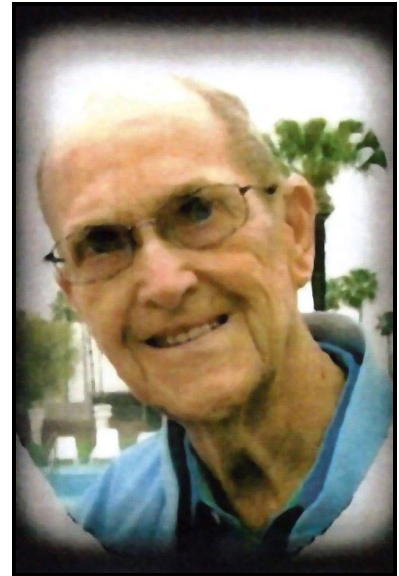


## Eulogy of Richard Eugene Carlson by Bill Mauck

Good Afternoon

Today we are celebrating the life of our husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and dear friend, Richard Eugene Carlson

Richard was born on July 20, 1922 in Salina, Kansas to Carl and Minnie Carlson. He was the second child. His older brother, Earland Carlson is deceased. Richard grew up in the city of Salina. Richard started working at the age of 10 for his aunt and uncle in a machine shop. He had various duties doing whatever he was asked to do. He graduated from high school in Sauna. About this time he saw a young red haired girl walking across the street. He told a friend that he was going to marry that girl. At that time he had never met Norma and did not know who she was. They were married a few months later in a Presbyterian church in Mentor.



Shortly after being married, Richard began his military service in the U.S. Army Air Core. The service took him to England. Norma stayed home in Salina. After being discharged from the service Richard returned to working with his aunt and uncle. At that time they were manufacturing OMC tractors. Richard was the only employee who knew how to make these tractors. After working for his uncle for 10 years Richard built two different homes for Norma and their family. He also built about 10 other homes in the area He also did remodeling for other people. He retired at the age of 60 after diagnoses of cancer.

Richard and Norma are the proud parents of two girls. Susan and her younger sister Barbara. While they were growing up the girls remember many camping trips they made with their mom and dad. Norma and Richard's hobbies were square dancing and playing cards. They were forced to give up square dancing about 20 years ago because of health reasons. Richard played cards until a short time before his recent illness. Norma was playing cards until her recent hospitalization. After retiring, Norma and Richard spent a winter in AZ and were told about the valley by friends. They came to the valley the next year and fell in love with the Tip of Texas. They have been here at the tip for over 30 years. They celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary in 2013.

Richard always had a green thumb. His lawn in Kansas was immaculate. Many people stopped by to compliment him on his lawn and inquire on how he was able to keep such a beautiful lawn. He always had a garden and grew his own vegetables. The flower garden in front of his home here at the tip has always been beautiful and free of any weeds. He took special care to be sure the palm seeds did not grow in the flowers. Richard always remarked that it was not his garden but he was taking care of it for God.

Several years ago Barbara seen a shirt made from a dollar bill. She got the instructions from the Internet how to fold the dollar to make a shirt. She couldn't figure out how to fold the dollar. She gave the instructions to Richard who figured out how to do this. The folded dollar bills became Richard's trademark. He loved to give them to anyone who helped him and also to people he would meet such as waitresses, doctors, etc. He continued to fold these dollars bills until his death. Barbara just recently located a dollar which he had started to fold. These past few months it has taken him over an hour to fold one bill. We will always treasure these bills as a remembrance of Richard.

Richard faith has always been his strength. He always prayed before meals and prayed on his knees every night as long as he was able. He also attended the village chapel here at the Tip for many years.

For the past ten years he has had numerous medical procedures and in and out of the hospital many times. He is survived by his wife Norma, two daughters, Susan her husband Mike Corder. and Barbara Carlson, two grandsons, Mathew Corder and Scott Corder, along with a two year old great-grandson, Cage. About an hour before Richard's death he woke up and said "I always love my Jesus". In his final minutes he waved goodbye and said "I love you".

Norma, Barbara, and their family want to express their thanks to all the family at the Tip Of Texas. Many people have helped Richard and Norma with trips to doctor appointments, home visits, and pther help in their home. His family wants to add that the family from the tip is truly Richard's family. He got to choose each of you. Thank you for all the hugs, kisstes, and love you gave Richard. He loved each of you anciyou meant the world to him.

We want to thank everyone who helped with this service in many different ways. The Samba card players would like for you to join us for some light refreshments after the service today.