



## Robert "Bob" George Eihusen

September 25, 1952 - January 29, 2024

Robert "Bob" George Eihusen, age 71, of Grand Island, passed away Monday, January 29, 2024 at Tabitha at Prairie Commons surrounded by his loving family.

A celebration of life will be held Wednesday, February 7th from 4-7pm at Riverside Golf Club. A service and time of sharing will begin at 5:30pm. Dan Naranjo officiating. In honor of Bob's laid-back attitude please wear casual clothes or whatever you are comfortable in. Memorials suggested to the Grand Island Children's Museum, PO Box 1545 Grand Island, NE 68802-1545, [www.gichildrensmuseum.org](http://www.gichildrensmuseum.org). All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. Condolences can be left at [www.giallfaiths.com](http://www.giallfaiths.com).

Robert was born September 25, 1952 in Grand Island to Virgil Robert and Margarete Minnie (Luebbe) Eihusen. He grew up in Grand Island and attended West Lawn Elementary School, Walnut Middle School and graduated from Senior High in 1970. He then went on to Wayne State College and graduated in 1974 with a degree in Industrial Management. He proudly served in the Air and Army National Guard from 1971 to 1977. He was united in marriage to Linda Sullivan in August of 1975.

Bob was the former CEO of Chief Industries. Bob's leadership was the cornerstone of Chief Industries, laying a foundation for stability, longevity, and

unparalleled growth. His commitment to innovation and corporate responsibility shaped a legacy that will carry forward. Chief Industries was started by his father Virgil in 1954 and the family-owned legacy continues today. May his vision, wisdom, and unwavering dedication to excellence continue to inspire us.

Bob was on various boards over his career. He was a member of Delta Sigma Pi (Business Fraternity) and President's Circle, St. Francis Medical Center Foundation. He was appointed by Governor Kay Orr to the Nebraska Diplomats. He served as the Past Director of Farm Building New Advisory Board as well as the Political Action Committee, Nebraska Association of Commerce and Industry. He served as Past President of the Manufacturer's Association of G.I. Chamber of Commerce. In 1993, he was appointed by Governor E. Ben Nelson as a member of the Judicial Nominations Commission for the Supreme Court District 5. He was awarded the Wayne State College Alumni Achievement Award in 2002 and in 2005 was named the General Chairman of the Cornhusker State Games. In his younger years he was active in the Jaycee's and had many fond memories of the events and the wonderful friends he made.

Bob will be remembered by many for his patience, kindness and willingness to help anyone who needed it. He had a way of always being late or just right on "Eihusen Time". He had a dry sarcastic sense of humor which is carried on by his children. He was like "MacGyver" and had a way of being resourceful to fix just about anything. He especially enjoyed working on anything with a motor. You were more likely to find Bob hunting the isles of Ace Hardware for plumbing/electrical supplies than on a golf course. He was an avid fisherman, hunter and enjoyed being outdoors. When it came to holiday decorating, he could go a little "Clark Griswold" and take it to the extreme. He liked to stay up on all the new technology and developments. He enjoyed music of all kinds and was known to be a night owl, which was when he made the best steaks.

Of course, anything tastes good when it is 11:00 at night. Above all else Bob will forever be remembered with having the biggest heart.

Bob is survived by children, Amy (David) Ostdiek of Grand Island, DJ (Kathy) Eihusen of Phillips, Marci (Corey) Tompkins of Grand Island and Michael Eihusen of Hastings; grandchildren, Eric, Jenna (John), Karlie (Chad), Morgan (Thomas), Lauren, Ellie, Mason, Madeline and Olivia; step-grandchildren, Michaela (Chase) and Allison (Ryan); great grandchildren, Rowan, Elijah and Thomas; sisters, Libby (Jack) Henry and Terri Rank and numerous nieces and nephews. The family is so thankful for the loving care their dad received from the staff at Tabitha at Prairie Commons.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother in-law, Sam Rank and other relatives.

# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life**

FEB 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Riverside Country Club  
2820 Riverside Dr,  
Grand Island, NE 68801

## **Service and Time of Sharing**

FEB 7. 5:30 PM (CT)

Riverside Country Club  
2820 Riverside Dr,  
Grand Island, NE 68801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" George Eihusen.*



February 07, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ *Walter & Jenny Martin & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" George Eihusen.*

**Walter & Jenny Martin & family** - February 06, 2024 at 11:34 PM



“ *Walter & Jenny Martin & family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Robert "Bob" George Eihusen.*



**Walter & Jenny Martin & family** - February 06, 2024 at 11:34 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of loss of your loved one. During all the years I worked for Chief Industries I enjoyed talking to Bob. He was a good man and boss and gave a lot on inspiration. I am sure he will be missed by everyone. Dick (Richard) McInturf--Weisheit Construction Co Inc*

**Dick McInturf** - February 06, 2024 at 12:48 PM

LC

“ Lockton Companies purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" George Eihusen.



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**Lockton Companies** - February 05, 2024 at 02:14 PM

SM

“ I had the honor of working with Bob and Chief Industries. Bob was a man that kept his word and had the highest business integrity. Bob educated us in the Ethanol business. He was a good business person.  
Stephanie Moline

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**Stephanie Moline** - February 04, 2024 at 12:13 AM

SR

“ I was sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.  
Susie Frei Roe

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**Susie Roe** - February 03, 2024 at 10:21 AM

AZ

“ Bob is one of few kind and business smart persons I ever known. Great memories we had while we traveled overseas. You will be missed. RIP. Your freind Aaron Zou

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**Aaron Zou** - February 03, 2024 at 10:00 AM

CS

“ Emotions of sadness at this time in mourning Bob’s death, and also of happiness in knowing him. Our families had so many fun and memorable times...Bob’s cooking (What a spread of food!), and his sense of humor, just a few delightful memories!  
Such a wonderful obituary and tribute to a big hearted man.  
Sincerest sympathy, continued prayers, love and hugs to you all,  
from Myron, myself & family.  
Christy Sullivan

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**Christy Sullivan** - February 02, 2024 at 08:22 AM

SG

“ My heart is broken over the passing of Bob. He was always so kind and compassionate to us during the years Don worked at Chief and beyond. He always was there to help us out through all of our medical trials throughout the years. I hope that he understood how his actions towards us created the bond and loyalty to Chief that will NEVER be broken. It was so much more than just a place V of employment for 49 years. It was being part of that family that Bob created everytime he spoke to us. He was sincere and caring and neither Don, I, or Bob ever needed to say that. It was just there!!!! I am so sorry for the loss of this warm man for his personal family but my heart will forever be broken to lose this beautiful human being also. Our loyalty to Chief will never fade because of Bob. What a legacy!

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**Sue Gulzow** - February 02, 2024 at 07:42 AM



“ DJ and Kathy, You are in my thoughts and prayers. Your father sounds like he was an amazing man and lots of fun to be around.

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**Sherri Probasco** - February 01, 2024 at 11:36 AM

KE

*He was! Thanks Sherri*

**Kathy Eihuse** - February 01, 2024 at 09:02 PM

BD

“ Buildings By Design purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Robert "Bob" George Eihusen.



**Buildings By Design** - February 01, 2024 at 11:04 AM

BD

“ Buildings By Design planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" George Eihusen.

**Buildings By Design** - February 01, 2024 at 11:04 AM

DC

“ Dan & Karina Codispot planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" George Eihusen.

**Dan & Karina Codispot** - February 01, 2024 at 09:28 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" George Eihusen.



February 01, 2024 at 09:28 AM

RT

“ Roger and Sandy Townsend purchased the *Crystal Cross Bouquet* for the family of Robert "Bob" George Eihusen.



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**Roger and Sandy Townsend** - February 01, 2024 at 01:02 AM

JL

“ John Ernewein Limited purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Robert "Bob" George Eihusen.



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**John Ernewein Limited** - January 31, 2024 at 02:30 PM