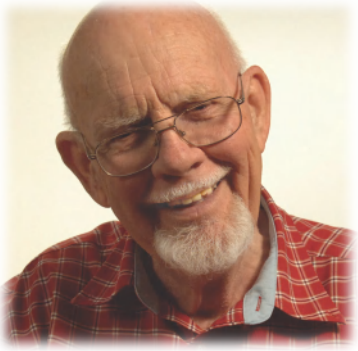


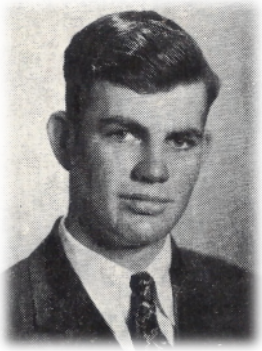
Arvin William Massey

April 4, 1928 – December 24, 2017

Arvin Massey, 89, of Rockford, IL, and formerly of Sioux Falls, SD, died Sunday, December 24, 2017, in Rockford IL.

Memorial services held on Saturday, January 6, 2017, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD.

Arvin William Massey, son of Lorren and Mildred (Vermillion(Massey, was born April 4, 1928, in Burton, NE. He attended South Dakota School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls, SD and graduated in 1947.



On June 23, 1956, he was united in marriage to Alice M Helberg in Des Moines, IA. Arvin spent his working years at John Morrell & Co, retiring at the age 59 in 1988. He also worked at South Dakota School for the Deaf as a houseparents. After retirement, he did volunteer work with the various clubs and associations he belonged to, adding Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD) to the many places he volunteered. He was honored several times for his volunteer work. In 1987, he received an Appreciation plaque for his work as a driver for CSD. 1991 the Albert J. Krohn Alumnus of the Year award from SDSD; 1993 Volunteer of the Year from SDAD; and an Award of Recognition for 50 years of work with SDAD.



In 2002, Arvin was inducted into the South Dakota Association for the Deaf Hall of Fame for his community service

Arvin was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Sioux Falls Association for the Deaf, South Dakota Association for the Deaf (SDAD), National Association for the Deaf, Senior Citizen Club for the Deaf (Sioux Falls, SD) Washington State Deaf Senior Citizens (Tacoma, WA) and Fraternal Association for the Deaf where he served for many years as treasurer.



He was an avid card player and enjoyed bowling. He loved traveling with his family including trips to Holland, Germany and across United States. At age 83, he went skydiving.

Grateful for having shared his life are his 3 children, Cathy (Roy) Levine, Rockford, IL; Kim (Jurren) Bouman, Auburn, WA; Bill (Kathy) Massey, Lakewood, WA.

6 grandchildren, Jeffrey Sells, Milton, WA; Joshua Sells, Henderson, NV; Peter (CJay) Levine, Rockford, IL; Katrina Sells, Milton, WA; Molly (Rob) Levine, Seattle, WA; Amanda Savage, Tacoma, WA.

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5 great grandchildren, Summer Levine, Ingleside, IL; Phoebe Wade, Spanaway, WA; Shane Levine, Ingleside, IL; Kenzie Ledig, Milton, WA; Merrick Sells, Henderson, NV.

2 sisters, Leona Sanderson, Lubbock, TX; Donna Erickson, LeMars, IA. 3 brothers, Lorren (Margaret) Massey, Sioux City, IA; Ron (Mary) Massey, Mountlake Terrace, WA, Keith (Karin) Massey, Des Moines, IA. 2 sisters-in-law, Cari Helberg and Grace Lucht.

Special friends Cindy Smith, Amanda Edens, Jenna DiLauro along with a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Arvin was proceeded in death by his precious wife, Alice; his parents; a brother and his wife, Kenneth and Lois Massey; his wife's sisters and husband; Anita and Gilbert Sandersfeld; Audrey Daniels and Lois Weibold, brother in laws, Paul Sanderson, Wayne Lucht and Ken Helberg.





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Standing L to R: Raymond Ellis, Leslie Bierly, Nick LeFors, Coach A.J. Krohn, Stanley Johnson, Arvin Massey and Alvin Harold.

Sitting L to R: Everett Ruedebusch, John Buckmaster, Co-Captain Robert Lange, Co-Captain John Schumacher, James Sweeney and Blaine Slovey.





