

Eiler Leonard (Lenhard) Henrickson

Eiler Henrickson was born April 23, 1920, in Crosby, Minnesota, to Eiler Clarence Henrickson and Mabel M. (Bacon) Henrickson, the third of nine children. He grew up in Deerwood, Minnesota, and graduated from Crosby-Ironton High School. Following his graduation from Carleton in 1943, Eiler served in the U.S. Army and was a member of Eisenhower's Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force and of the U.S. Geological Survey. In 1946, he returned to Carleton's geology department, where he was to remain for 41 years, teaching, serving as department chair, and emphasizing and implementing field trips for students as an integral part of their education.

Eiler's 1949 discovery in Michigan's Upper Peninsula of the first uranium in the United States outside the Colorado Plateau made the front pages of newspapers all over the world. It was also at this time and place that Eiler met his first wife, Anita (Swanson) Henrickson. Eiler and Anita were married 25 years and had four children: Eiler "Ike" Warren, Kristin Louise, Kurt Eric, and Ann Elizabeth. In the 1960s, Eiler traveled to Greece with his family, visited 15 European countries, and lectured at 23 colleges and universities.

Eiler was a three-sport, nine-letter athlete as an undergraduate at Carleton. He was both captain and 12-year coach of the wrestling squad, and he played football and ran track. He was called back to coach the 1975 season and again in 1984, at the age of 63. Eiler was elected to Carleton's 'C' Club Hall of Fame in its first induction ceremony in 1976, and in 1986 he was named to the Minnesota Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Upon retiring from Carleton in 1987, Eiler moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he was chair of the geology department at Colorado College for ten years. He then returned to Northfield, where he lived the remainder of his life. He passed away at age 89 on Thursday, December 10, 2009, at Three Links Care Center in Northfield.

Eiler is survived by his four children, Eiler "Ike" Henrickson and Kristin (Jonathon) Graff of Austin, Minnesota, and Kurt Henrickson and Ann (Lon) Rossow of Northfield, Minnesota; brothers Everett (Lina) Henrickson, Graceville, Florida, and Richard (Janice) Henrickson, Isle, Minnesota; sisters Ramona Mohs and Mabel Spengler, St. Cloud, Minnesota, and Marian (Allen) Fox, Twin Bridges, Montana; grandchildren Reidun, John, Rachel and Lindsay Henrickson, Katherine (Katie) Rasmussen, Jeremy, Christopher, and Megan Rossow, Matthew and Nathan Graff; great-grandchildren Evan and Gabriella Graff; his very special friend Patricia Forsyth; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Eiler Clarence Henrickson, mother Mabel M. (Bacon) Henrickson, brothers Norman and Phillip Henrickson, and sister Lorraine Lundgren.

Memorial gifts can be directed to the Eiler Henrickson Endowed Fund for Field Research at Carleton College, Gift Accounting Office, One North College Street, Northfield, Minnesota, 55057.

**A Service of
Remembrance and Thanksgiving
for the life of**

EILER L. HENRICKSON

April 23, 1920 – December 10, 2009



**Skinner Memorial Chapel
Carleton College
Friday, June 18, 2010
10:00 a.m.**

Order of Service

Prelude

Molto Adagio from String Quartet #15, Opus 132
Ludwig van Beethoven

Invocation and Welcome

Opening Hymn

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” New Century Hymnal #25

Readings

Psalm 8 Marion (Henrickson) Fox ’50
“Advice from a Mountain” by Ilan Shamir Pat Forsyth

Reflections

Kurt Henrickson
Stephen R. Lewis Jr.
Ed Buchwald
Eldon Spencer ’69 and John Hagen ’71
Mary Savina ’72

Musical Selection

Cavatina from String Quartet, Opus 130 Ludwig van Beethoven

“Eiler Stories”

*All who wish to share a personal remembrance of Eiler are invited to
come forward to do so.*

Reading

Selection from Abraham Joshua Heschel

Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth” New Century Hymnal #28

Benediction

Postlude

“Eiler’s Schottische” The Sometime Geology Field Trip Band

*You are invited to a gathering of family and friends in the Chapel Narthex immediately
following the service.*

Carolyn Fure-Slocum, College Chaplain
Stephen R. Lewis Jr., College President, Emeritus
Lawrence Archbold, College Organist

String Quartet:
Gail Nelson, Professor of Mathematics (first violin)
Lisa Olson (second violin)
John Metz, College Librarian, Emeritus (viola)
Tim Vick, Technical Director in Geology (cello)

The Sometime Geology Field Trip Band:
Miki Beavis ’11 (fiddle)
Reid Fisher ’80 (fiddle)
Glenn Lee ’78 (accordion)
Tim Vick, Technical Director in Geology (fiddle)