

**R**oger Dale Elverson was born on June 11, 1931, on the Elverson family homestead (which is now celebrating its 151st anniversary) in Highland Township to Theodore and Clara (Semmen) Elverson. He attended Highland District 45 country school and graduated from Jasper High School in 1949. He served in the United States Army until the death of his father in 1953. He was honorably discharged and returned home to run the farm. On November 5, 1956, he married Clara June DeToy in Pipestone. In addition to farming, Roger sold insurance for over 50 years and served on the boards of the Minnehaha County Farm Mutual Insurance in Baltic and the DeSmet Farm Mutual Insurance Company. After retiring from farming, Roger and Clara moved into Sioux Falls on March 15, 1999. Clara died on April 17, 2005.

Roger was a lifelong member of Highland Lutheran Church. He enjoyed watching all professional sports, and was also a SDSU Jacks fan. He had great passion for playing cards and it was impossible for any of his kids to beat him. But above all else, his greatest love was for his family, and because of that, our lives have been immeasurably blessed. He simply was the best husband, dad, grandpa, great-grandpa, uncle, brother, friend, and bridge partner anyone could hope for.

Roger passed away on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at his home in Sioux Falls, at the age of 93.

Survivors include his children: Carlene (Willie) Lodermeier, Johnston, Iowa; Tom (Cindy) Elverson, Sherman, SD; Lisa (Mike) Wahowske, Eagan, MN; and Amy (Marty) Weismantel, Columbia, SD; son-in-law, Doug (Amy) Ode, Brandon, SD; grandchildren: Allison (David) Gier, Ryan (Lauren) Ode, Erik (Gracie) Ode, Ted (Christine) Elverson, John (Taylor) Elverson, Katie Wahowske, Hattie Weismantel, and Elliana Weismantel, granddaughter-in-law, Kimberlee Lodermeier; great-grandchildren: Elmer, Walter, Emma, Edwin, Wyatt, Adeline, Ellis, Bowen, Rosalie, and Dawson; sister-in-law, Marie Martinson; brother-in-law, Joe Zimprich; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Clara, daughter, Jennifer Ode, grandson, Luke Lodermeier, and sisters, Pearl Stoterau and Doris Koch.

*A good Dad makes your day.  
A great Dad makes your whole life.*

# *In Memory Of* **Roger Dale Elverson**

June 11, 1931 † April 12, 2025

## **Funeral Service**

11:00 AM

Wednesday, April 16, 2025  
Highland Lutheran Church  
Sherman, South Dakota

## **Clergy**

Rev. Alan Blankenfeld

## **Organist**

Ruth Hoiland

## **Congregational Hymns**

“Borning Cry”

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”  
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

## **Pallbearers**

Allison Gier  
Erik Ode  
John Elverson  
Hattie Weismantel

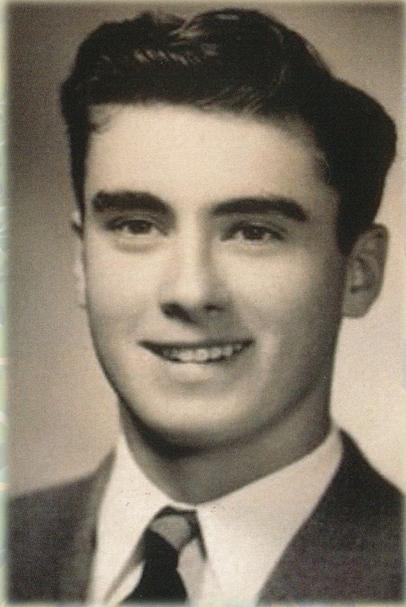
Ryan Ode  
Ted Elverson  
Katie Wahowske  
Elliana Weismantel

## **Interment**

Highland Lutheran Cemetery  
Sherman, South Dakota

### **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.



*The family of Roger Elverson thanks you for your presence and support. They invite you to refreshments and fellowship in the church basement following the service.*



***A Life Remembered***  
**Roger Elverson**

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