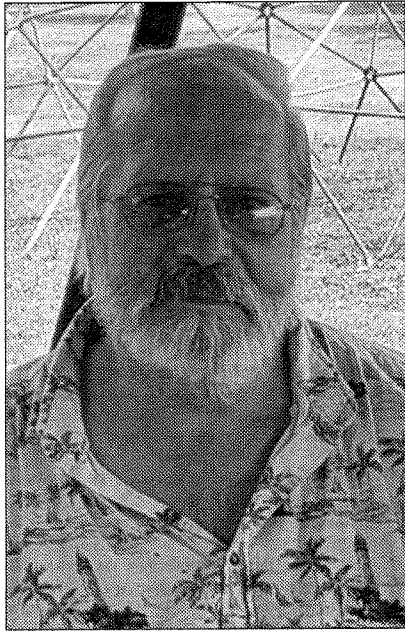


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Robert L. Rehling



Robert L. Rehling, 75, of Eldon, Iowa, and formerly of Grinnell, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025, at Ottumwa Regional Health Center.

A private family graveside service will be held at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell on Friday, April 11. A memorial gathering will be held at the Elks Lodge in Grinnell from 12:00 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, April 11.

Memorial checks may be made payable to his daughter, Stacy Dickerson, to assist with his grandchildren's education expenses and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family online at www.smithfh.com.

Robert Lee Rehling was born April

9, 1949, in Sioux City, Iowa, to Robert G. and Eva M. Girard Rehling. He was raised in Elk Point, SD, and graduated from Elk Point High School in 1967. He honorably served in the United States Navy from 1967 until 1971.

Robert married Sylvia Strand Rehling in 1970; and they had two children. They were later divorced.

Following his military service, Robert returned to Elk Point and was employed at Tractor Supply in Sioux City. In 1979, he moved with his family to Grinnell, where he was a self-employed carpenter. He then worked as a custodian at Grinnell College until his retirement. He was engaged to Ruth Graff until her death in 2007. On Jan. 12, 2009, he married Sheila Kay Miller in Ottumwa, and the couple made their home in Eldon.

An outdoorsman at heart, Robert loved fishing, birdwatching, and gardening. He could often be found sitting outside in his sombrero, enjoying nature. A passionate sports fan, he cheered for the Kansas City Chiefs and the Chicago Cubs and enjoyed collecting baseball cards.

Robert is survived by his mother, Eva Rehling of Cedar Rapids; his wife, Sheila Rehling of Eldon; his daughter, Stacy Dickerson of Winfield, Iowa; his son, Matthew Rehling of Godfrey, Ill.; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren; siblings, Karen Moszkowicz of Houston, Texas, Michael Rehling of Council Bluffs, Patti Guillaume of Mishawaka, Ind., Randy Rehling of Sioux Falls, SD, and Margaret Deeds of Cedar Rapids; several other relations and his best friend, Ron Garman. He is preceded in death by his father.