



## Robert E. Sievers

December 6, 1948 - February 25, 2025

Robert Eugene Sievers passed away on February 25, 2025, at the age of 76 at Buena Vista Hospital in Storm Lake, Iowa, after a long and challenging battle with cancer and other health ailments that he experienced over recent years.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Varina. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the CHURCH. Burial will be in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to an animal shelter of your choosing. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Rob was born to his parents, Vernon and Margaret Sievers, on December 6, 1948, in Storm Lake, Iowa. After graduating from Albert City-Truesdale High School in 1967, he attended Iowa Central Community College. Following college, he was a member of the Army Reserves for six years.

Growing up in a small farming community outside of Albert City, he developed a strong work ethic and a deep love of farming that led to 55 years of doing what he loved best. Rob built a successful farming business where he worked alongside his brother and sons. He was a hard-working farmer, leading with integrity and strong values, teaching all his children the value of a strong work

ethic. He frequently quoted, "A little hard work never killed anyone." He lived by that motto until his health deteriorated in recent months.

Some of the family's fondest memories include sitting around the kitchen table, having a cup of coffee, and sharing old family stories. There was never a shortage of coffee or chocolate in his home. Rob loved his time on his farmstead and could always be found riding his John Deere tractor or Gator around the farm accompanied by Skye, his beloved Golden Retriever.

Rob was most happy when he was on his farm surrounded by his family. He loved spending his time watching basketball, especially rooting for his favorite teams, the Iowa Hawkeyes and Iowa State Cyclones. You could be sure to catch Rob at a local sporting event, cheering on his grandchildren.

Rob's greatest joy came from his family. He leaves behind his wife, Karen, of 56 years, as well as their four children: Lori Gatto (David), Bainbridge Island, WA; Lynn Hoffman (Paul), Mill Valley, CA; Nathan Sievers (Julie) and Clint Sievers (Nicole), both of Albert City, IA. He was proud of his six grandchildren, including Bailey Sievers (Nathan), Carter Sievers (Nathan), Ava Hoffman (Lynn), Aya Gatto (Lori), Lucy Gatto (Lori), and Ellie Sievers (Nathan). Rob also leaves behind three siblings, including Steve Sievers (Eveleen), Sioux City, IA; Tom Sievers (Marlene), Storm Lake, IA; and Joleen Kragt (Joel), Mount Prospect, IL.

Rob's family would like to thank the extraordinary staff of Buena Vista Hospital for their compassion, attention, and patience over the past several days.

Mass will be held on March 1 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Columbkille Church in Varina, Iowa, where Rob has been an active parishioner his whole life.

Rest now Farmer. For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest

your head, your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Columbkille Catholic Cemetery- Varina

13505 580th St.  
Fonda, IA 50540

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Columbkille Catholic Church  
First Street  
Varina, IA 50593  
<http://home.catholicweb.com/stcolumbkille/>

## Funeral Service

MAR 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Columbkille Catholic Church  
First Street  
Varina, IA 50593  
<http://home.catholicweb.com/stcolumbkille/>

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ I'm saddened to hear of Rob's passing. He was such a good man and a wonderful neighbor. I'll always remember him as having a smile on his face and quick joke or story to share. May your memories of him sustain the whole family through this difficult time. Prayers for the family.

Joan Westmoreland - February 28, 2025 at 12:07 PM

PC

“ Pam and Chemai purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Robert E. Sievers.



Pam and Chemai - February 28, 2025 at 12:05 PM

PC

“ Pam and Chemai planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert E. Sievers.

Pam and Chemai - February 28, 2025 at 12:05 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 28, 2025 at 10:59 AM

HF

“ Hoffman, DeMey and Adams Family purchased the Garden Accent - "Those we love don't go away..." for the family of Robert E. Sievers.



Hoffman, DeMey and Adams Family - February 28, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert E. Sievers.



February 28, 2025 at 08:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert E. Sievers.

February 28, 2025 at 08:49 AM

JK

“ KAREN AND FAMILY, SORRY TO HEAR OF BOB'S PASSING WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIM COMING INTO JOHN DEERE AND OUR CHATS. MANY MEMORIES. GOD BLESS AND BE WITH U AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.  
JUDY KRIPS  
KC NIELSEN

judy krips - February 27, 2025 at 02:51 PM

BJ

“ So sorry to hear of Rob’s passing. Sympathy to all your family. He will be missed  
Thinking of all of you.  
Bob and Peg Johnson

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**Bob and Peg Johnson** - February 26, 2025 at 09:07 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of Robert’s passing. Our sincere sympathy goes out to you Karen and family. Rick and Janet Meyer

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**Janet Meyer** - February 26, 2025 at 05:07 PM

CW

“ Chris H Willfong lit a candle in memory of Robert Sievers



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**Chris H Willfong** - February 26, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert E. Sievers.



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February 26, 2025 at 02:25 PM

WT

“ Karen, sympathy to you and your family. May God give you strength at this time and days to come.



Wilbur and Karen Triplett - February 26, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert E. Sievers.



February 26, 2025 at 10:36 AM

LM

“ Karen, we were so sorry to hear that Rob has passed away. Our sympathy, love and prayers to you and your family at this difficult time.

Linda and Clark Marshall

Linda and Clark Marshall - February 26, 2025 at 07:59 AM

DJ

“ Roberts Family, May GOD wrap HIS arms around you at this most difficult time.. GOD BLESS...



dee jackson - February 26, 2025 at 06:15 AM

DB

“ Deanne B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert E. Sievers.

Deanne B. - February 25, 2025 at 09:25 PM

GF

“ George and Lori Gatto Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert E. Sievers.



George and Lori Gatto Family - February 25, 2025 at 08:42 PM

GF

“ George and Lori Gatto Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert E. Sievers.

George and Lori Gatto Family - February 25, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Robert E. Sievers.



February 25, 2025 at 06:47 PM

DJ

“ *Roberts Family, May GOD wrap HIS arms around you at this most difficult time. GOD BLESS.*



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**Dee Jackson** - February 25, 2025 at 06:19 PM

KM

“ *My sympathy to you all!*



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**Kay Snyder Marvin** - February 25, 2025 at 05:33 PM

DJ

“ *Deb & Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Robert Sievers*



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**Deb & Kevin Jesse** - February 25, 2025 at 05:27 PM