



## Robert Ellrich

October 21, 1923 - May 19, 2021

Robert “Bob” Ellrich, age 97, of Newell, Iowa died May 19, 2021 at the Newell Good Samaritan Center in Newell.

Private graveside services will take place at the Newell Cemetery in Newell. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Newell is in charge of the arrangements.

Bob was born October 21, 1923 in Newell the son of Homer and Velma (Roushe) Ellrich.

Growing up, he attended Newell School, graduating in 1941. Following high school graduation, he helped on the farm until enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1943, serving in South Pacific until his honorable discharge in 1946.

In December of 1943, Bob was united in marriage to Nola Madison. Together, they were blessed with two children: Roberta Lee and Barbara Ann. Bob and Nola were married for 71 years.

Bob was an auctioneer, a realtor and farmer. He loved his auction business making many friends and overcoming challenges along the way. Bob retired in 2000 and started restoring old farm machinery and antiques. He also served

on the bank board for 13 years.

Bob was proud to have been a member of the Greatest Generation and the American Legion.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughters: Roberta Kemmer of Sandwich, Illinois; Barbara (Norm) Caldwell of Humboldt, Iowa; four grandchildren: Shari, Scott, Chad and Niki; six great grandchildren: Tyler, Keaton, Carson, Hannah, Josie, and Ellie; extended family and many friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Nola; parents, Homer and Velma Ellrich; brother, Richard (Colleen) Ellrich; sister-in-law, Bernadine Rogers; brother-in-law, Leo Madison; son-in-law, John Kemmer.

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Suana Wessendorf lit a candle in memory of Robert Ellrich*



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**Suana Wessendorf** - May 29, 2021 at 09:06 PM

SW

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Bob. He and Nola were a part of my folk's life long friends. I have many fond memories of our times together. I remember one time I went to an auction and saw a small bookcase I wanted for my home. Bob started the bidding and before I knew it I had paid twice what I had told myself I would pay for it. Lol. Bob and I laughed about that for a long time. He was a dear friend to my Pops at their coffee time and he will be missed very much by my family and me. RIP dear Bob. You were loved by all. Thank you for your service to protect this country. You are a hero.*

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**Suana Wessendorf** - May 29, 2021 at 09:06 PM

TT

“ *I had some great visits with Bob and Nola when back home visiting in Iowa. Always a smile to greet me, laughter and great food. Rest in peace, Bob.*

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**Theresa Galbraith Tymeson** - May 25, 2021 at 08:20 PM

KS

“ Uncle Bob was one of a kind and always smiling. When ever I stopped at the house and he wasn't home, I could always find him out at Sparky's drinking coffee with the boys and discussing the worries of the world. He will be greatly missed by all.

Kellie (Ellrich) Smith - May 25, 2021 at 08:10 PM

CB

“ over the last couple of years i always enjoyed seeing uncle Bob and visiting with him. he was an amazing guy. Full off life. I will really miss him.

craig boyd - May 25, 2021 at 08:37 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - May 24, 2021 at 12:17 PM

JM

“ Heaven's gates have opened wide once again, to welcome another of our WW11 veterans. These brave men were ready to lay down their lives to protect our country, our freedom, and our American way of life. Thank you Bob for your service to our country We will all miss your happy-go-lucky ways and your cheerful smile--- and the ever ready cup of coffee-----Until we meet again-----Joyce Madison

Joyce Madison - May 24, 2021 at 11:24 AM

ME

“ *Mary Ellrich Ellis lit a candle in memory of Robert Ellrich*



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**Mary Ellrich Ellis** - May 23, 2021 at 08:14 PM

PO

“ *Didn't know Bob for a long time, but tagging along with my Dad to Sparkeys, I met him ,and he always remembered my name, and asked how everyone was.....What a great and memorable person, Made an impression on me that I will never forget!! Rip Bob, until we meet again!*

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**Pat O"Leary** - May 22, 2021 at 09:30 PM

KE

“ *Kathy Ellrich lit a candle in memory of Robert Ellrich*



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**Kathy Ellrich** - May 22, 2021 at 12:08 PM

SB

“ *Scott Bodholdt lit a candle in memory of Robert Ellrich*



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**Scott Bodholdt** - May 21, 2021 at 08:49 AM



“ *Tim and I will miss our dear friend Bob. Bob shared many fond memories with the Baaks. Goose Club, 5 o'clock happy hour and many many wonderful stories. I will miss my visits with him. You all were very blessed with a wonderful father and grandpa! He will be very missed in Newell. Our deepest sympathies.*  
*Tim and Tracy Baak*

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**Tracy Miller Baak** - May 20, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ *Always loved visiting with Bob about history of when he was growing up in Newell. He was such a caring guy. Bob u will be missed deeply. Sending hugs to your family. Wade & Cheri Nehring*

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**cheri nehring** - May 19, 2021 at 10:20 PM