



## Raymond C. Eisele

September 25, 1920 - December 8, 2011

Raymond C. "Ray" Eisele, age 91, of Kearney died Thursday, December 8, 2011 at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church with Father Joe Hannappel officiating. Burial will be in the Kearney Cemetery. Christian Wake Services will be Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at St. James Catholic Church. Visitation will be one hour prior to the Wake Service Friday evening at the Church and one hour prior to services Saturday morning at the Church. Memorials are planned to the family to be designated later. A message of condolence, tribute or memory can be left at [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com). Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Service in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Ray was born September 25, 1920 on the family farm near Riverdale to George W. and Mary (Schram) Eisele and was a lifetime resident of the Riverdale/Kearney area. He attended school in Riverdale and was a graduate of the Riverdale High School in 1938.

In 1947 he married Leola M. Richards of Kearney. Leola died in 1983. On July 28, 1984 Ray married Mardella "Della" Ellenwood of Kearney. Della died in

November of this year. Ray farmed in the Riverdale area until retiring in 1988 when they moved to Kearney. He worked at the Grand Central IGA Apple Market store until he retired last year.

He was a member of St. James Catholic Church, longtime member of the Knights of Columbus 3rd and 4th Degree of Kearney, Kearney Elks Lodge # 984 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Kearney. He served on the Farmers Home Administration board of Gibbon, Co op Board and District 55 School Board from 1960 until it closed. He was a volunteer in the ICU waiting room at the Good Samaritan Hospital for several years. In 1987, he was nominated and received the Omaha World Herald Master Conservation Award

Surviving relatives include:

2 stepsons John Ellenwood and his wife Cathy of Los Angeles, CA

Jim Ellenwood and his wife Carol of Kearney

4 step granddaughters Lisa Rezac and her husband Jeff of Big Bear City, CA

Amy Cole and her husband Jeff of Los Angeles, CA

Kerri Coleman and her husband Jonathan of Waconia, MN

Cassi Ellenwood of Thornton, CO

9 step great grandchildren

1 sister Lucille Geisler and her husband Eugene of Lincoln, NE

Ray was preceded in death by his first wife Leola on September 29, 1983 and his second wife Della on November 5, 2011 and one sister Angeline Schulte.

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