

Richard D. "Dick" Edwards, 72

Feb. 11, 1926 - March 24, 1998

ASHLAND, NE - Richard D. "Dick" Edwards was born Feb. 11, 1926, in Irwin, to Bernard and Juanita (Groat) Edwards. He graduated from Irwin High School. He enlisted in the United States Navy Feb. 10, 1944, in Carroll. He served during WW II. He was honorably discharged May 22, 1946, in Minneapolis, MN.

Feb. 2, 1951, he married Eleanore Shipp in Worthington, MN. Three children, Dan, Kathy and JoAnn, were born to this union. After their marriage, they moved to Nebraska, where he worked in banking in several communities, including Valley, NE, for 4 years. In 1972, they moved to Ashland, NE, where he was vice-president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank for 23 years. He retired in December of 1995. He was a member of the American Legion Post #129 of Ashland, NE. He died March 24, 1998 at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, following a lingering illness at age 72. He donated his body to the Anatomical Board of the State of Nebraska, and following cremation, inurnment will be in the Irwin Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Eleanore of Ashland, NE; son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Nancy Edwards of Omaha; daughters, Kathy Mangelsen of Springfield, NE, and JoAnn Rowe of Valley, NE; brothers, Orrin Edwards of Edwards, CA and Max M. Edwards of Irwin; six grandchildren, Bryan Rowe of Denver, CO; Angela Rowe of Valley, NE; Eric Mangelsen and Kristin Mangelsen, both of Springfield, NE; and Molly Edwards and Matthew Edwards, both of Omaha.

A memorial service was held March 28, 1998, at the United Methodist Church in Ashland, NE. The Rev. Bill Arnold officiated. The American Legion Post 129 also attended the service. Marcy Mortuary of Ashland, NE, in charge of arrangements.