

## Earl William Weiss

Earl William Weiss was born in the home of his parents a few miles south of Akaska, SD, in Walworth County. He was the fourth child of Ernest and Olga (Wiedman) Weiss. He was baptized at the Lutheran Church in Akaska on November 11, 1927.

He attended the first grade at a country school in Walworth County before the family moved across the state to a new home east of Parmelee, SD, in 1934. Earl completed the rest of his school years in Todd and Mellette Counties. He was confirmed on April 2, 1944, where he attended church at St. John Lutheran Church east of Norris, SD. He spent his teenage years herding sheep, milking cows, and building and fixing strong, tight fences.

In 1952, he left home to fight in the Korean Conflict. When he returned from Korea, he lived for a time at the home of his sister, Irene and James Kaufman. When he returned to his parents' home, he worked for his older brother, Harold Weiss, and brother-in-law, Walter Heinert. In 1961, Earl completed a course at the North Dakota School of Broadcasting. From there, he moved to Valentine, NE, and drove a truck delivering propane to farmers and ranchers in the area. In the mid 1970's, Earl moved to Springfield, MO, where he had friends and the weather was warmer. He worked as a carpenter until an injury ended that line of work for him. Earl then found a job working for a farmer who raised and sold dogs. Earl's job was caring for the dogs.

He retired in 1996 and moved back to the home place north of Parmelee. Earl liked to garden and raised beautiful tomatoes. He always put a teaspoon of sugar in the hole before putting in the tomato plant. He said it would make them sweeter. He would say, "That's what they do in Springfield."

In 2011, Earl moved to the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veteran's Home in Hot Springs, SD, where they took very good care of him for which his family is very thankful.

Earl, 91, Hot Springs, died Friday, February 15, 2019, at the State Veteran's Home.

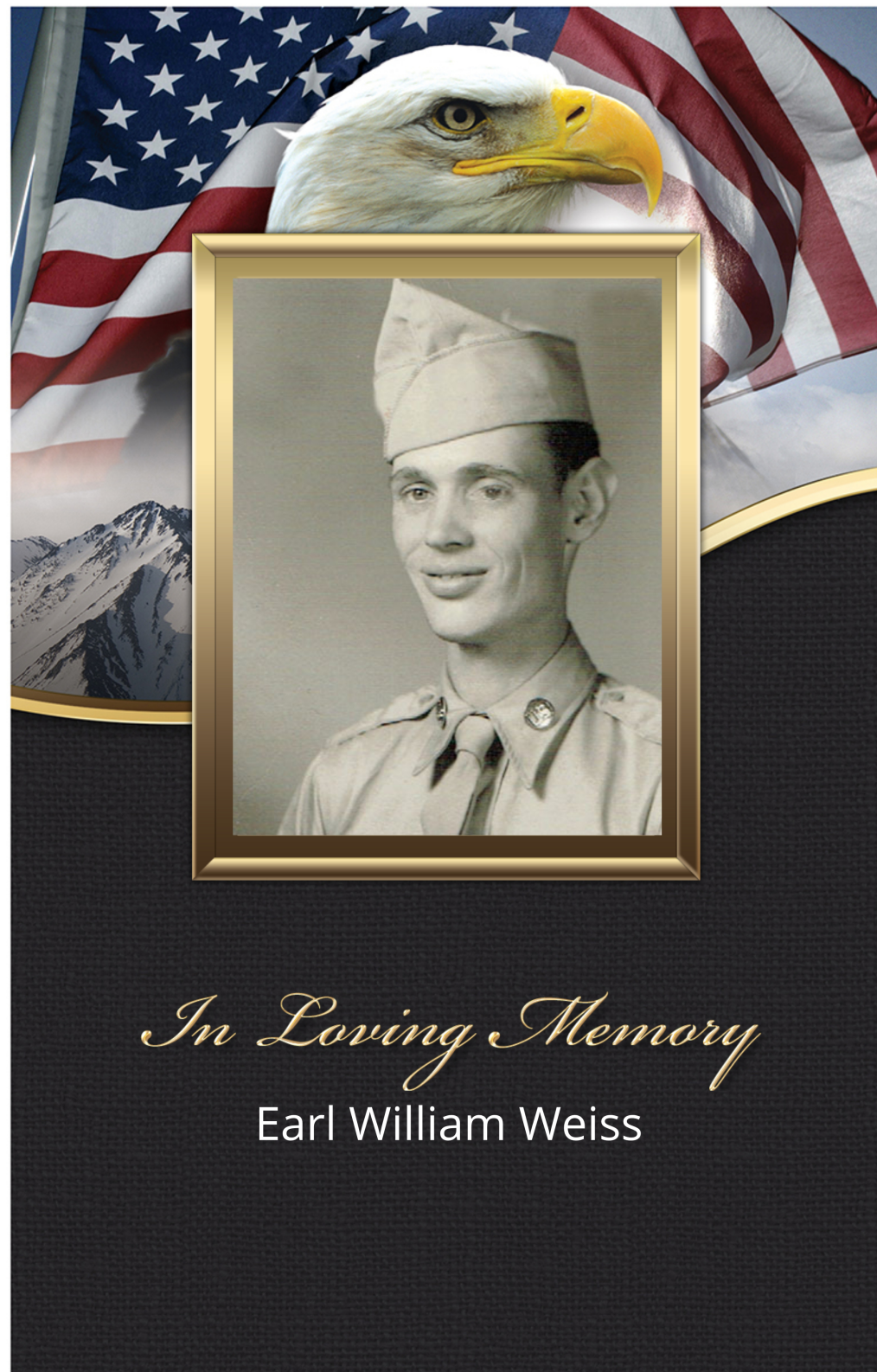
He is survived by one sister, Irene Kaufman, Valentine, NE; sister-in-law, Carol (Nelson) Weiss, Rapid City; brothers-in-law, Robert Totton, Murdo, SD, and Roger Guenther, Onalaska, TX; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Harold and Richard "Dick" Weiss; sisters, Erna (Walter) Heinert, Ellen (Robert) Totton, and Darlene (Roger) Guenther; nephews, Terry Weiss and Kenneth Kaufman; and niece, Deanna Totton Holm.

A memorial has been established to the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veteran's Home in Hot Springs.



*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the 1st floor of the State Vet's Home following the service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*







At age 24 Inducted: June 20, 1951, at Sioux Falls, SD  
Discharged: June 5, 1953 at Fort Lewis, WA

#### **Medals Received**

#### **Korean Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars**

Bronze Service Stars are awarded for participation in military campaigns. Based on dates Earl could have participated in three of the following six:

Chinese Communist Forces Spring Offensive: April 22-July 8, 1951

United Nations Summer-Fall Offensive: July 9-November 27, 1951

Second Korean Winter Offensive: November 28, 1951-April 30, 1952

Third Korean Defense Summer-Fall Offensive: May 1,-November 30, 1952

Third Korean Winter Offensive: December 1, 1952-April 30, 1953

Korean Summer Offensive: May 1-July 27, 1953

#### **United Nations Service Medal**

Awarded because the Korean War was fought in support of a United Nations Resolution

#### **National Defense Service Medal**

#### **"Ambassador Peace Medal" from South Korea**

## ***In Memory Of*** ***Earl William Weiss***

#### ***Date of Birth***

August 23, 1927  
Akaska, South Dakota

#### ***Date of Death***

February 15, 2019  
Hot Springs, South Dakota

#### ***Funeral Service***

Friday, February 22, 2019, at 10:00 am  
Michael J. Fitzmaurice South Dakota Veterans Home  
Hot Springs, South Dakota

#### ***Officiant***

Chaplain Darwin Kopfmann

#### ***Musicians***

Tracy Vastian

#### ***Musical Selections***

"For All The Saints Who From Their Labors Rest" # 677

"Onward Christians Soldiers" #662

"Have Thine Own Way Lord" #276

#### ***Honorary Pallbearers***

*All His Nieces and Nephews*

#### ***Military Honors***

*Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard*  
*Sturgis, South Dakota*

#### ***Place of Interment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota