

# Evald Brodd

## **Visitation:**

Date/Time April 21, 2003/2:00 PM

Location

Pruss-Nabity Funeral Home

911 N. Linden Street

Wahoo, NE 68066

## **Service:**

Date/Time April 22, 2003/10:00 AM

Location

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

504 W.8th

Wahoo, NE 68066

Evald Conrad (E.C) Brodd was born September 27, 1906 on the family farm northwest of Cereso, NE. He was the fifth child of John August and Hilma (Greenberg) Brodd.

He was baptized October 28, 1906 at Grace Lutheran Church in Swedeburg, and was confirmed July 7, 1921 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Ceresco by Pastor Granlund. He was an active member there until 1937. At a Christmas on the Prairie presentation, he told about riding the train from Ceresco to Wahoo to see a dentist about braces. There was a daily run between the two towns.

He grew up on the family farm and attended school at Shakespeare School District #59, Ceresco High School and graduated from Luther Academy in Wahoo in 1923. He then took a one year commercial course at Luther and several banking courses over the years.

He started his banking career at the Ceresco Bank and in 1939 he started working at the First National Bank in Wahoo where he remained for the next 45 years as a cashier,

officer and stockholder.

On September 8, 1935, at the home of her parents in Waverly, he married Dorothea Knudsen and they lived in rural Ceresco the first two years of their marriage. In 1937 they moved to Wahoo and became members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Three children were born to this union, Robert, Arlene, and Roger.

Evald was very active in the church singing in the church choir for 55 years, a church trustee, deacon and council member and served on many church committees. He was the treasurer of the Nebraska Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Church for 25 years. He was also active in scouting and was the Institutional Representative for the Boy Scout Troop at Bethlehem. He enjoyed singing Handel's Messiah and did so from his youth in the Luther Oratorio Society and later with other groups.

In 1976 he received the Kiwanis Citizenship Award and was their long time treasurer. He was a charter member of Wahoo Industries, charter member and lifetime member of the Saunders County Historical Society. He was honored in 1992 as the area volunteer representative of the Salvation Army, serving from 1933 to 1992. In most of the organizations to which he belonged, he was the treasurer and remained treasurer of three of the service organizations until the summer of 1998. He assisted many families with their finances and served as personal representative for several estates, including those of his brothers and sisters.

He was a charter member of the Wahoo Coin Club, lifetime member of the Omaha Coin Club, the Fremont Coin Club, the Nebraska City Coin Club, the SAC Airbase Coin Club, and a 40 year member of the American Numismatic Association, and a member of the Central Sates Numismatic Society and was credited with promoting youth involvement in the Nebraska Numismatic Society.

Besides being a student at Luther, he later served on the Board of Trustees. Evald and his wife, Dorothea, also provided boarding for several Luther students, the last one being his future son-in-law, Jerry Johnson. They also rented out rooms to workers at the Mead Ordinance Plant during war time when housing was in short supply. Many friendships were made in this way.

Family was also very important to Evald as he and Dorothea attended many events for their grandchildren and every time the family was together, he got out the barbershop chorus music, gathered his two sons, son-in-law, and grandson to sing the "good old

songs". For 23 years, he very seldom missed a practice or sing out with the Fremont Pathfinder Chorus and sang on the Christmas Show at the age of 91.

In May of 1998 he moved to Haven House and lived out his remaining years there.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, four brothers: Henry, Herbert, Harold and Carl, and four sisters; Mildred in infancy, Ella, Emeline, and Edith (Leonard Jasa), and his youngest grandson William Brodd, brother-in-law Alvin (Annie) Knudsen, and sister-in-law Eveline (Martin) Johnson.

He leaves to mourn his sister Ethel Brodd of Wahoo; his children Robert (Laura) Brodd of Fremont, Arlene (Gerald) Johnson of Shelby, and Roger (Elizabeth) Brodd of Omaha; grandchildren Brian (Pam) Brodd of Fremont, Daryl (Ann) Brodd of Ames, Bryce (Dana) Johnson of Lincoln, Valerie (Tom) Foster of Grant, David (Andrea) Brodd of Dodge, Joel (Suzanne) Brodd of Omaha, Charles (Jamie) Brodd of North Bend and step-grandson Daniel Wolgamott of Elkhorn; great grandchilren Kristen, Curtis and Kenan Brodd of Fremont, Emilie and Olivia Johnson of Lincoln, Lila Konecky of Grant, Emily Brodd of Ames, Markee, Austin, and Cassandra Brodd of Dodge, Richmond and Kyrstyn Brodd of Omaha, Noah and Grace Brodd of North Bend. He is also survived by three nephews, three nieces, and a host of cousins and friends.

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