

Elroy M. Ellingson, age 89, of Glenfield, ND, died on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at CHI St. Alexius Hospital, Carrington, ND.

Elroy Melvin Ellingson was born on August 13, 1932, in Carrington, ND, to Faniel and Marie (Stangeland) Ellingson. He was raised on a farm south of Grace City along the James River, the youngest of five children. He attended elementary school in Haven Township and high school at Juanita, ND, and at Glenfield, ND. On March 24, 1956, he married Marlys Sandvol. She died in November of 2003. On July 1, 2004, he married JoAnn Spickler.

Elroy was inducted into the United States Army on August 4, 1954, at Fort Leonardwood, MO, and served in the Okinawa Islands during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged as a PFC on October 19, 1955, due to a family emergency.



Elroy is survived by his wife JoAnn, two children, Craig (Alice) Ellingson, Glenfield, ND, and Joan (Kevin) Sedivec, Cummings, ND. Also surviving is his sister, Lillian Pedersen, Carrington, ND; five grandchildren: Cole (Sheri) Ellingson, Grace City, ND, Gerri Ann Munkeby, Hatton, ND, Kyra (Tyler) Uhlenkamp, Fargo, ND, Shelby and Dawson Sedivec, Cummings, ND; and six great-grandchildren: Chase and Cayler Ellingson, Taryn, Trayson, and Tessa Munkeby, and Jensen Uhlenkamp.

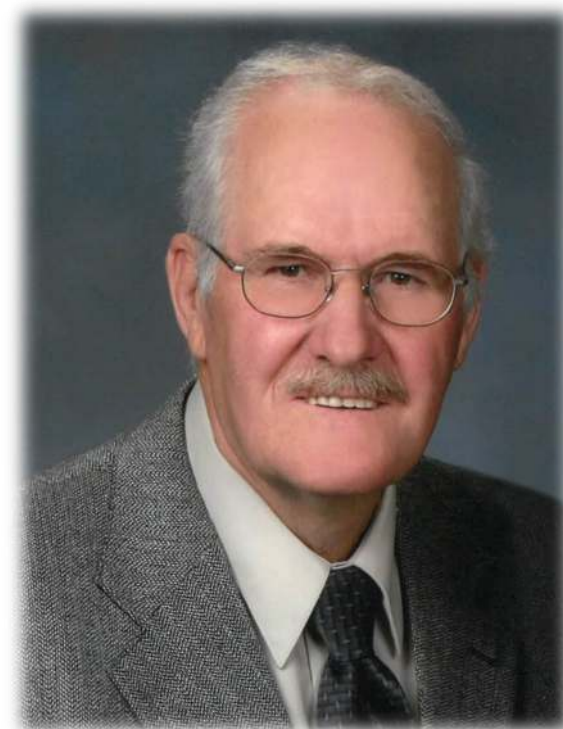
Some of Elroy's community activities included serving on both the Grace City Lutheran Church board and the Grace City School board. He was a Haven Township supervisor for many years and also served as chairman for several years. He also belonged to the Buffalo City R/C Squadron in Jamestown and hosted an annual airplane fun-fly at his farm each summer.

Elroy was a dairy farmer for many years, then a cattleman, and finally a sheep producer, raising polypay sheep for nearly 50 years. He was a member of the ND Lamb & Wool Association and the Dakota Sheep Growers. In his spare time, he enjoyed building and flying radio-controlled airplanes, wood carving, and taxidermy. He had over 50 mounts displayed in his house including a coyote, a bobcat, and an elk, along with many birds, deer, and fish. He also enjoyed gardening, traveling, reading, listening to country music, playing guitar, hunting, fishing, and doing jigsaw puzzles.

Elroy was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Clifford and Franklin, sister Marvel Lindstrom, first wife Marlys, and daughter Malina Larson.

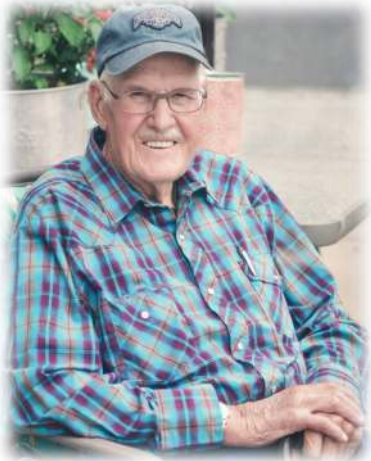
# *Celebrating*

THE LIFE OF



*Elroy Ellingson*

AUGUST 13, 1932 – JANUARY 26, 2022



## ***JUST A FARMER***

“Just a farmer,” you said,  
And I laughed ’cause I knew  
All the things that farmers  
Must be able to do.

They must study the land,  
Then watch the sky  
And figure just when  
Is the right time and why.

To sow and to plant  
To buy and to sell  
To go to the market  
With cattle and well -

You know the books  
That farmers must keep  
To pay all those taxes  
And be able to sleep.



And you know the fixin’  
That farmers must do  
When machines like mad monsters  
Break a gasket or two.

I guess when God needed  
Folks to care for his earth  
He chose “just farmers”  
‘Cause He knew their true worth.

-Helen G. Coon



# Celebrating The Life Of ***Elroy Melvin Ellingson***

August 13, 1932 – Carrington, ND  
January 26, 2022 – Carrington, ND

### **VISITATION**

Tuesday, February 1, 2022  
1:00PM – 7:00PM  
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington

### **PRAYER SERVICE**

Tuesday, February 1, 2022  
7:00PM  
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Wednesday, February 2, 2022  
10:30AM  
Prairie Faith Church, Glenfield, ND

### **OFFICIATING**

Rev. Russ Christiansen

### **SPECIAL FAMILY MUSIC**

Emily Spickler ~ Pianist  
*Amazing Grace ~ This Is My Father’s World*  
Elroy’s Family  
*How Great Thou Art ~ Will the Circle Be Unbroken*

### **PALLBEARERS**

Cole Ellingson ~ Justin Spickler ~ Cayler Ellingson  
Nathan Spickler ~ Chase Ellingson ~ Dawson Sedivec  
Kyra Uhlenkamp ~ Shelby Sedivec ~ Gerri Ann Munkeby

### **MILITARY HONORS**

North Dakota Funeral Honors Team

### **BURIAL**

Grace City Cemetery  
Grace City, ND

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