

**Robert “Bob” J. Heiman**, son of Wilbur and Evelyn (Pietig) Heiman, was born October 25, 1941 in Carroll, Iowa. He moved to Ayrshire with his parents and brother Bill in 1944. Bob attended Sacred Heart Catholic Grade School and then Ayrshire Consolidated High School, graduating in 1960. Following graduation, Bob served in the U.S. Army Reserves as a cook.

Bob was the oldest of seven children and was raised on a farm north of Ayrshire. He learned to drive a tractor by the time he was 10 years old. He continued to farm for 30 years and then drove a truck for Morton Building in Spencer for 25 years. Having never been a stranger to a hard day’s work, he worked until he was 70 years old.

Bob lived a life that was led by love, faith, and service. On April 7, 1984, Bob was united in marriage to Jeani Cox at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ayrshire. For forty-two years, they created a life dedicated to their family, friends, and community. Bob was a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church before becoming a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Emmetsburg. He served his community as a member of the Silver Lake Fire Department, the Ayrshire American Legion Post #173, the Ayrshire Betterment Association, the town council, and he was even elected as town mayor.

Bob enjoyed the simple things in life, including fishing and his pontoon boat, his garden and raising vegetables, his carpentry and building skills, adding on to his house, and helping his nieces and nephews with their many projects.

Bob died on Wednesday, April 29th, 2026 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 84. He remained resilient and hopeful through his treatments, and he battled to the end. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur and Evelyn, and his brothers, Bill, Don, and Gary, as well as his sisters-in-law, Trudy and Ann Heiman.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife, Jeani; his brother John Heiman of Ayrshire, IA; his sisters Mary Jane Treska (Tom) of Urbandale, IA, and Joann Conlon (Joe) of Allison, IA; and his sisters-in-law Linda Heiman of Ayrshire, IA, Joemae Cox of Sun City West, AZ, and Judi Duhn (Wendell) of Emmetsburg, IA. He is also survived by 17 nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family would like to thank you for your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy and invite you to a time of fellowship and luncheon following the service at the cemetery.

# In Loving Memory of Robert “Bob” John Heiman

October 25, 1941

Carroll, Iowa

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April 29, 2026

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

## MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

10:30 AM Saturday, May 9, 2026

Holy Family Catholic Church

Emmetsburg, Iowa

Celebrants - Msgr. Ed Girres & Deacon John Rudd

## MUSIC

Athlyn Black - Organist

Holy Family Catholic Choir

“Amazing Grace” - “Prayer of St. Francis”

“On Eagles Wings” - “How Great Thou Art”

## URN BEARERS

Nick Heiman - Scott Heiman - Ryan Conlon

## INURNMENT

Calvary Cemetery

Ayrshire, Iowa

Military Honors Conducted by the  
Ayrshire American Legion Post #173 and  
the Iowa Army National Guard

# *In Loving Memory*

*God saw he was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around him  
And whispered, "Come with Me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched him suffer  
And saw him fade away,  
Although we loved him dearly  
We could not make him stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating  
Hard working hands to rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*



*Robert John Heiman*

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