



John J. Elpers Sr.

April 25, 1932 - February 6, 2014

John J. Elpers, Sr., age 81, of Wadesville, passed away February 6, 2014 at the Deaconess Hospice Care Center.

John was born April 25, 1932 in Evansville to the late Carl and Gertrude (Titzer) Elpers.

Mr. Elpers was the founder of John J. Elpers & Sons Construction (now Elpers Brothers Construction) and had owned and operated the Silver Bell Restaurant from 1979 to 1990. John was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving from 1952-1962 and a member of VFW Post #1114, American Legion Eugene Pate Post #265 and the Disabled American Veterans. He was also a member of St. Wendel Catholic Church and the Knights of St. John at St. Wendel.

Surviving John are his wife of 57 years, Antoinette "Tuddy" (Maurer) Elpers; three daughters, Karen (Rick) Bitter of St. Wendel, Pauline (Steve) Hughart of Marion, IL and JoAnn (Darren) Engelhardt of Elberfeld; five sons, John J. (Annette) Elpers, Jr. of Evansville, Paul (Tami) Elpers, Kenneth (Barbara) Elpers, Carl (Kendra) Elpers and Gerald (Kathy) Elpers, all of St. Wendel; twenty four grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by two sisters, Marian

Adler and Rita Schmitt and four brothers, Charles Elpers, Marvin Elpers, Joseph Elpers and William Elpers.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, February 10, 2014 at St. Wendel Catholic Church, Rev. Ed Schnur officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Wendel Church Cemetery, where the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 until 7:00 P.M. on Sunday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:00 A.M. until service time on Monday at St. Wendel church.

The family would like to thank Dr. William Hardesty, Riverwalk Communities, Deaconess Hospital and Deaconess Hospice for their compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Wendel Catholic Church, 10542 W. Boonville New Harmony Road, Evansville IN 47720 or to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Wendel Church Cemetery

10542 W. Boonville-New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **9**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
(812) 423-6471
info@pierrefuneralhome.com
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

Visitation

FEB **10**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Wendel Catholic Church
10542 W. Boonville-New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN

Service

FEB **10** (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John J. Elpers Sr.*

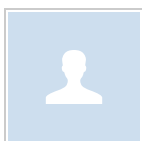
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“ *Sorry to learn of John's death. I enjoyed John whenever we met - I believe John broke the mold - in a very good way, You have so many wonderful memories that you will carry with you forever.*

Ron Warrum

Ron Warrum - February 10, 2014 at 01:00 PM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of John J. Elpers Sr..*



February 08, 2014 at 03:39 PM



“ *Tuddy and Family,
We are saddened to hear of the news of Johnny's passing. He was such a happy man and always glad to see you. He will be missed. But may all of you find comfort in your memories, as memories are the legacy of love. And we know your family has many memories! May The Lord Bless you and Keep you and Hold you in His Hands during this time of grief. Much love to the family*



Sandra & Bud Elpers - February 08, 2014 at 01:00 PM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you! I grew up in a house he built, lots of memories. God bless you all.*

tammie - February 08, 2014 at 12:08 PM

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“ *ON BEHALF OF THE COMRADES AND SISTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE AND OUR DEPARTED COMRADE. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. SINCERELY VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA STATE CHAPLAIN KEISTON R. HOLLOWAY*

KEISTON R. HOLLOWAY - February 08, 2014 at 10:28 AM

LB

“ *Tuddy,*

I would like to express my sympathy for your loss. You and John built a house for Larry and Lillian Boehringer in St. Wendel in 1970 .We appreciated it so much. We moved back to Carmi, IL in 1978, so I didn't get to enjoy it as long as I would have liked! I lost Larry in an automobile accident in April of last year, so I'm in the process of moving back to Evansville since our daughter Beth lives there. You may not remember us, but I just wanted to express my sympathy. John was a great guy. We also enjoyed the Silver Bell. Larry loved to eat!

Lillian Boehringer

Lillian Boehringer - February 08, 2014 at 10:28 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John J. Elpers Sr..*



February 08, 2014 at 09:15 AM