



Brookings Area
Habitat
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In Memory of Paul Evenson

Paul Evenson passed away Monday, June 12, 2017. He was 83. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be made to the Habitat for Humanity fund at Ascension Lutheran Church or to the Brookings Children's Museum. Paul David Evenson was born on June 3, 1934 to Emil and Doris (Pierce) Evenson in Bertha MN, the fifth of ten children. He moved several times during his youth, living in Minnesota, Iowa, and eventually Wisconsin where he graduated from Stoughton High School in 1952. The following year, Paul moved to Omaha, Nebraska and attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in agronomy in 1957, and a Master's degree in soils and plant science in 1959.

While attending graduate school in Lincoln, Paul met and married the love of his life, Ellie (Larkins) on April 11, 1959. Shortly after, Paul and Ellie moved to Brookings where Paul began work towards his doctorate degree at South Dakota State. Soon after his arrival he was asked to substitute teach a statistics class for a professor who was leaving the University. Forty years later, he was still "substitute" teaching statistics. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he also served as a statistician for the SDSU Experiment Station. His greatest reward was working with graduate students and staff on research projects and graduate theses. Paul ended his teaching and research career in 1999.

In retirement, Paul pursued many passions. He joined the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity where he worked many years as a member of the foundation crew and later as a fundraiser that helped build over 40 homes in Brookings County. He took great joy in helping young families get a start in their new homes and loved working with the many volunteers and staff at Habitat. Paul often referred to the Habitat crew as his "band of brothers."

Paul also enjoyed wood carving where he spent countless hours carving special projects for family, friends and for his own enjoyment. One of his greatest gifts was presenting hand-carved clocks to each of his children.



Paul was a valued member of our Foundation Crew and a former member of the Board of Directors. A memorial fund has been set up in Paul's name.

Perhaps his strongest passion was photography. Whether it be at home taking pictures of birds and flowers or on "bucket list" trips to Glacier National Park in Montana or a land/sea cruise to Alaska, he captured nature in its finest glory. He often said that being a wildlife photographer was his dream job.

Paul was also active in Sons of Norway where he served one term as President, the Brookings Area Genealogical Society and Ascension Lutheran Church, with which he was a charter member (1962). He also loved spending time coaching baseball for his sons, cross country skiing in northern Wisconsin with the "Norwegian Family Ski Team," listening to classical and jazz music, being an active participant with the Brookings Swim Club and helping friends and family with home building projects.

Whether one knew Paul their entire life or just one day they would have to agree that his greatest attribute was his tremendous sense of humor. Sometimes it came in the form of a crazy prank, a surprise poke, or a goofy face, whereas other times it came as a self-effacing comment followed by a mischievous grin. No matter the situation, Paul was always on the lookout for the perfect joke or story to make people laugh

and feel good about themselves. When friends and family were struggling he was an encourager, counselor and persistent seeker – he never gave up on those he loved who were struggling with life issues and did whatever it took to help those in need, without any judgement.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Doris Evenson and sisters, Margaret Boyd and Virginia Larson. He is survived by his wife Ellie of 58 years; four children: David (Markel) Evenson of Marshall MN; Shirley (Calvin) Woods of Ham Lake, MN; Dale (Sis) Evenson of Garrison, ND; and John Evenson of Newtown, PA; and twelve grandchildren: Dara, Brad (Lindsey), and Isac Evenson; Christy, Michael, Jackie, Keith, Justin, Josiah, Stephen, Jubilee, and Juliana Woods; five brothers: Emil of Eau Claire, WI; Erwin (Lois) of Janesville, WI; Donald (Connie) of Loveland, CO; Robert (Vicki) of Red Feather Lakes, CO; Eric (Karen) of Yardley, PA; and two sisters: Marion Cunnington of Edina, MN and Karen (Chris) Eastlund of Raritan, NJ; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Home Is Where The Story Begins

Laurie Schulte

Laurie Schulte will soon be a homeowner. Her ground breaking ceremony was held on this date. Her new home will be located in Aurora.. *From Left to Right:*

Get Involved

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Habitat. God has graciously blessed us with nearly 1,000 volunteers over the course of the last year. However, we still need help. We are always looking for passionate individuals and organizations to join us in our fight against substandard housing in Brookings and Lake County. Volunteers of all skill levels, races and religions are welcome—we appreciate all of the hard working volunteers we can get. Contact us today and we'll help you get started!

Come help us Celebrate!

Time and time again, our communities have demonstrated their generosity through countless hours of volunteering, continuous donations and outstanding partnerships. As a result, we would like to celebrate that generosity at our annual meeting and family picnic. Please join us **Thursday, August 17th, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Hillcrest Park, Shelter E** for lots of laughs, good food and even better people.

The good Lord blessed our affiliate with 3 groups of Care-A-Vanners this year. Our first group arrived in June and made significant progress on House 64. Our July group worked lots

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If you can write a check, prepare a tasty lunch, pull weeds, swing a hammer or sort nuts and bolts, you can be a part of building a better Brookings. Join your neighbors on a Habitat project now!

We are always in the process of updating our mailing list. If you would like to be removed from our mailing list or if you would prefer to receive our newsletter by email, please email us at: info@brookingsshabitat.org or call our office at 605-697-2540.

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Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.



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Your donation helps families break the cycle of poverty and build long-term financial security. With your support, Habitat will continue to transform the lives of more than 3 million people world wide.

Consider a monthly donation today!

I would like to improve someone's home situation with my gift of:

___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$200 ___ \$500 ___ \$1000 ___ Other

☐ Enclosed is my check payable to Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity

___ \$20 Box of Nails

___ \$75 Window

___ \$777 Insulation

___ \$35 Roof Shingles

___ \$150 Front Door

___ \$991 Framing Material

___ \$50 Toilet

___ \$500 Siding

___ \$2000 Flooring

Business or Individual Name: _____

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