



## Joseph A. Elpers

April 22, 1944 - December 28, 2009

Joseph A. Elpers, 65, formerly of Evansville, passed away on Monday, December 28, 2009, at Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana.

Joey was born on April 22, 1944, to Joseph J. and Mariana Elpers. He was a kind and gentle person, always showing respect to all. He was well liked by everyone whose life he touched. Joey was a prayerful person and his Faith sustained him throughout the difficult times of his life. We loved him dearly and will truly miss him. Our hearts are deeply saddened by our loss, although we are comforted in knowing there is a joyous celebration taking place in Heaven as Joey is welcomed home.

Joey enjoyed following sports events, including baseball, basketball, and football. He particularly enjoyed bowling and attending movies, especially with his brother, Eugene, who shared lots of time with him. Joey's greatest interest was in horse racing, and he devoted much time to planning his strategy.

Joey served his Country as a member of the Army during the Vietnam War. He received the Purple Heart as a result of being seriously wounded while stationed in Pleiku, South Vietnam. For the past several years, Joey was a resident of an Anderson Woods Group Home in Jasper, Indiana, where he received the loving care and companionship of their staff. Our family wishes to thank especially Lillian Parks, the Health Coordinator of Anderson Woods, for her personal, untiring dedication shown to Joey since May of 2005. We are also most grateful for all the compassionate care Joey has received from the doctors and nurses of Memorial Hospital for the past two months.

Joey is survived by his mother, Mariana; four sisters and their husbands, Kathleen & Donald Will, Eileen & Jack Rausch, Carole & Wesley Ham, and Teresa & Chuck Roberts, all of Evansville; five brothers, Bernard & his wife, Aline, John & his wife, Lori, all of Haubstadt, IN, Eugene & his wife, Carol, Richard & his wife, Pauline, and Ronald Elpers, all of Evansville; and 27 nieces & nephews.

Joey was preceded in death by his father, Joseph J. Elpers in June of 1995; his brother, Jerome in July of 1994; his nephew, Donald Will, Jr. in July of 1991; and two infant children of Bernard & Aline - Brian in March of 1968 and Lisa in September of 1968.

A Funeral Mass for Joey will be held on Saturday, January 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Vanderburgh County, Evansville, IN, Rev. Ray Brenner and Rev. Gene Schroeder officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Friends may visit with the Family from 2 to 7 p.m. on Friday, January 1st, at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a Memorial Service held at 4:00 p.m. Friends may also visit with the Family from 9:30 a.m. on Saturday until service time at the Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that memorial contributions be made to Anderson Woods, P.O. Box 498, Henderson, KY 42419 or to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 1236 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville, IN 47714.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 1. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Service

JAN 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church (County)  
6202 W. St. Joseph Road  
Evansville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph A. Elpers



Pierre Funeral Home - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Joseph A. Elpers

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ I wish to extend my sympathy to all the family of Joey Elpers. I have been sending my love and prayers your way.

God bless you all!##imported-begin##Sister Ann Hillenbrand##imported-end##

January 07, 2010 at 08:08 PM



“ I was in ALPS with Joey. I'm Ryan Kempf. I really enjoyed him, because he was so much fun!! So sorry to hear of his passing for he will be missed dearly. My family---John & Janie & my sister Kelli give their sympathy also.##imported-begin##Ryan Kempf##imported-end##

January 01, 2010 at 10:37 PM



“ Joey was a wonderful person and great athlete. We were grateful to have him be part of the Dubois County Special olympics. He will be missed by many and we know Joey being the kind and gentle person he was, will be watching over all our athletes from Heaven.

To the family-

May it be a comfort to the sorrow that ypu bear, To know that you are remembered with special thoughts and prayers.

The Duboic County Special Olympics Management Tewm and Katelyn and Derek###imported-begin###K atelyn & Derek Willis , Dubois County Special Olympics County Coordinators###imported-end##

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January 01, 2010 at 07:09 PM



“ We got to know Joey thru Special Olympics and ALPS. He is a very special man and we will miss him.

Offering our heartfelt prayer and sympathy that God will bless and comfort you in Hie own loving way.###imported-begin###Allison & Gail Werne###imported-end##

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January 01, 2010 at 06:46 PM



“ Kathy and Donnie, We were sorry to hear of Kathy's brother passing. Please know that you and your family sre in our prayers. Love John and Rosie###imported-begin###John AND Rosie Hirsch###imported-end##

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January 01, 2010 at 06:02 PM



“ *To the Elpers family*

*I wish to offer my sympathy and prayers to your family. I met Joey when he came with some of the residents and Sister Beata for supper at the monastery.*

*Sister Laura Marie*##imported-begin##*Sister Laura Marie Schmitt*##imported-end##

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January 01, 2010 at 03:22 PM



“ *Battered and torn  
still I can see the light  
tattered and worn  
but I must kneel to fight*

*Friend of mine  
what can't you spare  
I know some times  
it gets cold in there*

*When my legs no longer carry  
and the warm wind chills my bones  
I reach for Mother Mary  
and I shall not walk alone*

*Hope is alive  
while we're apart  
only tears  
speak from my heart  
break the chains  
that hold us down  
and we shall be  
forever bound*

*When I'm tired and weary  
and a long way from home  
I reach for Mother Mary  
and I shall not walk alone*

*Beauty that  
we left behind  
how shall we  
tomorrow find*

*Set aside  
our weight in sin*

*so that we  
can live again*

*When my legs no longer carry  
and the warm wind chills my bones  
I reach for Mother Mary  
and I shall not walk alone##imported-begin##Ben Harper- I Shall  
Not Walk Alone##imported-end##*

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January 01, 2010 at 10:19 AM



“ *Our family grew accustomed to seeing Joe at mass at Precious  
Blood. What a kind and pleasant man.  
Our sympathy is with you.##imported-begin##Susan  
Ahlbrand##imported-end##*

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December 31, 2009 at 11:41 AM