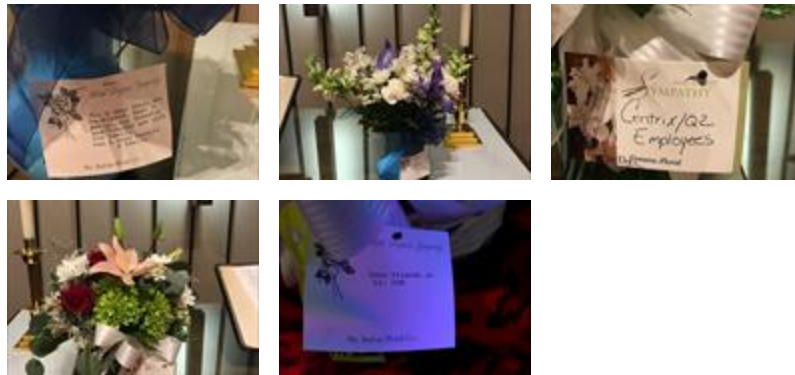
DH

“ To our Dockter cousins we send our sympathy. Sorry we couldn't make it to the funeral  
We did stop last fall on our trip to Iowa and had a short visit with Uncle Elmer, We have enjoyed your pictures on facebook. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Don & Sue Hagrman

Don & Sue Hagrman - April 09, 2017 at 07:07 PM



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Farmer & Son Funeral Home - April 08, 2017 at 02:02 PM



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Farmer & Son Funeral Home - April 08, 2017 at 02:02 PM



“ Elmer--so glad I got to meet you and "teach ya" how to fish!! I was always amazed at your persistence to catch the big one!! GOD BLESS and I know you and Wilma are together once agian!  
Bob & Elaine Wiley

Bob Wiley - April 07, 2017 at 01:33 PM



“ Amy Franssen lit a candle in memory of Elmer Dockter



Amy Franssen - April 06, 2017 at 06:46 PM



“ Carol and family, I am heartbroken for you and Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love, Lisa Abler

Lisa Abler - April 06, 2017 at 06:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elmer Dockter.



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April 06, 2017 at 02:50 PM



“ I will always remember the twinkle in his eye, the pride in his voice as he talked of his time in service. But what will stick with me is when I asked Elmer and Wilma what it took to have a good marriage and Elmer said with great passion, "People talk about it being a 50-50 relationship. You both have to give 110% all the time." I have tried to emulate that. Thank you Elmer for the words of wisdom, your kindness, your faithfulness and the joy you shared!  
Kim Dunker

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**Kim Dunker** - April 06, 2017 at 10:51 AM



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April 06, 2017 at 09:32 AM

VJ

“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Elmer Dockter*



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**Virginia Johnson** - April 06, 2017 at 09:03 AM

DP

“ *What a genuinely nice man who had a razor sharp wit and eternal optimism. Dad (Ken Prater) got to know him well while convalescing at the Heritage Crossings nursing home (great place, great staff) as did all the Praters when visiting (two old-salt Navy guys - an instant and lasting bond). You had a great and long journey, sir, and I'm truly honored to have had you as a friend.*

*Don Prater*

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**Don Prater** - April 05, 2017 at 04:34 PM

LW

*I didn't have the privilege of knowing Elmer very long but he was a true gentleman. And always had a kind word for everyone. Love and prayers I know you miss him.*

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**Laurie Wessels** - April 08, 2017 at 05:32 AM