



God's Farm

*God needs someone in heaven
To plow and plant the rows.
And when He calls on me,
I know that I must go.
Remember that I won't be gone,
I will just be away,
Working on God's farm
'till we're united again one day.
There will be no storms in heaven
And the fields are long and straight.
When it's time for you to join me,
I'll be waiting inside heaven's gate.
Remember, until the day arrives,
When once more our lives we'll share,
To look in the green fields growing
And you'll see me working there.*





Courtney Elbers was born January 10, 1937, near Hull, Iowa. He was the son of Henry and Gertrude (Groeneweg) Elbers. He attended country school south of Rock Valley, Iowa through the 8th grade. He then worked with his parents on the farm in the Rock Valley and later Alvord area. Courtney

was also in the Army Reserve from October 1958 – October 1964.

He was united in marriage to Myrna De Boer of Hospers, Iowa on June 21, 1961, at the First Christian Reformed Church of Hospers. They lived and farmed by Alvord. They were married for 62 years. Myrna passed away February 19, 2024.

Courtney enjoyed living and working on the farm, being outdoors and taking care of animals. He enjoyed attending farm shows and ag related events. He also enjoyed family gatherings and going out to eat with friends. Courtney was a member of the Trinity Christian Reformed Church of Rock Valley. Courtney passed away Sunday, December 22, 2024 at Sioux Center Health in Sioux Center, Iowa at the age of 87.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children: Carla and Brian Koedam of Sioux Center, Iowa, Mike and Tami Elbers of Rock Valley, Iowa, and Carl and Melissa Elbers of Rock Valley, Iowa; 8 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Myrna; and his parents, Henry and Gertrude Elbers.

In Loving Memory
Courtney Elbers
January 10, 1937 ~ December 22, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM, Monday, December 30, 2024
Trinity Christian Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. Stanley Groothof

PIANIST

Deb Broek

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“When Peace Like A River”

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

“Abide With Me”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Alejandra Elbers, soloist

PALLBEARERS

Ryan Elbers ~ Matt Elbers ~ Nate Elbers

Zach Elbers ~ Carson Elbers

Josh Koedam ~ Josiah Kraayenbrink

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Courtney’s family invites everyone for a time of food
and fellowship in the church fellowship hall
following the committal service.*