



## Elmer William Schroeder

February 23, 1925 - December 26, 2024

Oh, how Dad wanted to make it to his 100th birthday!

Dad was the seventh of ten children born to Theodore and Elizabeth Schroeder. He and all his siblings were born in the small town of St. Bernard, Nebraska. He was the last of his brothers and sisters to leave this world. He loved his family.

He is survived by his wife Luella, sons Mickey (Lou Ann), Randy (Debbie), and TJ (Julee) and his daughter Janie Peterson (Roger).

He had seven grandchildren: Molly and Macy (Janie & Roger), Abby and Robin (Mickey & Lou Ann), Cary and Tyler (Randy & Debbie) and Piper (TJ & Julee).

He is also survived by his 12 great grandchildren: Mae Mae, Bella and Lilee (Molly & Matt), Kennedy and Koda (Macy & Kyle), Mason, Camden and Vivian (Abby & Chris), Emma (Robin & Bo), and Hudson, Bennett and Amelia (Cary & Jennifer).

Elmer was married to the love of his life for 71 years. He was caught holding hands with Lu many times. They shared traveling to India, Europe, the Holy Land, Texas and much more in their retirement.

Dad was very proud of the time he spent in the Army from 1950 to 1952 during the Korean conflict.

While raising his family, he worked hard at many things including farming, running a bar, owning and refurbishing a bowling alley and finally ending up as a service manager/technician in the heating and air conditioning industry. There wasn't much he couldn't fix or build.

After his retirement, he spent his time taking care of the German American Society facilities on 120th Street in Omaha. He maintained the grounds by mowing and trimming the landscape, repairing whatever he could, building friendships and helping serving food and beer during the Oktoberfest + German Day events.

Elmer was also one of the original members of the Mary Our Queen Parish and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He loved working the annual MOQ Fish Fries and volunteered his time into his early 90's.

He loved his St. Louis Cardinals, playing cards with friends, carpentry, bowling, dancing, singing around the piano, and visiting with his family and friends.

His favorite sport was hands down baseball/softball. He played competitive fast pitch softball in his younger years and then transitioned into slow pitch as he got older. He was pretty good at fast pitch and carried an impressive batting average. We found proof that he was playing fast pitch softball on the day that Janie was born. He shared this love with his kids, grandkids and great grandkids. Later in life he enjoyed watching his grandchildren and great grandkids play all sports. He also made many a trip to Texas just to watch his great grandchildren that live there

play sports.

He will always be missed.

Visitation with the family will be on Friday, February 14, 2025, at Reichmuth Funeral Home (21901 W. Maple Road, Elkhorn, NE) from 5:00pm to 6:30pm Followed by a Vigil Service at 6:30pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, February 15, 2025 at St. John's Catholic Church (307 East Meigs Street, Valley, NE) at 10:30am

# Previous Events

## Visitation with family

FEB 14. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
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## Vigil service

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## Mass of the Christian Burial

FEB 15. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church  
307 East Meigs Street  
Valley, NE 68064

# Tribute Wall

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“ I’m just sitting here thinking about all the great memories I had with Elmer in my childhood. He was my Godfather and I always felt a special bond with him. Started with me being the ring bearer at their wedding. It took him a whole pack of Juicy Fruit gum to get me down the aisle. I’m not sure I ever made it but I’m thinking Lu would remember. He let me tag along when he did chores letting the “city kid” drive the tractor to pick up hay and drag the softball diamond in St. Ben. I still remember sitting at the tavern in St. Ben where Elmer would set us kids up with a Nehi soda. Later he let me tag along on HVAC service calls in the Omaha area. He always kept me busy when we visited from Illinois. My Mom once told me when I was about 10 years old that “you are acting just like your Uncle Elmer”. I’m not sure what I was doing or maybe not doing but I replied “what’s wrong with that?”. I guess that kind of sums up how I felt about Elmer. He was definitely a “salt of the earth kind of man” even if he was a Cardinal fan.  
Hope to see you this Summer.  
Cousin Dick the reluctant ring bearer

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Dick Egger - February 14, 2025 at 12:26 PM

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“ My sympathies to the entire Schroeder family. Mr. Elmer was a good man who could fix anything!

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Fr. Dan Andrews - January 31, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Elmer William Schroeder.



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January 27, 2025 at 09:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elmer William Schroeder.

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