

Elmer John Biers was born October 30, 1921 in La Salle, Colorado to Elsie Marie (Bledsoe) and Lora John Biers. He had a sister Lucille born in 1918 and a brother Fred born in 1924. The family later moved to Greeley, Colorado and Potter, Nebraska before settling in Billings, Montana in 1931.

Elmer graduated from Billings High School in 1939. That was the same year the family started building a cabin in Red Lodge, Montana. The cabin was a vacation get-away then and still is today.

He moved to Dayton, Ohio in 1941 and worked as a civilian aircraft mechanic at Dayton Air Force Base. On April 13, 1942 he married Dorothy Jean Morrow. In the fall of 1942 he transferred to Ellsworth Air Force Base and continued his employment as an aircraft mechanic. In the summer of 1943 Elmer joined the Army Air Force and served until December, 1945. All but 30 days of his military time was served in Europe. After his discharge he returned to Ellsworth Air Force Base continuing in the mechanic field. In 1949 Elmer and Dorothy purchased land near Black Hawk and later started a dairy farm operation. In 1963 Elmer purchased a ranch south of Tilford to expand the dairy farm. While Dorothy and the kids ran the farm, Elmer served in various capacities in civil service. In 1966 he was appointed to Chief of Production to coordinate the installation of minute man missile sites in Sedalia, Mo; Great Falls, Mt; Cheyenne, Wy; Minot, ND, and finished his career at Ellsworth Air Force Base in 1979. Elmer purchased and restored a damaged 1947 Navion airplane and enjoyed flying. He was a member of the Evangelical Free Church and made church a priority, seldom missing a Sunday. He also belonged to the Gideon organization. Elmer is survived by his wife of 69 years Dorothy, six sons; Darryl, Scenic; Bob, Helena, MT; Jim, Piedmont; Jerry, Tilford; Dallas, Piedmont; and David, Black Hawk; and two daughters, JoAnn, Gothenburg, NE; and Barb, Moorcroft, Wy. Elmer was blessed with 22 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his father, his mother, his stepfather, and siblings.

Elmer enjoyed traveling. The trip he shared the most about was to the Holy Land. This trip had a profound effect on his life and used it to further testify of his faith in God. His favorite trip was no doubt his final journey to be with his Savior on September 2, 2011.



I'll Fly Away to Glory!



A Bridge Called Love

*It takes us back to brighter years,
to happier sunlit days and to precious
moments that will be with us always.*

*And these fond recollections
are treasured in the heart
to bring us always close to those
from whom we had to part.*

*There is a bridge of memories
from earth to Heaven above.
It keeps our dear ones near us,
it's the bridge that we call love.*

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In Memory Of

Elmer John Biers

Date of Birth
October 30, 1921

Date of Death
September 2, 2011

Funeral Services
10:00 am, September 8, 2011
First Evangelical Free Church
Rapid City, South Dakota

Officiating
Pastor Ron McLaughlin
Bob Biers
Pastor Terry Biers

Music
Glenn Bailey
"Battle Hymn of the Republic"
"The Old Rugged Cross"
"I'll Fly Away"

<i>Darryl Biers</i>	<i>Bearers</i>	<i>Bob Biers</i>
<i>Jim Biers</i>		<i>Jerry Biers</i>
<i>Dallas Biers</i>		<i>David Biers</i>

Honorary Bearers
All of Elmer's Grandchildren

Burial
Black Hills National Cemetery