



Eldon H Garlisch

November 8, 1946 - March 25, 2026

Eldon H. Garlisch was born on Nov 08, 1946 in Lincoln, IL to Carl J. and Anna (Jacobs) Garlisch. He grew up on the family farm in Allens Grove Twp north of Mason City. He was baptized and confirmed at St Luke Lutheran Church. He served in the US Army stationed in Germany. Afterwards, he studied Agriculture at Iowa State University and returned to the family farm

He married Cheryl Grinstead on Jan 15, 1977 at St Luke Lutheran Church. She preceded him in death. They have two children, John & Mary, who survive. Also surviving are his siblings, Roger Garlisch, Janet Whiteman, Al (Brenda) Garlisch, and Karlene (Alan) Grelck, as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was a farmer. He served on the Mason County Board, Taloma Elevator Board, and numerous community organizations. He was an active member of St Luke Lutheran Church. He enjoyed antique tractors, steam trains, telling family stories, making ice cream, and his farm animals.

Services will be at St Luke Lutheran Church on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. with burial following in Allens Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m., at Hurley Funeral Home, in Mason City. Rev. Matthew Berndt will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke Lutheran Church, or Good Shepherd Lutheran School, in Pekin.

Hurley Funeral Home, in Mason City, is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Allen's Grove Cemetery

15757 N. CR 3600 E.
San Jose, IL 63682

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Mason City
603 East Chestnut
Mason City, IL 62664
(217) 482-5959
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke Lutheran Church
15757 NCR 3600E
San Jose, IL 62682

Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eldon H Garlisch



Hurley Funeral Home - March 31 at 02:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eldon H Garlisch.



March 31 at 04:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eldon H Garlisch.

March 31 at 04:38 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eldon H Garlisch.



March 31 at 12:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eldon H Garlich.

March 31 at 12:00 PM



“ James Yeager & Elaine Zabor, purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Eldon H Garlich.



James Yeager & Elaine Zabor, - March 30 at 02:14 PM



“ James Yeager & Elaine Zabor, planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eldon H Garlich.

James Yeager & Elaine Zabor, - March 30 at 02:14 PM



“ Encompass Grain & Rail COOP purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Eldon H Garlich.



Encompass Grain & Rail COOP - March 30 at 12:16 PM

CA

“ CAPCIL purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Eldon H Garlich.



CAPCIL - March 30 at 11:25 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eldon H Garlich.



March 30 at 08:35 AM

PM

“ Phil, Ben, Mark, Anne, Tom, Kate & Mary purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Eldon H Garlich.



Phil, Ben, Mark, Anne, Tom, Kate & Mary - March 29 at 10:29 PM

DJ

“ Deanna Michaux and Larry Zieglowsky Jr. purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Eldon H Garlich.



Deanna Michaux and Larry Zieglowsky Jr. - March 29 at 10:15 PM

RF

“ Redman Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Eldon H Garlisch.



Redman Family - March 29 at 07:41 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Eldon H Garlisch.



March 29 at 05:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eldon H Garlisch.

March 29 at 05:12 PM

BJ

“ To the Garlisch family, was so very sorry to hear of Eldon passing, what a kind ,friendly, great guy he was. He will be missed by many. RIP Eldon. With my Deep Sympathy
Bonnie Jones



Bonnie Jones - March 29 at 03:31 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Eldon H Garlisch.



March 28 at 06:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eldon H Garlisch.

March 28 at 06:10 PM



“ Blessed are the dead in Christ from now on! Peace be with all the family of Eldon, we await that last great and glorious day when we will be reunited forever in heaven. The Lord's peace be with you all.
Pastor Adam DeGroot, Melissa and Knox

Adam DeGroot - March 28 at 02:12 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our families shared much time together when we were growing up. Eldon was always friendly and a kind gentleman. My husband also got to meet him when we met him at grain conventions. It was always nice to share time with him. Prayers to all your family for peace and comfort. In sympathy John & Jean (Meeker) Aeschliman

Jean Aeschliman - March 28 at 01:14 PM

BJ

“ So very sorry to hear of Eldon death ,he was a kind and friendly guy ,he will be missed by everyone.To his family you are in my thoughts and prayers,with my Sympathy Bonnie Jones



Bonnie Jones - March 28 at 12:48 PM

DT

“ So sorry to hear about Eldon. He was the best hay man ever. Always enjoyed our talks when he delivered my hay. He will be missed

Dee Thompson - March 28 at 12:43 PM

DE

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. Dave Erxleben,Sr., Dave Erxleben, Jr., & Tim Erxleben

Dave Erxleben - March 28 at 11:56 AM

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Dave Erxleben - March 28 at 11:43 AM

BS

“ So sorry to hear about Eldon,he was a wonderful person.In our thoughts and prayers Beverly and Billy Stafford God's Blessings. RIP Eldon



Beverly Stafford - March 28 at 11:43 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Eldon H Garlich.*



March 28 at 10:29 AM



“ *Craig and Khris Conway and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eldon H Garlich.*



Craig and Khris Conway and family - March 28 at 09:53 AM



“ *My sympathy to all of his family for their loss.*

Kay Zimmerman - March 28 at 09:41 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Eldon's death. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. Joan Renken Licht*

Joan Renken Licht - March 27 at 11:50 PM



“ *Larry And Kim Allen lit a candle in memory of Eldon H Garlich*



Larry and Kim Allen - March 27 at 10:10 PM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Eldon H Garlich



Larry and Mary Hundt - March 27 at 10:09 PM

FB

“ My heart breaks for all of you. Eldon was a wonderful man and a great friend to my whole family. He will be greatly missed. I am keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers and sending love and hugs.

Faye Bragg - March 27 at 07:15 PM

FH

“ Frank & Judy Hofreier. Stevan & Heather purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Eldon H Garlich.



Frank & Judy Hofreier. Stevan & Heather - March 27 at 07:06 PM

FH

“ Frank & Judy Hofreier. Stevan & Heather planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eldon H Garlich.

Frank & Judy Hofreier. Stevan & Heather - March 27 at 07:06 PM

PS

“ Progressive Ag Services purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eldon H Garlich.



Progressive Ag Services - March 27 at 06:56 PM

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“ Progressive Ag Services planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eldon H Garlich.

Progressive Ag Services - March 27 at 06:56 PM

JK

“ So sorry to hear of Eldon’s passing, he was the sweetest thing, he would come to the deli and get his lunch, I always enjoyed talking to him. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Jill Kendall - March 27 at 06:45 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Eldon H Garlich.



March 27 at 06:18 PM

GB

“ *GSLs School Board purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Eldon H Garlich.*



GSLs School Board - March 27 at 05:59 PM

GS

“ *GSLs Staff purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Eldon H Garlich.*



GSLs Staff - March 27 at 05:56 PM



“ *Sending love and prayers to the family.
Darren and Beth Smith*



Beth Smith - March 27 at 05:48 PM

PC

“ *Pamela Cook lit a candle in memory of Eldon Garlich*



Pamela Cook - March 27 at 05:39 PM

BF

Eldon was always there for my family. Very seldom had to call. Like an angel he just showed up. Like ESP he just seemed to know when he was needed. Eldon thank you for everything. You were loved dearly and will be greatly missed.

Brant and McMillan family - March 27 at 11:47 PM

SO

So sorry for your loss. John and Mary, I will keep you both in my thoughts and prayers. He will be missed.

Shirley Ogle, Maryville, TN.

Shirley Ogle - March 28 at 02:54 PM

JM

We are keeping the entire Garlisch family in our prayers with this loss of such a fine man. We believe he heard the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Enter into your reward." May this promise sustain you.

John & Gaye Maxson - March 28 at 04:44 PM