

Elmer Edward Kienitz was born October 10, 1926, to Louis and Anna (Peglow) Kienitz in Edwards Township near Raymond Minnesota. He grew up with his two older brothers and a younger sister on the farm. His father passed away when Elmer was 12 years old. His family continued to farm and received great advice and help from his uncle, aunt, and cousins who lived across the road. World War II broke out and after high school graduation in 1945 Elmer was drafted by the Army and the war ended soon thereafter. He served stateside until his honorable discharge in 1946. He returned home where he farmed with his brother Harvey and his mother. He farmed with his brother until Harvey's retirement in 1985 and then with his sons until his own retirement in 1991. He continued chisel plowing until he was 95. His favorite things from his farming days were hand picking ear corn with his father, running the corn picker and filling silos with the neighbors.

Elmer attended many ballroom dances in the area with his friends. At the Fiesta Ballroom in Montevideo, he met Joyce Voorhees. They were married on August 5, 1962, in Grand Meadow, MN. They had two sons, Wendell, born in 1963 and Kraig in 1965. They lived on the family farm until 1999 when they moved to the town of Raymond.

Elmer was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Raymond American Legion Post #420. After retirement he traveled with Joyce, especially to Arizona to visit his sister and family. In his free time after retirement, he loved to go to farm auctions and drive around the country to see what was going on and check the crops. He also enjoyed watching his grandkids sporting events.

He is survived by his two sons, Wendell (Kelli) Kienitz and Kraig (Jeanette) Kienitz, all of Raymond; seven grandchildren, Trisha (Jacob) Demarais, Katie (Michael) Hanna, Brady (special friend Kylie) Kienitz, Kier (Michaela) Kienholz, Kendra (Sam) Peterson, Karissa (Nate) Stenzel, and Ella Kienitz, and 9 great grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce; his parents; his nephew, Larry Kienitz; and all of his siblings and their spouses and his in-laws.

Celebrating the Life of



Elmer E. Kienitz

1926 — 2026

Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want...

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters...

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths

of righteousness for His name's sake...

Yea, though I walk through the valley of

the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff,

they comfort me. Thou preparest a table

before me in the presence of mine

enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over...

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life: and I will dwell in

the house of the Lord forever.

In Loving Memory Of

Elmer E. Kienitz

October 10, 1926

Raymond, Minnesota

January 26, 2026

Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, April 11, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church

Raymond, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Dane Skilbred

Music

"Borning Cry"

"When Peace Like A River"

"Lift High The Cross"

Interment

Fairview Cemetery

Raymond, Minnesota

Peterson Brothers Funeral Home

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