



## Robert Eller

February 14, 1926 - February 20, 2016

Robert Eller (1926-2016)

CEDAR FALLS- Robert Eller, 90, of Cedar Falls died Saturday, February 20, 2016, at Western Home Communities – South Cottage.

He was born February 14, 1926, in Janesville, Wisconsin, son of Benjamin and Winifred (MacMillan) Eller.

He served in the US Navy during World War II. He earned his B.S. degree from the University of Iowa in 1950 and was employed as an audio/visual instructor with the University of Northern Iowa, retiring in June 1991.

Survived by: a brother, Bruce (Linda) Eller of Raymond, CO.

Memorial Services: 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Richardson Funeral Service, Cedar Falls, with visitation for one hour prior to the service. His ashes will be scattered at a later date in Wisconsin.

Memorials may be directed to the Robert Eller Study Abroad Endowment Fund through the University of Northern Iowa at [study-abroad@uni.edu](mailto:study-abroad@uni.edu) or (319) 273-7078.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
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Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
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# Tribute Wall

LK

“ I was a colleague of Bob's at UNI in the 60s-70s. We frequently ate with a group of faculty and staff in the faculty dining room. He was known as always helpful to anyone who consulted with him. We shared many laughs, tales of trips, friends, and campus events. My condolences and best wishes to his family and friends.

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**loydene Keith** - March 03, 2016 at 06:28 AM

RL

“*Mr. Robert Eller was both a mentor and friend to me... After my sophomore year at the University of Northern Iowa; I was working on putting together a slide presentation with background music. This assignment was the capstone requirement of a three-credit Independent Study. I was encouraged to see Mr. Eller about this project; and, without hesitation, he became an inevitable source of assistance and friendship!*

*While still a UNI student, I also had the opportunity to travel some with Bob; our last big trip was driving east towards New England via Canada (Bob was kind enough to drop me off in Montreal, so I could catch a train to Vermont and go hiking on the Long Trail). One night outside of London, Ontario, we set up tents at a Campground, in what seemed to be a beautiful open area. Minutes after the tents were up... we heard the roar of a large jet airplane as it made an assent directly over our campsite! We both shared a laugh about our evening's sleepless fate.*

*Bob Eller knew everybody, and everyone knew him. His legacy is etched in so many of our lives. I wish him well; and, hope to see him again “up the trail!” My kindest regards to his family and many friends.*

*Dr. Richard “Rick” LaRue, UNI Class of 1974.*

*ps I earned an “A” on my media project!*

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**Richard LaRue** - February 29, 2016 at 06:48 PM

RG

“ Bob was a friend of the Galberaith family since the mid-sixties. He joined BJ and me on our honeymoon trip to Florida over the Christmas break in 1966. He remained our friend and my father and mother in Lakeland, Florida following the honeymoon trip until their death. We were colleagues at UNI during this period and frequently shared meals together in the faculty dining hall. His seasonal visits to our home in Florida were enjoyed. He will be missed!  
BJ and Ric Galberaith

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**Ric Galberaith** - February 29, 2016 at 06:44 AM

WA

“ Bob was a helpful colleague at UNI. He will be missed. Bob was an adventurous guy, and he joined the Earth Science Department for an exciting raft trip in the Grand Canyon in 1970. Bob kept me informed on upcoming geology and nature programs on public television. He liked to start phone conversations in a joking manner... "This is Bob Eller calling from the Grand Canyon."  
Wayne Anderson, Emeritus Professor of Geology

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**Wayne I. Anderson** - February 26, 2016 at 10:36 PM

RL

“ Mr. Eller was a good friend over the years. I worked for he and Anna from 1981 to 1986 in the AV Center. I enjoyed working at the AV Center and hearing his stories. We kept in touch through Christmas cards and an occasional visit. I especially enjoyed his lengthy letters about his travels over the past year that he included in his Christmas cards. He will be missed, but he is in a better place.

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**Ron Lower** - February 25, 2016 at 05:39 PM

CW

“ Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of Robert Eller for your lose. Robert lived near my mother when she was employed by W. J. Ketterhagen in Palmyra, WI.  
Gertrude B. Wilson wife of deceased husband, Woodrow T. Wilson,  
Palmyra, WI

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**connie wilson** - February 25, 2016 at 05:05 PM

TK

“ Bob...to my UNI colleague, avid swimmer/fitness enthusiast and one who loved to travel. May you rest in peace in the arms of God. You will be missed. My deepest sympathies to the family.



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**Tim Klatt** - February 24, 2016 at 09:28 AM

RR

“ I had the pleasure of working for Mr. Eller In the AV dept as a student in 1973-74.  
Some people thought he was gruff , but I always found him to be very kind and thoughtful. It was a long time ago, but I have always remembered him in that way.

*Rosie (Shafer) Rekers*

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**Rosie Rekers** - February 24, 2016 at 08:44 AM

WK

“ We enjoyed hundreds of BBQ ribs as we shared experiences in Lakeland, Florida - thanks Bob - we will continue in heaven some day - I am sure the Lord welcomed you with open arms - the BEST - sorry there wasn't time for more - I'm sure your students considered you as a special one-of-a-kind for all the help you offered



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**Will Kalinke** - February 23, 2016 at 04:15 PM

PG

“ No heart breaks alone for God is always near. When a prayer is whispered God is always there to hear. When sorrow's overwhelming, He comforts tenderly. A single tear never falls that he does not hear. (Psalms 65:2) Sorry for your loss.

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**Peggy Gienau** - February 23, 2016 at 01:08 PM

PK

“ Bob was my mentor and friend for 40 years. He lived a full life and will be missed by many people, especially his students that he befriended and enjoyed taking on trips. It was an honor to know him. God rest his soul.

*Paul Kammarmeyer  
Manchester, IA*

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**Paul Kammarmeyer** - February 22, 2016 at 07:39 PM