



Joseph Daniel Elpers

March 19, 1943 - August 30, 2025

Joseph Daniel “Dan” Elpers, 82, of rural Evansville, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, August 30, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Dan was born on March 19, 1943, in Ft. Branch, Indiana to the late Clemens and Estella (Yellig) Elpers. He was a 1961 graduate of Ft. Branch High School and was a painter and member of Painter’s Local 156 for over 40 years before retiring. Dan enjoyed woodworking and was a member of St. Wendel Catholic Church, the Knights of St. John at St. Wendel, the Armstrong Recreation Center and an honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus.

Surviving Dan are his wife of 61 years, Vicki (Wildt) Elpers; a daughter, Theresa (Tim) Schickel; sons, Joseph D. (Dana) Elpers, Jr, Mark (Missie) Elpers, Tim (Donna) Elpers and Jeff Elpers; two brothers, Tom (Carol) Elpers and Paul (Martha) Elpers; grandchildren, Tyler Schickel, Victoria Scheidecker, Tanner Schickel, Joshua, Kaleb and Makenna Elpers, Makayla and Manning Elpers, Brittney Dutton and Mitch Ashby; nine great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

In addition to parents, Dan was preceded in death by a sister, Alberta Eaton and two brothers, Bill and Bob Elpers.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday,

September 9, 2025, at St. Wendel Catholic Church, Rev. Ed Schnur officiating. Graveside services and burial will take place in Holy Cross Cemetery in Ft. Branch, Indiana at 2:30 PM on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, following the luncheon at St. Wendel Church.

Friends may visit with the family from 9:00 AM until service time on Tuesday at St. Wendel Catholic Church, 10542 W. Boonville New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN 47720.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Heart to Heart Hospice for all of their kind and compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Wendel Catholic Church or Heart to Heart Hospice, 610 E. Walnut Street, Evansville, IN 47713.

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

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

Fort Branch, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Evansville, IN

Graveside Service

SEP 9. 2:30 PM (CT)

Holy Cross Cemetery
Fort Branch, IN

Tribute Wall

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“ Vicki and the Elpers Family,

We only learned of Dan's passing yesterday evening. We are all so incredibly sorry for your loss. Memories from our childhood came flooding back as we absorbed this news...countless trips to Ft. Branch to visit Uncle Clem, Aunt Estella and our cousins and then in later years catching up at the family reunions organized by Vicki. We were so blessed to grow up surrounded by all our Yellig family... the aunts, the uncles and all those cousins! Please accept our deepest sympathies and know all of you are in our thoughts and our prayers.

Phyllis Fowler, Sandy Fowler Madriaga, Sue Fowler Mattingly and Tom Fowler

Phyllis Fowler - September 10, 2025 at 12:16 PM

TW

“ *Sending my heartfelt condolences. Uncle Danny was always so soft spoken and I have many fond childhood memories at their House. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you today and always. May God wrap his arms around each of you and give you the comfort you need now and always. Love always and forever Trophi*

Trophi Wildt - September 09, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Daniel Elpers.*



September 08, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ *Dan was a classmate through grade school and high school. I remember Dan as a quiet and kind man. My prayers and condolences to his family.*
Trish Sugalski

Trish Hollis Sugalski - September 05, 2025 at 12:49 PM



“ *I'm very sorry to hear about Dan's passing . I worked under Dan as a apprentice at sims painting for a few years and he taught me a lot ,everything about painting really . I actually worked with Dan the last Day he worked before retiring. His work ethic was unmatched by anyone. I'm pretty sure he had perfect attendance just like his buddy said when they went to school together . I seen him a few times after he retired but I wished I would have spent more time .
*Tim,Dan jr,and paul I'm very sorry for your loss**

Rick Catt jr - September 05, 2025 at 06:42 AM

DR

“ Dan and the Elper family were neighbors for many years. Dan and I were classmates at Holy Cross Grade School and Fort Branch High School. I recall that Dan had perfect attendance in High School, and possibly Grade School as well. Dan had a passion for running; he excelled in high school track. Dan also was passionate about restoring his 1937 Chevy coupe; he was always working on it. Dan and his brothers and my brother played a lot of basketball behind their house; it was always a great time. We also enjoyed playing church league softball-Dan was a good friend!! For Dan's family, know that I will be praying for Dan and your families during this time of grieving and trust in the Lord that he is with Jesus in heaven. May he rest in peace.



Dave Reuber

Dave Reuber - September 04, 2025 at 04:26 PM

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“ Dennis and Cindy Yung purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Joseph Daniel Elpers.



Dennis and Cindy Yung - September 04, 2025 at 11:33 AM

BY

“ To Vicki and the entire Elpers family. Dan was an incredible man and did so much to make the world a better place. Dan and Vicki did so much for my father (his uncle Norbert) and I appreciate it so very much. Dan is already dearly missed and I know he is in the loving arms of our savior.
May God bless and keep all of you !!!
Bill Yellig

Bill Yellig - September 03, 2025 at 03:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Daniel Elpers.



September 03, 2025 at 03:04 PM

KA

“ To Dana, Kenna, and all the Elpers family! So very sorry for your loss so soon after losing Richard! Sending prayers!

kathy (Gee) Allen - September 03, 2025 at 01:46 PM



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

September 02, 2025 at 08:53 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joseph Daniel Elpers.*



September 02, 2025 at 08:53 PM