



Eli D Herschberger

November 4, 1930 - May 14, 2025

Eli Herschberger passed away in Sarasota Florida on May 14th 2025 in his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Arthur, Illinois on November 4th 1930.

Eli was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He had a successful career as the owner of a drainage contracting business and later retired in 1985 in Florida. He still remained actively involved with several subdivision developments. He also piloted Learjets and helicopters for 50 years. Eli made the move to Florida from Illinois in 1985. He was a faithful attendant of Bayshore Mennonite Church in Sarasota. He loved staying busy and building things, as well as going fishing in Alaska and traveling extensively.

Eli is preceded in death by his parents David and Lizzie; siblings Levi H., Henry H., Bertha Kauffman; and granddaughter Olivia.

Left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife of 73 years Vera Mae Herschberger; children Michael Herschberger and his wife Jill, Pam Beitlich and her husband Paul, Terry Herschberger, Scott Herschberger and his wife Cyndi; siblings Anna Mae Graber, Martha Ann Kaufman; grandchildren Amber and her husband Ray, Aaron (Elyse), Payton and her husband Tim, Blake and his wife Devin, Chloe, Brady, Paige, Brittany, Philip and Colton; and great

grandchildren Maya, Carly, Brooks, and Aspen.

There will be a visitation on Monday, May 19th at 10am at Bethel Mennonite Church; followed by a service at 11am.

Memorial contributions may be made in Eli's honor to the Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation at: <https://smhf.org/donate/>.

Memories and condolences may be left for his family at www.MFHcares.com.
The family would like to thank Affinity Hospice and his caregiver, Sarah Plank.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Mennonite Cemetery

2985 Bethel Lane
Sarasota, FL 34240

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Mennonite Church
2985 Bethel Lane
Sarasota, FL 34240

Funeral Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Eli D Herschberger.*



May 17, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ *Pamela B. purchased the Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray for the family of Eli D Herschberger.*



Pamela B. - May 17, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ *I loved going to Eli and Vera's in Florida for swimming and birthday parties as a little girl with my sister, Genny, and Amber and Aaron. My first deep sea fishing adventure was of course with him. And watching him and Henry and Mary fly still has me dreaming of getting my pilot license one day, too! I will always admire their bravery and sense of adventure! Sending his family love.*

Betsy Herschberger - May 17, 2025 at 12:10 AM



“ *With love, Greg and Jenny Mullett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eli D Herschberger.*

With love, Greg and Jenny Mullett - May 17, 2025 at 12:04 AM

WM

“ With love, Greg and Jenny Mullett purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eli D Herschberger.



With love, Greg and Jenny Mullett - May 17, 2025 at 12:04 AM

AM

“ I always wanted to fly, after watching Eli fly in and out of his field, 73 years ago! Later in life I flew some and Eli allowed me to land and take off from his field just 1/2 mile from where I lived from age 4 to 15 years old. May Jesus our Savior comfort and bless the ones that he loved and the ones that loved Eli!

Andy J Miller - May 16, 2025 at 07:35 PM

FF

“ From The Kenny Mullett family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eli D Herschberger.

From The Kenny Mullett family - May 16, 2025 at 02:43 PM

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“ From The Kenny Mullett family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eli D Herschberger.



From The Kenny Mullett family - May 16, 2025 at 02:43 PM

KC

“ We will miss you so much Mr. Eli! You will always hold a special place in my heart! Kendra.

Kendra Cannon - May 16, 2025 at 11:33 AM

RF

“ Rod and Carol Kennel & family planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eli D Herschberger.

Rod and Carol Kennel & family - May 16, 2025 at 09:58 AM