



Robert H. Eliassen

May 21, 1940 - July 12, 2025

Robert Eliassen, 85, of Greene, passed away Saturday, July 12, 2025, at the Sheffield Care Center, with his wife, Lois, by his side. Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 16, at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Greene. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery, Greene. Visitation will be 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at the church.

Robert Harry Eliassen was born May 21, 1940, in rural Greene, a son of Harry and Fern (Hooker) Eliassen. He was baptized at the Presbyterian Church in Greene and confirmed at St. Peter Lutheran Church. He attended country school through the 8th grade then needed to work the family farm as his dad was in poor health.

Robert served in the National Guard, trained at Ft. Polk, LA, and was involved with the responses at the Charles City tornado and the Waterloo riots. Before he began farming on his own, Robert worked for the Greene Co-Op, Begulins, Greene Creamery and John Deere. He enjoyed farming with the family and teaching the kids many life lessons.

On September 8, 1963, Robert was united in marriage with Lois Dorothy Smith at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. They lived on the family farm for 60 years and raised four children.

Robert loved family gatherings, especially picnics. Camping with the family, winter trips to Texas, music and balloon festivals were times he enjoyed. He really loved to work on machinery, tinkering in the shed and being outside, mowing, gardening and keeping the sheds organized. He enjoyed watching birds and wildlife, even those pesky deer. He was also known for helping family, neighbors, friends and even strangers. Robert was also a long-time member of the Powersville Fox Hunters.

Those left with loving memories include his wife: Lois; children: Rodney Eliassen, Greene; Cheryl (Darren) Rogers, Greene; Carla (Kenny) Berding, Sheffield; Carrie (Ramey) Tobias, Greene; grandchildren: Joshua Rogers; Justin (Nicole) Rogers; Alexander (Maci) Berding; Seth Berding; great grandchildren: Oliver, Greyson, Harrison Rogers and Kolbi Berding; nieces, nephews and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings Marlene (Ed) Rust, Irene (Andy) Etzen, Howard (Lois J.) Eliassen, father-in-law and mother-in-law Clifford and Lillie Smith, five sisters-in-law and their husbands.

Robert didn't often say, "Goodbye," but instead said, "Take it easy."

Memorials and cards may be addressed to Lois Eliassen, 505 E. Gilman St., Apt. 101, Sheffield, IA 50475

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery - Greene

11381 Lodge Ave
Greene, IA 50636

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **16**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St Peter Lutheran Church
324 E Traer St
Greene, IA 50636

Funeral service

JUL **16**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Peter Lutheran Church
324 E Traer Street
Greene, IA 50636

Tribute Wall

KS

“ Kelly Sidle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert H. Eliasen.

Kelly Sidle - July 15, 2025 at 01:40 PM

KS

“ Kelly Sidle purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert H. Eliasen.



Kelly Sidle - July 15, 2025 at 01:40 PM

LE

“ Love, Ken & Sherrie Eliasen purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert H. Eliasen.



Love, Ken & Sherrie Eliasen - July 14, 2025 at 03:01 PM

DS

“ Lois.
It was such a pleasure meeting and knowing you at J5
.sending Blessings to you.

Diann Shaner - July 14, 2025 at 01:04 PM

SG

“ I was so sad to hear about your passing. My family was so fortunate to have you farm our land. I won't ever forget how much I enjoyed the first bit of green coming up through the ground. I liked the corn best. It was so tall and won't ever forget when my sister and I got lost playing in the field!

Your immense kindness, which extended beyond our neighborhood will never be forgotten. Your entire family always showed such warmth and generosity to all consistently offering a helping hand or a friendly word. Your dedication will not be forgotten.

It will be difficult for your family not having you around.
My condolences to all.

Sara Grey - July 13, 2025 at 03:29 AM