



## Elmer Montana Sears

May 2, 1915 - June 10, 2013

Elmer Montana Sears, 98 of Bloomington, IN passed away Monday, June 10, 2013 at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. He was born May 2, 1915 in Roy, Montana while his parents Fred and Mary (Gerber) Sears were homesteading. As one of 12 children he was raised on a farm in Beaver Crossing, Nebraska where he learned to fix anything and everything. It was in Nebraska at a church function that he met the love of his life Bette Burke. He was 18 and she was 15. Five years later they were married and celebrated 74 years of marriage.

Elmer worked for the Boeing Company and taught engineers to read blueprints. During his years with Boeing he was asked to become involved in the Minuteman Missile Program in the late 1950's and early 1960's spending time at Cape Canaveral during the early space exploration programs. He then traveled to various states to oversee the installation of the Minuteman missiles into silos throughout the Midwest. Upon retirement from Boeing, Elmer returned to college and received his Bachelor's degree at Pacific Lutheran University of Washington. Elmer then went to work for Washington State as an OSHA inspector.

Elmer is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Huntington

(Burke) Sears, daughters, Cecilia Elizabeth Larson and her husband John, Carolyn Susan Harkins and her husband Willis, son, Elmer Montana Sears, Jr. and his wife Cheryl. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and daughter, Patricia Ann Sawyer who passed away in 1995.

Services will be 3pm Saturday June 22, 2013 at the Clear Creek Christian Church with visitation one hour prior to service. Burial will follow at Clear Creek Cemetery.

Allen Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Friends can send condolences to [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org)