

# HENRY D. ESCH

## 1903 - 1996

Henry D. ("Doc") Esch, 93 of Glendale, AZ, passed away Saturday, Dec. 7 at Glencroft Care Center.

He was born Aug. 20, 1903 near Centrailia, MO. son of Daniel C. and Elizabeth (Guengerich) Esch.

Mr. Esch came with his family from Missouri to Michigan in 1917. He attended Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA. After graduating in 1923, he practiced Chiropractic in Michigan until 1947, then continued in Arizona, retiring in 1977 after 55 years in active practice. He belonged to the International Chiropractic Association, the Arizona State Chiropractic Association and was an early member of the Christian Chiropractic Association.

Mr. Esch received several awards from the Palmer College of Chiropractic for his professional work over the years. In 1992, the Arizona Association of Chiropractic established the Henry D. Esch Award to recognize outstanding work in education, licensing and legislation in the profession.

He had a special interest in history and writing. He wrote a book titled "Mennonites In Arizona" in 1985. His biography, "Life Story Of Henry D.," was printed in 1995. He also enjoyed music and singing and taught singing classes in the '30s in Michigan.

Mr. Esch belonged to the Pigeon River Mennonite Church and the Sunnyslope Mennonite Church in Arizona.

He co-founded the Apostolic Christian Church of Glencroft Retirement Center, an ana-baptist institution, which opened in 1973. He served as the first Chairman of the Glencroft Board of Directors and honorary director afterwards.

Mr. Esch is survived by his wife of 72 years, Barbara (Maust) Esch; daughter Lelia Schlabach, Phoenix, AZ; son Victor Esch, Arvada, CO; daughter Beulah (Boots) Raber, Newton, KS; and daughter Myrna Schmidt, Lakewood, CO; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jacob and Lewis, both of Glencroft Retirement Center; and foster sister, Grace Kauffman, Flint.

He was preceded in death by an infant brother; a brother, Paul who died in 1988; one grandson, John Schlabach; and one son-in-law, Abe Schlabach.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Dec. 12 at Sunnyslope Mennonite Church, Phoenix, AZ with Rev. Dennis Staffer officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Park Cemetery, Glendale, AZ.