

## Myron Ray Eliason

Myron R. Eliason was born November 5, 1931, on his grandparent's farm southeast of Lantry, SD. He passed away March 3, 2020, at the Ft. Meade VA Medical Center in Sturgis, SD. Myron had lived a faithful fulfilling life and made a well-deserved journey to Heaven at the age of 88.

He graduated from Eagle Butte High School in 1950 and entered the U. S. Coast Guard in 1952. He was always very proud of his service time and set a patriotic example for others. Myron married Betty Matz in Butte, MT, in 1954. They made their way back to the family farm and spent most of their life as ranchers and raising their family, Dennis born in 1958, and Debra in 1959. One of his greatest accomplishments was when the farm/ranch was designated as a South Dakota Century Farm in 2018, at the South Dakota State Fair.

Myron was as handy as he was friendly. He bred Arabian horses, milked cows, hauled garbage, sold insurance, and was a substitute teacher. He was a people person everywhere he went and no one was a stranger, always willing to help out a neighbor or acquaintance. Once he became retired and they moved to Belle Fourche, he built and flew an airplane, rode motorcycles, did endurance horse races, and loved to travel with Betty. His passion in later years was for restoring vintage cars and then chauffeuring his family and friends in grand style.

He was a tireless volunteer for the Ft. Meade VA Medical Center for many years. He sold poppies at campgrounds during the Sturgis Rally for the DAV. This project was of the greatest importance to him and he was a well-known veteran's friend.

Myron was also a servant in Christ and active with his church. He helped serve many community meals on holidays.

Grateful for having shared his life are his son, Dennis (Lynne) Eliason of Rapid City, SD, and daughter, Debra (Larry) Eggleston of Howard, CO; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren mourn his passing.

*Condolences can be sent to [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com)*

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Vet's Club on Main street in Sturgis following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving Memory*

***Myron Ray Eliason***

***November 5, 1931 ~ March 3, 2020***





### *No Tears For Me*

*When I come to the end of the road  
And there is no more work for me,  
I want no tears in a gloom filled room  
Only smiles can I see.*

*We busted broncs, we had some fun.  
We worked hard in the hot summer sun.  
We had some good times  
Many memories we share,  
Don't cry for me  
For a memory is always there.*

*I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glints in the snow.  
I am the sunlight on the ripened grain.  
I am the gentle springtime rain.*

*Reach out your hand in the comfort and cheer  
And I in turn will comfort and hold you near  
And never ever be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky.*



## *In Memory Of* **Myron Ray Eliason**

### *Date of Birth*

November 5, 1931  
Lantry, South Dakota

### *Date of Death*

March 3, 2020  
Fort Meade, South Dakota

### *Funeral Service*

Friday, March 6, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### *Clergy*

Pastor Jenene Earl

### *Musician*

Carl Eliason

### *Songs*

"How Great Thou Art"  
"Amazing Grace"

### *Pallbearers*

Aaron Eggleston ~ Tyrell Eggleston ~ Heath Eggleston  
Crystal Bruinsma ~ Tyler Swift ~ Joe Wishard

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Grandchildren Great-Grandchildren  
All Family and Friends

### *Military Honors*

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

### *Final Resting Place*

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota