

NELSON, Eastlin Bennett

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Eastlin Bennett Nelson

Eastlin Bennett Nelson was born March 31, 1907 near Viborg, SD, the seventh of ten children born to J. Peter and Thora Marie (nee Hansen) Nelson. He was preceded in death by his parents, his only sister, Mildred Tronbak of Viborg, SD, and seven brothers. One brother, Earl G. Nelson, of Viborg, survives. Eastlin entered life everlasting Monday, May 5, 1997, holding hands with his loving wife Lila, at the age of ninety years, one month and five days.

Eastlin was raised on a small farm near Viborg. It was there that he met his future wife, Lila Simmenssen, and they were married in 1930. In their first years of marriage, Eastlin worked on the farm and at his brother Levi Nelson's service state in Viborg. Eastlin and Lila began their family in 1931 when Eugene was born. In 1933 their second son, Norman, joined the family. The young family struggled, as did many, during the depression years, but they survived by hard work and a strong, loving relationship. In 1941, Eastlin secured a job in

California, working at Lockheed. Lila and Eastlin moved their young family to Glendale, CA. Eastlin continued at Lockheed, first as a welder, then in heat treatment, and finally as a QC Inspector, until his retirement in 1971 after 30 successful years.

Eastline is survived by his wife, two sons, six grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, one brother, and a host of other relatives and friends. He will be missed!