



Fred 'Mr. Fred' Eldridge Jr.

June 12, 1928 - March 14, 2017

Fred 'Mr. Fred' Eldridge Jr., age 88, of Forrest City, died Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at the Crestpark Retirement Inn in Forrest City.

Mr. Eldridge was born June 12, 1928, in Forrest City, and was the son of Fred Eldridge Sr. and Fannie Belle Davis Eldridge. He was co-owner, with his wife, Nita, of Eldridge Tire and Wheel and after fifty-three years of service he retired at the age of eighty-four. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Navy, a member of the First United Methodist Church in Forrest City, a member of the Forrest City Kiwanis Club and the Boy Scouts of America. He was a former scout master Troop 202, former scout master, with his wife, Nita of the Co-Ed Explorer Post, and was a life time member of the Arkansas Independent Tire Dealers. He and his wife met and served in the U.S. Navy and he loved to take trips with his bride. He loved working with young people and many have expressed thanks for the positive influence he had on their lives.

Mr. Eldridge married Nita B. Haseloff in 1954 and she survives him along with two daughters; Barbara Davis, and husband, Wayne, of Alma, and Elaine Hunthrop, and husband, Ted, of Sherwood, and several nieces and nephews. He had one daughter, Beverly Eldridge Todd, two brothers: George Eldridge and Tommy Eldridge, who preceded him in death.

Special thanks to the Leonard Earl Devazier family for their friendship and

support, and to all his health care providers who enabled him to play until the end.

Services for Mr. Eldridge will be held at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, 2:00 P.M., Friday, with burial in Lindsey Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday evening, 6:00 till 8:00 P.M., at Stevens Funeral Home with Stevens Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Memorials are to be made to the St. Francis County Elves, %Brad Beavers, P.O. 924, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72336 or the Forrest City Public Library, 421 S. Washington, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335. In order to honor Mr. Fred's joy of life the family request all to wear bright colors. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the on line registry.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home
220 North Washington
Forrest City, AR 72335
(870) 633-5400
info@stevensfuneralhome.net
<https://www.stevensfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

MAR 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

MAR 17 (CT)

Lindsey Cemetery
Barrow Hill Road
Forrest City, AR

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Shirley Brown lit a candle in memory of Fred 'Mr. Fred' Eldridge Jr.



Shirley Brown - March 16, 2017 at 07:18 PM

OC

“ We use to take our boys down to see the Eldridge's.. The boys loved to watch Mr. Eldridge make his wind up toys work. They were so very attentive to those wind up toys and Mr. Eldridge seemed to enjoy their visits as well. They never tired in going to see Mr and Mrs Eldridge. He was a very sweet man. Opal (Rountree) Chapman

opal Chapman - March 16, 2017 at 07:09 PM

CS

“ I am so sorry about the loss of Mr. Eldridge. Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge were wonderful business owners and Mr. Fred did excellent work at Eldridge Tire & Wheel. My sincere condolences to the family. C. Scott

C. Scott - March 16, 2017 at 06:21 PM

TG

“ TRENA GARDNER lit a candle in memory of Fred 'Mr. Fred' Eldridge Jr.



TRENA GARDNER - March 16, 2017 at 05:14 PM

SM

“ The Telcoe Federal staff and officials would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family during this most trying time. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers and we ask that God be with you now as you celebrate the incredible life journey of Mr. Fred.

Sarah Mosley - March 16, 2017 at 02:48 PM

PP

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Fred. I know he will be missed. I will be thinking about you Ms. Nita and praying for you and your family at this time of loss.

Pamela Bradshaw Pharris - March 16, 2017 at 11:02 AM

RB

“ RUTH RICHARD BRANCH purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Fred 'Mr. Fred' Eldridge Jr..



RUTH RICHARD BRANCH - March 15, 2017 at 05:21 PM

TG

“ *Mr.Fred was our sunshine in Forrest City he always made you smile no matter how down you were. He loved his Hats and his pretty Glass I will never forget our sunshine Mr.Brown he was the most loving person there is and never ever had a frown on his face . He will truly be missed our prayers go out to the family as they go through this time of greif and may God be with Mrs.Eldridge and may she feel the comfort and peace she needs to get through this time . Thank you Mr. Fred for your kind words and all the smiles you brought to our office you will dearly be missed. we love you Mr.Brown . :)*

Trena Gardner - March 15, 2017 at 04:46 PM

JM

Mr. Fred, what a wonderful man & businesses owner!! My husband, Dudley Melton, MFA says farewell, you have lived and worked a lifetime and you will be missed dearly. Thank you for your service to this community!!

June Melton - March 21, 2017 at 08:07 PM