



Gene "Red" Huelman

June 17, 1935 - May 11, 2025

Gene "Red" Huelman age 89, of Schaller, Iowa died Sunday, May 11, 2025, at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 14, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. with Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller. Graveside services will take place Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Schaller. In lieu of flowers, donations will be used to honor Red's love of Schaller. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller is in charge of the arrangements.

Prior to the graveside service a tractor procession will start at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller and go to the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. You are encouraged to bring your tractor and meet at the funeral home at 2:30 p.m. to proceed together or we will see you at the cemetery. Following the graveside service from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., the family invites everyone to the family farm for food and a time of remembrance in honor of Red Huelman.

Gene Huelman – “Red” to those who have been around long enough to remember him with red hair, passed away on the morning of May 11th 2025.

Gene was a good farmer, a good husband, and a good father. Some of Gene’s earliest memories were of helping his dad with the farm during WW II

when his older brothers had gone off to war. He was just 8 or 9 years old at the time. By 16 he was already farming full time as he finished school. In 1953 he met his first wife Kay (Dahm) and they were married in 1955. They went on to have 4 children, Pat, Kent, Molly (Hunt) and Gene "Bear". They raised a good crop of kids and 50 years of popcorn, beans, field corn and other assorted Iowa bounty. In 1994 Kay passed away from a long-term illness.

Gene tried the bachelor life but it really wasn't for him, he dated a bit and then met Marguerite Anne (Miller) the second love of his life. They were married in 2003. This brought Debra Keever and John Atkinson into the family.

In addition to farming and child rearing, Gene was an artist, a creator, and he liked to tell a good story. He was a woodworker, metal worker and liked to work with cutting glass. His artistic and creative projects ranged from the very practical like a hydraulic lift he attached to the back of an MD Farmall to lift a rotary hoe, to the whimsical like his stained glass projects.

Dad took great pride in his civic duties, his love for Schaller and all things popcorn. He was involved in Chamber of Commerce, Popcorn Days, founding member of the Schaller EMTs, School Board and Schaller City Council. The 50th Class Re-Union Float was one of his greatest joys. He also served outside Schaller with Art Galleries and the Train Museum.

Dad loved to travel and met friends wherever he went; be it Pakistan, Churchill Canada, Alaska and many trips coast to coast.

Upon retiring from farming, he shared his love of red tractors with his Farmall Tractor Train. Dad entertained young and old with his unique train of 15 tractors in descending size at many parades and events.

So, we will conclude this obituary the way we started it. Gene was a good farmer, a good husband, a good father, a creator, a story teller, an ardent parishioner at St. Joseph's Catholic church, and a proud citizen of Schaller Iowa. His family hopes that you have fond memories of Gene and if you do, please feel free to share them with us at redhuelman@schallertel.net.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be used to honor Red's love of Schaller.

Dad was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, and wife Kay. He is survived by wife Marguerite "Anne"; his children: Pat (Kathleen), Kent (Susan), Molly Hunt (Jeff), Gene "Bear" (Alice); his grandchildren: Brandon (Rachel), Megan, and Justin (Alyssa); Great Grandchildren: Maren, Rhys and Gwen; step children Debra Keever (Mike) and John Atkinson (Colleen), step grandkids, Eric Marcks (Kelsey), Angela Marcks, James Brucker (Rachel) and Emily Brucker.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery -- Schaller

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Schaller
306 S Main St
Schaller, IA 51053
(712) 275-4205
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Rosary

MAY 14. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAY 15. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Saint Joseph Cemetery
1398 200th St
Schaller, IA 51053

Tribute Wall

MR

“ Frank and Rita Healy's family with thoughts and prayers. We have so many wonderful memories of the Huelman family. Hugs

Mary Reeder - May 17, 2025 at 03:52 PM

JB

“ My heart is so sad not to be able to be with you folks at this time. Gene was a true friend of mine. He was a cousin a brother and he was everything that the obituary said. I will always remember the trips that he and Greg made to Arkansas and Texas to pick up his passion (tractors). We had so much fun together. Introducing Gene and Greg to Catfish. Rest In Peace my friend, until we meet again.

Jeffrey Boland - May 17, 2025 at 11:04 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 15, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gene "Red" Huelman.



May 15, 2025 at 09:14 AM



“ My favorite memory of Mr. Huelman is seeing him around town in his red convertible. He was always friendly and sometimes gave rides to Bear’s friends. He was a great man, great for Schaller, and will be missed.

Cami Herholz (Taylor) - May 14, 2025 at 10:40 PM



“ Gene will be remembered thru the EMT squad and yes his interest in the town of Schaller. It was a pleasure to know him. My sympathy to the family! Karen Grieme

Karen Grieme - May 14, 2025 at 10:23 PM



“ He was truly a self made man who could create anything he wanted or thought of.....not a half way project but one of perfection. My condolences to his family.



Steven Harnack - May 14, 2025 at 03:33 PM



Thanks, Coach! What a beautiful tribute.

Patrick Huelman - May 17, 2025 at 08:11 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gene "Red" Huelman.



May 14, 2025 at 01:48 PM

JP

“ Jennifer Peters lit a candle in memory of Gene Huelman



Jennifer Peters - May 13, 2025 at 05:09 PM

BC

“ Gene was truly one of the good guys. The first time we met was at Jeff and Molly’s wedding and reception. After that I knew he was a person who was extremely interesting and full of good stories. One of the best was when he described digging up the glacial boulder from his field. There’s not enough room on this page to describe exactly how Gene told his story but it definitely had us all laughing. He was one of a kind and will be missed. Our thoughts are with the family. Marc and Beverly

Beverly Craven - May 13, 2025 at 04:50 PM



I got to be involved in that story and it was great to hear him tell the story.

Gene Huelman - May 14, 2025 at 12:59 PM

TF

“ The Craven Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gene "Red" Huelman.



The Craven Family - May 13, 2025 at 04:16 PM

SB

“ Sam and Carolyn Baldessari purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gene "Red" Huelman.



Sam and Carolyn Baldessari - May 13, 2025 at 01:07 PM

RD

“ Merilee and I send our sympathies and prayers for Marguerite and the family for their loss of Gene.
We remember Gene at our Dick family reunions and always enjoyed his passion for things that he held dear.
We are sorry that we are not able to attend the services but we will lift up Gene, Marguerite and the family in prayer.
Robert and Merilee Dick

Robert Dick - May 13, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gene "Red" Huelman.

May 13, 2025 at 08:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gene "Red" Huelman.



May 13, 2025 at 08:26 AM

PH

“ Gene was a great friend of my brother Bill Winkler. What a great man!

Patty Winkler Heuton - May 13, 2025 at 12:30 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gene "Red" Huelman.



May 12, 2025 at 10:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gene "Red" Huelman.

May 12, 2025 at 10:00 PM

GS

“ Green Acres Nursery & Supply planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gene "Red" Huelman.

Green Acres Nursery & Supply - May 12, 2025 at 09:23 PM

GS

“ Green Acres Nursery & Supply purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gene "Red" Huelman.



Green Acres Nursery & Supply - May 12, 2025 at 09:23 PM