



Enoch "Slim" Ahlfield

March 5, 1929 - November 20, 2020

Enoch "Slim" Ahlfield, 91, of Mason City, Illinois passed away on November 20, 2020. He was born on March 5, 1929 in West Salem, Illinois to Edwin Henry and Harriet Dorothy (Knakmuhs) Ahlfield. Enoch is survived by his children, Connie (Donald) McLaughlin, Steven (Kay) Ahlfield, and Janet Stanley; grandchildren, Jeremiah McLaughlin, Nate (Brianne) McLaughlin, Megan (Eric) Glatt, Cory Ahlfield, Kyle Ahlfield, Zach (Rachel) Stanley, Sarah (Jacob) Reeves, and Anna Stanley; great-grandchildren, Owen McLaughlin, Wyatt McLaughlin, Emmett McLaughlin, Avyana Glatt, and Garrett Glatt; brothers, Jim Ahlfield and Herman (Mary) Ahlfield; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna (Mieure) Ahlfield; his son, Alan Paul Ahlfield; and eleven siblings.

Enoch attended a one room school house in the farm country near West Salem and left home at age 13 so he could continue attending school in Olney. By working after school and at night sweeping floors in a drugstore, shining shoes at a pool hall, bellhopping at the hotel, working at the dry cleaner, and laboring at the ice house, he made enough money to eat and rent a room while attending school.

At age 17, he enlisted in the Army. He served from 1946 to 1948, primarily as an Army clerk at Los Alamos, New Mexico for the wind up of the Manhattan Project. Enoch and his wife, Edna, were married on April 15, 1949 in Olney,

Illinois.

Enoch had many jobs in his lifetime. He worked as an oil well driller and tester in Wyoming, Utah, and Montana in the 1950s; he was a barber and coal miner in Springfield and Pawnee, Illinois from 1960 to 1990. Post-retirement work included stints as a night janitor at SIU Medical School, as an asbestos removal crew member, and buying/managing a motel in Mason City. He saw every job as a new adventure and as a challenge to be mastered. He was a hard worker with an exceptionally strong work ethic - something he expected from others, regardless of the type of work required.

Enoch had many interests. In his younger years, he liked to fish and hunt. He loved to talk with people and found common interests with each person that often resulted in long conversations and lasting relationships. He enjoyed telling stories and jokes and was quick to smile and laugh. He liked getting a “good deal” and found great enjoyment in going to farm sales and auctions to find great treasures. He was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and took great pride in his family's achievements, professionally and academically. Enoch was their biggest fan, no matter what their interests were at the time.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date with graveside services at Camp Butler National Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choosing. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road
Springfield, IL 62707
(217) 492-4070

Tribute Wall



“ *Enoch "Slim" Ahlfield*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Connie, Janet and family,
I am so sorry to hear about your dad and his passing. He is truly one of a kind, and I will always remember his humor, kindness and joy. I always enjoyed being around Slim and appreciated learning even more about his many life experiences here. As I said, one of a kind! You are all in my thoughts and prayers as you walk through this time together.*

Kim (Price) Lorence - December 05, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ *Hi Dear Friends,*

I just learned of your Dad's passing and am so very sorry. He was certainly a great person, I still remember him taking us fishing and as kids always teasing us. Thank you for sharing him. I guess it really does take a community to raise children and your Dad was a very important part of our community.

Brent Manning - November 24, 2020 at 09:20 PM



Thanks, Brent for your kind words. It feels like you have always been a part of our family.

Janet Stanley - November 25, 2020 at 09:11 PM