



William "Elmer" Peterman

November 27, 1931 - February 26, 2017

William "Elmer" Peterman, age 85, of St. James, Missouri, passed away on Sunday, February 26, 2017

at the University Hospital located in Columbia, MO as the result of injuries sustained in an auto accident.

He was the husband of Faith (Cooley) Peterman of St. James, Missouri.

William "Elmer" Peterman was born in Winkler, Missouri on November 27, 1931 and grew up in rural St. James, Missouri.

He was the son of the late Lewis Peterman and the late Mary Alice (Laramore) Peterman. William "Elmer" Peterman

retired from Laclede Steel, located in Alton, Illinois and returned to his farm located in rural St. James, MO where he

enjoyed raising cattle, gardening, bluegrass music, hunting and volunteering at the St. James Caring Center.

He was a decorated Korean War Veteran, serving on front line duty.

William "Elmer" Peterman is survived by a son, William Martin Peterman of Wood River, Illinois, a daughter Mary Loretta Wallis

and son-in-law, Lanny Wallis of St. James, MO, a granddaughter, Allison Faith Widener of Columbia, Missouri and

a great grandson, William Elias Widener of Columbia, Missouri. He also leaves behind four sisters-in-law, Grace Shoemate of

St. James, Missouri, Esther Havey of Spring, Texas, Alta Peterman of Farmington, Missouri, Sherry Cooley of Rolla, Missouri; one brother-in-law, Allen Havey of Spring, Texas, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Faith (Cooley) Peterman; his father, Lewis Peterman; and his mother, Mary Alice (Laramore) Peterman; one sister, Gladys Marie Basden and one brother, James George Peterman.

He was also preceded in death by three sisters-in-law, Hope Cooley, Phyllis Cooley and Dorothy Cooley and five brothers-in-law, Carl Kennedy Cooley, Andrew Jackson Cooley, Thomas Maxwell Cooley, Benjamin Franklin Cooley and David Eugene Basden.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 11 am at Greentree Christian Church located at 800 Greentree Road, Rolla, Missouri with Pastor Tim Cook officiating. Visitation for family and close friends will begin at 5 pm on Wednesday, March 1, at Greentree Christian Church. The family will be there until 7:30 pm to greet relatives and friends. James & Gahr Funeral Home is in charge of all funeral arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the St. James Caring Center, 113 West Eldon, St. James, Missouri, 65559 or the Missouri Veterans Home, 620 North Jefferson Street, St. James, MO 65559. Cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

Cemetery Details

Asher Cemetery

St. James, MO 65559

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Greentree Christian Church
Rolla, MO 65401

Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greentree Christian Church
Rolla, MO 65401

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Elmer" Peterman*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *William "Elmer" Peterman*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Elmer" Peterman.*



March 01, 2017 at 04:43 PM



“ *Love Barb (Elliott) & Stan Cope purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William "Elmer" Peterman.*



Love Barb (Elliott) & Stan Cope - March 01, 2017 at 04:05 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Elmer" Peterman.



February 28, 2017 at 02:44 AM



“ To my dear friend Martin,
May the good Lord comfort you and your sister Loretta through this difficult time and give you the strength to see you through this. Hold onto to the many memories you will have forever in your heart.



With much love and heartfelt sympathy,
Robin Tucker

Robin Tucker - February 28, 2017 at 01:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Elmer" Peterman.



February 27, 2017 at 09:28 PM



“ Faith and Elmer were much loved family and valued friends. They were the most wonderful Christian people and practiced what they believed faithfully. They gave so much to their family, friends and community, whether it was just a kind word or helping hand. They were an inspiration to our family and the kind of people we strive to be. They have impacted our family so much and there is a huge gaping hole in our hearts. We rejoice for them to be in the presence of the Lord, but cry for our loss. We were better people for having you in our lives. Love you so much Faith and Elmer and we will see you again! We'll have a good ole' bluegrass gospel singing when we get there! Much love to Loretta, Lanny, Allison, Eli and Martin.



Terri Mendenhall - February 27, 2017 at 09:19 PM

JB

“ Loretta and Alison,
Our sympathy to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We hope you will find peace in all the memories you have made over the years. Randy & Judy Bonham and family

Judy Bonham - February 27, 2017 at 08:45 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William "Elmer" Peterman.



February 27, 2017 at 06:01 PM

EF

“ *Edington, Shearer, Spradling families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William "Elmer" Peterman.*



Edington, Shearer, Spradling families - February 27, 2017 at 05:22 PM

WB

“ *Elmer and Faith were wonderful people. We used to see each other at St. James McDonalds, it was always a pleasure to visit with her. Alta's sister, Wanda Bridgeman. Sorry for the families loss.*

Wanda Bridgeman - February 27, 2017 at 04:43 PM

DA

*Dear Alison and family,
The S&T Store staff would like to express their deepest condolences to you upon the passing of Mr. and Mrs. Peterman. Please accept our heartfelt sympathies during this time of mourning. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. May God's peace abound with you and your family.*

S&T Store Staff

David - February 28, 2017 at 11:25 AM