



Mervin John Roach

March 16, 1923 - February 21, 2026

Mervin Roach, 102, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at Accura Healthcare of Spirit Lake.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, in the Lake View Gardens Cemetery in Okoboji, IA. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Mervin was born on March 16, 1923, to Ben and Ruth Roach. He was united in marriage to Pearl Louise Bell. Five children were born to this union, Gary, Patricia, Michael, Debra and Wade. After Pearl's death, Mervin married Margaret Hiles. Mervin was a life long farmer in the rural Estherville and Spirit Lake area. Mervin also sold feed and seed, he worked at Berkley's and drove semi.

In his younger years he enjoyed traveling the world with Pearl. Later in life he enjoyed collecting tractors. He also enjoyed playing cards and taking care of his lawn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, both wives, sons Gary and Michael, siblings Myrtle, Ellen, LeRoy, and Joan.

He is survived by his children, Patricia Johnson, Debra (Stan) Ellman, and Wade (Sandra) Roach, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Lake View Gardens

Okoboji, IA 51355

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lake View Gardens
Okoboji, IA 51355

Tribute Wall

EL

“ Merv and Margaret were long time neighbors of ours on Center Lake. We enjoyed our neighborly visits from time to time. We all had to keep an eye on Merv when he would climb a ladder to clean out the gutters on their home. And that was at the age of 95. He renewed his drivers license up until he went into the nursing home. He was tough! Blessings to the family! Ed & Jean Linhardt

Ed & Jean Lingardt - February 27 at 05:36 PM

TB

“ So sorry to hear of Mervin's passing. We will share the news with Margaret's sister Florence Burns at the Nursing Home when we visit tomorrow. Florence will be 101 in April and is doing well. Tom & Roberta Burns

Tom & Roberta Burns - February 24 at 12:26 PM

BA

“ Beverly Atwell lit a candle in memory of Mervin John Roach



Beverly Atwell - February 24 at 08:53 AM

BB

“ Bryan And Becky lit a candle in memory of Mervin John Roach



Bryan and Becky - February 23 at 07:29 PM

BB

Sorry for your loss. He was a longtime neighbor and friend.

Bryan and Becky - February 23 at 07:31 PM

ML

“ *Mary Eddy Linton lit a candle in memory of Mervin John Roach*



Mary Eddy Linton - February 23 at 04:38 PM

JC

“ *Jeff & Linda Christoffer lit a candle in memory of Mervin John Roach*



Jeff & Linda Christoffer - February 23 at 07:11 AM

JC

“ *My sympathy to you all. I have fond memories of time spent with you on the farms east and west of Estherville and all the family get together at Grandma and Grandpa Roaches' homes. May you find comfort in your memories.*

Jan Cloud

Jan Cloud - February 22 at 05:29 PM

TO

Sending my deepest sympathy to you all.
Tammy OConnor

Tammy OConnor - February 22 at 09:08 PM

AM

Our sympathy, hugs and prayers to each of you!
Alan and Reba Munson

Alan and Reba Munson - February 25 at 08:30 AM