



Arvis Clayton Elerson Sr.

May 17, 1930 - July 6, 2022

Arvis “Pepaw” Clayton Elerson, Sr, 92, of Ben Wheeler, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, in Tyler, Texas.

Arvis was born in DeSoto, Texas to Joseph Clark, Sr. and Della Jane Clayton Elerson on May 17, 1930. He graduated high School at Lancaster, Texas. He was known and loved by all his classmates. He participated in talent shows and sponsored a local baseball team. He married the love of his life Wanda May Worley on March 24, 1950 and they celebrated 69 years of marriage. He enjoyed working and worked as a nursery worker, farmer, contractor, and businessman for 50 years. He would always begin and end a workday by saying “let’s make a showing”. He was involved in the Church of Christ, serving as a Deacon and Elder, leading youth groups, leading singing, prayers and preaching the gospel for his entire life. He led his life as a humble servant to God and treated everyone he met with kindness and a helping hand. In 2007, Arvis was honored by his hometown of DeSoto when the North Elerson Park was named for him.

Arvis is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers Alton Raye, Thomas Jerome and Joseph Clark Elerson, Jr, two sisters Wanda Murrel Alford and Norma Dean Palmer, his wife, and daughter Bonita Faye Elerson.

Arvis is survived by daughter Juanita May Walker and husband Greg Walker,

sons Arvis Clayton Elerson, Jr, Joseph Earl Elerson and wife Sherry Elerson, Kenneth Ray Elerson and wife Glenda Ellington, and Alan Clark Elerson: 13 Grandchildren, 8 great-Grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren.

The family of Arvis Elerson wishes to extend our sincere thanks to all family, friends, and the wonderful care team at Hospice of East Texas.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association at act.alz.org

The family will receive friends from 9:00am to 11:00am on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at Byrum Funeral Home Chapel. A celebration of Arvis' life will begin at 11:00am also in the chapel.

Cemetery Details

Rawlins Cemetery

1632 W. Main St.
Lancaster, TX

Tribute Wall

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“Dad, you and I had a relationship that only a few people knew. Oh yes, you were my loving Father, teacher, provider and everything else that a Godly man should be, but you were so much more. You trained me up in the Lord daily all the days of your life. We were partners in several very successful businesses, our first of which was Elerson's Discount Fireworks 1969-78. Our construction and roofing business Elerson Enterprise's did very well. Everything we did together we shared equally and were blessed in all we did.

When it came to the business end of everything, my word was your word and yours, mine. I was your court representative, medical and Durable Power of Attorney for decades and all was carried out to the letter all of your wishes, always. I was your investment counselor, business advisor and you were blessed. When asked by the courts, financial institutions, etc...if you trusted me with all you had, you would always answer "With all that I have".

Dad I loved you more than you knew. I have shed many tears these past few years that you were removed from me. I'll leave it with the one thing you said daily in your prayer's and everyone can attest this to be true. You would say "Father please keep the Evil One away".

I love you now and always have. I will see you soon when we are resurrected into the place he has prepared for us.

Your Loving Son, Joe Earl Elerson



Joe Earl Elerson - July 09, 2022 at 06:44 AM

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We built more homes than I can count. Sold and installed a mountain of roofing materials and hundreds of big truck loads of framing lumber since I was preteen. We demolished a neighborhood worth of homes over our time and you taught me how to reuse nearly every part, including bent nails. You told me one day that he thought he wasn't wasteful. Said that I took it to another level. I took that as a complement. Thank you for all that you taught me Dad. Love you

Joe Earl Elerson - July 09, 2022 at 09:21 AM



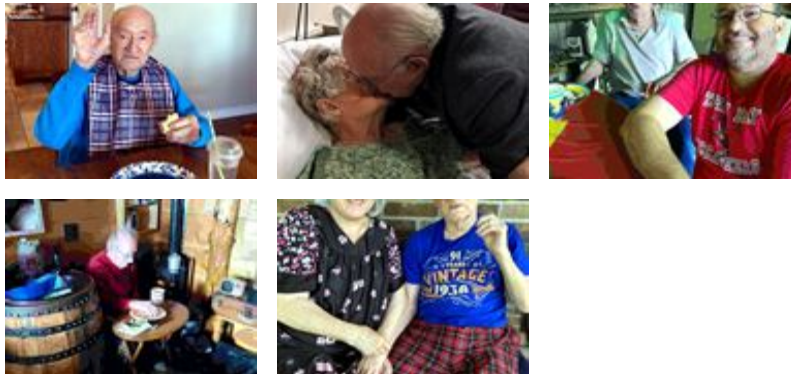
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“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Arvis Clayton Elerson Sr..*



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“ *Gene Ground & Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Arvis Clayton Elerson Sr..*



Gene Ground & Family - July 08, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ *Adoration Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Arvis Clayton Elerson Sr..*



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