

# Alvin Arthur Stotz

December 3, 1922 - February 12, 2018

Born to German-speaking immigrants on a rural farm in South Dakota, Alvin Arthur Stotz came into this world with a very humble beginning. He was the youngest of eight siblings and learned the value of hard work at a young age.

He met his "forever" in Emma Adila Brick at a 4th of July dance, but before they could settle into married life, Uncle Sam called him into service. He boarded a troop ship bound for Japan, but as luck would have it, the war was quickly coming to an end. His service was mostly spent helping



Japan rebuild and recover – reinforcing his lifelong love of helping others.

Upon his return from the Army, Alvin and Emma built a life together in Aberdeen, South Dakota, having two sons and a little girl – the apple of his eye. Opportunity brought the family to Sacramento, CA in 1959, which became the place they called home for 49 years.

He continued his service to others through his work at a tool rental business and at a mortuary. He was also very active in his local chapter of the Lions Club and at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Alvin continued his involvement in community and church service through his move to Fredericksburg in 2008 – staying involved with the Lions and transferring his membership to Zion Lutheran Church. Alvin loved gardening and the game of golf, even accomplishing a Hole-in-One, not once, but twice.

From a simple start to an empty bucket list, Alvin led a fulfilled and blessed life. His dedication to his family and The Lord were what defined him. He was a blessing to us all and will be missed but never forgotten.

Alvin Arthur Stotz was born Dec. 3, 1922 in Hoven, South Dakota. He passed away on Feb. 12, 2018 at the age of 95 in Fredericksburg, Texas.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years: Emma Adila Brick Stotz; two sons: Dr. Ronald Stotz and wife, Kathi, of Fredericksburg, Texas and Dean Stotz and wife, Kathy, of Sacramento, California; one son-in-law: Russell Manlapig of Elk Grove, California; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Phillip and Regina Baer Stotz; one daughter: Peggy Lee Manlapig; and his five brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 3, at Zion Lutheran Church, with interment following at Greenwood Cemetery.

Visitation was held Friday evening in the chapel of Fredericksburg Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Post 7105, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Arrangements were under the direction of  
Fredericksburg Funeral Home.

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