



## Elias Steffen

August 7, 2024 - March 10, 2025

Elias Rhodes Steffen left the arms of his parents and ran into the arms of Jesus on March 10, 2025, while at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital.

Elias was born on August 7, 2024 in Iowa City, Iowa to the parents of Kyle and TaNisha (Dunlavy) Steffen, both of Bloomfield, Iowa. He completed his family by joining his sister, Everleigh, and brother, Leo. When given a chance to choose his name, his sister picked out Elias, and his brother gave him the nickname, "Spidey."

Even though Elias's time here on earth was short, he made a lasting impact that will leave a void in the hearts of so many. He was so loved by his family and extended family, as well as his doctors, nurses, and medical staff at the University of Iowa SFCH. His impact can also be seen by the army of community members wearing their "Spidey" shirts. Although he was never able to leave the hospital, he brought people together in prayer and led others to the Lord our God. He is a perfect example that "No foot is too small that it cannot leave an imprint on this world."

Elias shared his soul through his big brown eyes. He also shared his personality with his famous side eye that his family likes to call his look of approval. That personality was on full display the minute he was born. His

mom refers to him as the grumpiest baby she has ever seen. Despite the grumpiness, he melted hearts with his toothless smile framed by his big round cheeks. With his big brown eyes, round cheeks, and grumpiness, came the strength of a true warrior. This strength got him through two open heart surgeries and many other medical interventions.

Elias was survived in death by his parents Kyle and TaNisha, siblings, Everleigh and Leo, grandparents Gary and Trudi Dunlavy of Bloomfield, and Jim and Tracy Steffen of Indianola, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, great-grandparents, friends, and his PICU family at the University of Iowa SFCH.

He was welcomed into Heaven by the many family members who passed before him.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at the Bloomfield Christian Church with Pastor Don Naftz officiating. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Visitation with the family present to greet friends will be from 4-7:00 p.m. on Friday evening at the Bloomfield Christian Church. A memorial has been established to Dollars for Scholars. Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

# Previous Events

## Visitation with Family Present

MAR 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bloomfield Christian Church  
107 N. Davis St.  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

## Funeral Service

MAR 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bloomfield Christian Church  
107 N. Davis St.  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ *Ed Menuis lit a candle in memory of Elias Steffen*



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**ed menuis** - April 14, 2025 at 08:34 PM

AW

“ *I was the mom of the patient next door in Iowa City while he was living out his last days. My daughter in 304 was in for a week with a respiratory illness, and while her condition was serious, I knew we were going to get out of there soon. I didn't know the specifics of your situation, but I knew the hospital was bending rules to allow you all time together, and I want you to know, we were praying for you the entire time. So much love for Elias Steffen and his family, from Grace Weber and the family of room 304.*

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**Ashley Weber** - March 17, 2025 at 02:57 PM

GS

“ *Greg and Janet Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elias Steffen.*

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**Greg and Janet Smith** - March 15, 2025 at 11:30 AM

GS

“ *Greg and Janet Smith purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elias Steffen.*



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**Greg and Janet Smith** - March 15, 2025 at 11:30 AM

TF

“ The DM PACS family purchased the Pure Heart for the family of Elias Steffen.



The DM PACS family - March 14, 2025 at 09:35 AM

TF

“ The DM PACS family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elias Steffen.

The DM PACS family - March 14, 2025 at 09:35 AM

TO

“ The Emmet County Sheriff's Office purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Elias Steffen.



The Emmet County Sheriff's Office - March 14, 2025 at 09:00 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Elias Steffen.



March 13, 2025 at 04:23 PM

T)

“ *The Randolphs ( Joe, Britt, & Warren ) purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Elias Steffen.*



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**The Randolphs ( Joe, Britt, & Warren )** - March 12, 2025 at 03:17 PM

ZB

“ *Zack and Kaylee Baker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elias Steffen.*

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**Zack and Kaylee Baker** - March 12, 2025 at 01:22 PM

ZB

“ *Zack and Kaylee Baker purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elias Steffen.*



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**Zack and Kaylee Baker** - March 12, 2025 at 01:22 PM

JA

“ *Jayt purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Elias Steffen.*



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**Jayt** - March 12, 2025 at 12:55 PM

KS

“ Keri L, Debbie L, Marti G, Tami S purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Elias Steffen.



Keri L, Debbie L, Marti G, Tami S - March 12, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Elias Steffen.



March 12, 2025 at 11:02 AM

DS

“ Dave, Cynthia, Bryan, Arica, Jack, Simon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elias Steffen.

Dave, Cynthia, Bryan, Arica, Jack, Simon - March 12, 2025 at 09:34 AM

DS

“ Dave, Cynthia, Bryan, Arica, Jack, Simon purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Elias Steffen.



Dave, Cynthia, Bryan, Arica, Jack, Simon - March 12, 2025 at 09:34 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elias Steffen.*



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March 11, 2025 at 10:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elias Steffen.

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March 11, 2025 at 09:44 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elias Steffen.*



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March 11, 2025 at 09:44 PM



“ *To Kyle and TaNisha,  
I have been friends with your Dad and mother for most of my life. I fell in complete awe of TaNisha when we all went to Disneyland years ago, my coaster queen!  
We have followed since the birth of Elias and are so sorry for the circumstances but admire the love you and Kyle have given. Your strength, family and community support will heal your hearts in time. The Steffen family are what families are about.  
We are praying for you all.*

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**Greg and Janet Smith** - March 11, 2025 at 09:44 PM

CS

“ So sorry for your loss. Our family will keep you in our thoughts and prayers



Celina Schneider - March 11, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elias Steffen.

March 11, 2025 at 08:09 PM

HF

“ Holden and Hait families purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Elias Steffen.



Holden and Hait families - March 11, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elias Steffen.



March 11, 2025 at 07:05 PM

GA

“Ginger Armstrong purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elias Steffen.



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Ginger Armstrong - March 11, 2025 at 06:54 PM

GA

“Ginger Armstrong planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elias Steffen.

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Ginger Armstrong - March 11, 2025 at 06:54 PM

BB

“Brett, Tami, Jeff, Bailey, & Ben purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Elias Steffen.



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Brett, Tami, Jeff, Bailey, & Ben - March 11, 2025 at 06:36 PM

CG

“Cindy Gordy lit a candle in memory of Elias Steffen



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Cindy Gordy - March 11, 2025 at 06:20 PM

CG

Hugs and prayers to all of you.

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Cindy Gordy - March 11, 2025 at 06:21 PM

RC

“ Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers  
at this time. 🙏



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Rebecca coyne - March 11, 2025 at 04:58 PM