



Richard "Dick" Elam

April 2, 1939 - August 8, 2015

Richard W. "Dick" Elam, age 76, of Bourbonnais, passed away Saturday, August 8, 2015 at Presence Merkle-Knipprath Nursing home in Clifton. He was born April 2, 1939 in Kankakee, the son of Warden & Ruth Milk Elam. He married Margie Herdt Morrival November 22, 1981 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher.

Mr. Elam was a retired employee of Dralles Auto Sales in Peotone. He was a member of the American Trap Shooters Association. Dick was a 1957 graduate of Kankakee High School. He enjoyed sports, hunting, the St. Louis Cardinals, the Green Bay Packers, and NASCAR. He was a Dale Earnhart fan and a Willie Nelson fan.

Surviving are his wife, Margie Elam of Bourbonnais; one son and daughter-in-law, Brad & Lynette Elam of Elkhart, IN; one daughter, Cara Leonard of Limestone; 2 step-sons, Gregory & Michelle Morrival of Wylie, TX and Scott & Daphne Morrival of Plover, WI; one step-daughter, Kimberly & Scott Smith of Stoughton, WI; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Marlene & Daryle Albers of Kankakee, Rebecca "Becky" & Michael Patchett of Kankakee, Lucinda "Cindy" Elam of Bourbonnais; three brothers and three sisters-in-law, LeRoy "Lee" & Karen Elam of Keller, TX, Russell & Betsy Elam of Reno, NV, and Glenn & Victoria Elam of Boise, ID; fourteen grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one step-daughter, Carrie Morrival.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 4:00 -8:00 p.m. Monday, August 17, 2015 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, where a memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2015. Pastor Karl Koeppen will officiate the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association (<https://donations.diabetes.org>), Multiple Sclerosis Society (<http://www.nationalmssociety.org/Donate>), or St. Paul Lutheran Church Building Fund (<http://www.stpaulslutheran.net/>).

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Memorial Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KL

“ So very sorry to hear about your brother Marlene. My thoughts & prayers are with you & your family. Love & hugs.

Karen Leutloff - August 26, 2015 at 09:42 AM

FM

“ Leroy & family,
So sorry for your loss . Missed funeral but was with Tom Jefferson and was told about his passing !
Fred Mancuso & family

fred & linda mancuso - August 23, 2015 at 11:15 AM

BB

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss.

Bruce Blake - August 20, 2015 at 11:35 AM

BB

“ Bruce Blake lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Elam



Bruce Blake - August 20, 2015 at 11:34 AM

BA

“ I had the privilege of working next to 'Dickie' at Dralle's for five years. My office was right next to his. Dickie always made time for you, genuinely cared about what you had to say, and always gave kind words or good advice. I am honored to have worked alongside him and will miss his signature laugh! My condolences to Mrs. Elam and Family.

God Bless - Brent Allen

Brent Allen - August 17, 2015 at 09:42 PM

CD

“ We offer our deepest sympathy to Dick's family. Chuck & Mary Denault

Chuck Denault - August 17, 2015 at 03:59 PM

SK

“ Margie,
Our deepest sympathy to you and your family
You are in our thoughts and prayers
Dick was a good friend. We spent a lot of Saturdays at trap shoots.
He sold us cars for over 30 years. We have many good memories of Dick.
Memories are treasures.
Dallas, Carol, Scott & Noah Karsgaard.



Scott Karsgaard - August 17, 2015 at 02:33 PM

MS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He was a wonderful man, I worked with him at Rudy's and he was like a "big brother" to me. He will be missed by all. Love and prayers to the whole family especially Margie, and Marlene.

mratha shaw - August 15, 2015 at 11:14 AM

LP

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Dick. My sincerest Sympathy and Love to all of you -

Lynda Milk Petit - August 14, 2015 at 06:06 PM

TW

“ We are so sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of need. Dick was a good friend and trap shooter. And will be sadly missed. Happy trap shooting Dick.
Sincerely
Terri and Buddy Wright

Terri Wright - August 14, 2015 at 01:21 PM

KF

“ Karen FlesnerBobalik lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Elam



Karen FlesnerBobalik - August 13, 2015 at 09:24 PM

RM

“ Margie, I was so sadden to hear of Richards passing. He was a great guy and will be missed. Hugs to you. Rita McClure

Rita McClure - August 13, 2015 at 05:23 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear about Dick. My thought's go out to all of you.
James Smith

James Smith - August 13, 2015 at 09:28 AM

MS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are for all of you at this time... He was an awesome man. I will always cherish the memories that I have of our time together.*

Mandi Schultz-Darr - August 11, 2015 at 12:10 PM