

## Ray Allen Eichler

*In Loving Memory Of*

Ray Allen Eichler, 90, Newell, died August 4, 2018, at his home in Newell.

Ray wrote his own obituary.

I started his life journey at the hospital in Newell. My parents were Loren and Lillie Eichler and I joined three brothers and three sisters. I was the baby of the family. I always said I walked across the street and got a job with Black Hills Power and Light, where I worked darn near 40 years. I spent my first years at the Eichler farm south of Newell, graduated as an Irrigator, and spent 3 years in the Air Force.

I married my life partner, Janet Stevens, in 1952. We had five children: Kris, Connie, Beth, Loren, and Becky. We lost Connie on Christmas day, 1998. Janet and I have some fantastic grandkids and great-grandkids, too. If you ever knew me, it was always Janet and I. We were partners in everything.

All in all, I had a good life and hope I was square with everyone. Like Dandy Don would sing, "Turn out the lights, the party's over." All good things must end.

A memorial has been established to First Lutheran Church in Newell.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

### **Until Futher Notice: Celebrate Everything!**

*"For the joy of the Lord is your strength."  
Nehemiah 8:10*

*The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following the service at the NVN Senior Center in Newell. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



***Ray Allen Eichler***

***1928 ~ 2018***

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, LORD, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

**John 14:1-7**



To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

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***Ray Allen Eichler***

***Born***

April 9, 1928  
Newell, South Dakota

***Died***

August 4, 2018  
Newell, South Dakota

***Memorial Services***

Saturday, August 11, 2018, at 10:35 a.m.  
First Lutheran Church  
Newell, South Dakota

***Officiant***

Pastor Marcia Brennan

***Musical Selections***

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”  
“Softly and Tenderly”  
“Mack the Knife”

***Honorary Urn Bearers***

All Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

***Inurnment***

**10:30 a.m.**

**Monday, August 13, 2018**  
Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota