

Laurel Elijah Pease 1915-2006

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Laurel Elijah "Doc" Pease, Ph. D., was born in Rock Springs, Wyoming on July 21, 1915 to Warren and Ethel Pease. He was eight of nine children. When he graduated about four years old his parents moved back to South Dakota where he graduated from Chamberlain High School with honors.

He attended Dakota Wesleyan University for two years when he decided to move to Rapid City, South Dakota where he had relatives and hopefully could find gainful employment. The work position turned out to be permanent and in a field of great interest to him. After several years, he was employed as an insurance adjuster, which encouraged him to go back to school. The family left Sioux City to live in Ohio where he could simultaneously teach and take classes. He was graduated from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio with a Ph.D. in finance.

His next teaching experience was at Mississippi State University where he occupied The Chair of Insurance. He retired and moved his family to Las Cruces, New Mexico where he taught courses in insurance part-time at New Mexico State University.

He leaves: his wife Marian Ellis Pease; his daughter Jean Jewell, her husband Paul and three children Jennifer, Vince, and Andrea.; his daughter Joyce Nelson and her daughter Karen Stabler; his son Warren Pease; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.