



Russell Elsing

September 29, 1943 - September 11, 2021

Russell Elsing, 77, of Ackley, passed away Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Grand JiVante in Ackley. A visitation will be held from 12-3 PM on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at St. John's United Church of Christ in Ackley. He will be laid to rest with a family inurnment at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Russell and his family.

Russell Dale Elsing was born on September 29, 1943 to Alfred and Marie (Saathoff) Elsing in Hampton, Iowa. He attended country school and went to Geneva School through his senior year then graduated from Ackley High School, class of 1961. On December 21, 1963 Russell was united in marriage to Barbara Abbas at the St. Peters Church in Geneva, Iowa. The couple later divorced.

Russell worked for the Geneva Coop for many years then drove truck for Warren Transportation. Due to his developing blindness, he had to retire in 1982. Russell had many health challenges, starting with his eyesight. He was diagnosed later in life with primary progressive aphasia, in 2010. He never allowed his disabilities to lessen his joy of life. He loved walking at Prairie Bridges and playing cribbage daily. He also enjoyed the Minnesota Vikings, Mollie B Polka, dancing, tractors, and a "mighty fine drink" at Grumpys with his buddies every Wednesday night. He loved his children and grandchildren more than anything. He had a big heart and was special to so many people.

He will be missed by many.

Russell Elsing is survived by his children, Evan (Shandra) Elsing of Ackley, Iowa, Mark (Ranee) Elsing of Lake Villa, Illinois, Susan (Mike) Lents of Altoona, Iowa and Mike Elsing of Urbandale, Iowa; grandchildren, Aaron Elsing, Nolan Elsing and Trey Elsing; step-grandchildren, Mike Machado and Kelsey Machado; sister, Sandra Stille; nieces, Mary Gillett and Debbie Miller; cousin, Isle Kay Saathoff; ex-wife and friend, Barbara Johns. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Marie Elsing.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Ackley, IA 50601

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

St. John's United Church of Christ
716 3rd Avenue
Ackley, IA 50601

Tribute Wall



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Russell Elsing.* ”



October 01, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Russell Elsing.* ”



September 14, 2021 at 07:08 PM



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September 14, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ *Our sympathies to you kids in the loss of your dad. Ed & Betty (Butson) Etnier* ”



Betty & Ed Etnier - September 12, 2021 at 06:01 PM