

KIER, Harmon Howard

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Harmon Kier, Former Viborg Dentist Dies



Harmon Howard Kier was born October 23, 1910, near Viborg. His parents were Peter and Nora (Flyger) Kier.

Harmon graduated from Viborg High School in 1928 and from Atlanta Southern Dental College in Atlanta, GA, in 1939. He married Gladys Jensen on July 28, 1942, in Parker. He was Captain in the Army 14th Armoured Division Dental Corp. during World War II from 1942 to 1944. He had a dental practice in Vermillion for 18 years. The family moved to Viborg in 1963 where he practiced with the Viborg Medical Clinic until his retirement in 1982.

Harmon enjoyed the great outdoors which included hunting, fishing and farming. A stroke in 1982 caused physical handicaps, but he continued to enjoy family, friends and travel. His determination to re-learn daily living skills was an inspiration to many people he met at the VA Hospital and other stroke patients.

Harmon served on the SD State Dental Board for 10 years. He helped organize and served 5 years on the Central Regional Board of Dental Examiners. He was a member of the Vermillion Lions Club, the University of SD Coyote Club and the Viborg American Legion. He was an active member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Hurley.

Harmon passed away December 31, 1994, at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Viborg. He had attained the age of 84.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by one son, Douglas, in 1972.

Harmon is survived by his wife Gladys of Viborg; one son, Dr. Gordon A. Kier of Viborg; one daughter, Carolyn and husband John Houghton of Medford, OR; 5 grandchildren; one sister Eileen Nelson of Oroville, CA; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, January 4, 1995, with Pastor Dan Gabbert officiating. Organist was Lillian Ericsen, pianist was Ethel Ward, and soloists were Larry Skinner, Alan and Gary Ward. Honorary pallbearers were Arden Flyger, Homer Larsen, Royal Paulsen, Leslie Flyger, Pete Stortvedt and Jim Lewis. Active pallbearers were Merlin Vannorsdel, Jim Larsen, Roger Jensen, Allen Vannorsdel, Curt Andersen and Mark Jensen. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery in Viborg.