

the Year and Small Business Person of the year for the State of South Dakota and the ten states in this business region. He was named South Dakotan of the Year by the University of South Dakota in 1990. Herb was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 2000. His new product innovations led to over fifty U.S. electronic instrument patents.

Herb and Esther are better known in the Sioux Falls area by the things they have done for children. Herb was chairman of the United Way of Sioux Falls for three years and led the campaign in 1992 when he established the Heart Club, which now generates about forty percent of all United Way income. He was also voted Fund Raiser of the Year in 1991, awarded the W.F.T. Bushnell award by Children's Home Society, Lefty Olson Award by Augustana College in 1992 and Service to Mankind by the Sertoma Club of Sioux Falls in 1986. He has also served on the Board of Regents of Augustana College, advisor to the Engineering Department of SDSU, and was director of Norwest Bank for thirteen years. Herb, with the assistance of his wife, Esther, has directed the fund-raiser campaigns for Our Savior's Lutheran Church, the Glory House, the original Turning Point facility for troubled youth, and directed a 2.5 million dollar campaign to build the Bollinger Center, an entity of Volunteers Of America. Herb and Esther gifted the Irving Park School on 11th Street, to start the Bowden Youth Center. Herb was a Rotarian and attended Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls.

Blessed for having shared his life are his wife of 57 years, Esther; his four sons Robert (Renee) of Aspen, CO; Ronald, Alan (Terri), and Douglas (Mary) all of Sioux Falls, SD.; and his twelve wonderful grandchildren including Jessica (Michael) Freisen, Peter, Kristi, Quinn, Kelly, Nicholas, Andrew, Tyler, Alana, Holly, Ryan and Patrick Bowden.

Herb's greatest passion was to enjoy nature and the great outdoors when fishing, hunting and gardening. Herb's home and his church were his sacred havens. His greatest satisfaction in life was helping young people grow into their potential.