



## Jimmy Wayne Elder

May 3, 1951 - December 19, 2025

Jimmy Wayne Elder, age 74, of Ozark, Arkansas went to rest at his home place on Barnes Mountain Friday, December 19, 2025. He was a former phone technician for CenturyLink and a member of the Arkansas Coon Hunters Association. Wayne loved his family, hunting, fishing, and gardening. He also enjoyed arrowhead hunting and motorcycle racing. Wayne was born May 3, 1951 in Watalula, Arkansas to Paul William and Viola Sheppard Elder. He was preceded in death by his parents, his late wife Paula Verner Elder, companion Kathy Kolafa and two brothers, Paul Ray Elder and David Lee Elder.

He is survived by one daughter, Shannon B. Harden of Ozark; one son, Matthew W. Elder and companion, Lori West of Ozark; three sisters, Carolyn Owen of Ozark, Mary Lou Merkey and husband Charlie of Cordell, Oklahoma and Joyce Thomas and husband Norman of Bentonville, Arkansas; one brother Randy Elder and wife Catherine of Fifty-Six, Arkansas; six grandchildren, Hunter Flegel, Jacob Knuckles, Hayden Salazar, Arizona Wheelis, Austin Wheelis and Fisher Elder; eight great grandchildren, Emma, Ella, Ezra, Landon, Xander, Grady, Blakely and Coleman.

Visitation will be Sunday, December 21, 2025 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial in Ozark. Graveside service will be held 10:00 AM Monday, December 22, 2025 at Hixon Cemetery with

Brother Don Simpson officiating under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Honorary pallbearers are Kenneth Childers, Nick Childers, Dennis Harris, Don Castling, Bobby Standridge and Herbert Dale Woods.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

To leave an online memorial visit [www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com](http://www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Hixon Cemetery

Ozark, AR 72949

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home  
2315 West Commercial Street  
PO Box 680  
Ozark, AR 72949  
(479) 667-4147  
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Graveside Service

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hixon Cemetery  
Ozark, AR 72949

## Burial

DEC **22** (CT)

Hixon Cemetery  
Ozark, AR 72949



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