



## Elmer Davis

October 1, 1932 - September 26, 2022

Elmer Davis, age 89, of Albia, IA, passed away on Monday, September 26, 2022, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Elmer was born on October 1, 1932, to Charlie and Mary Jane (South) Davis at their home in Albia. He grew up attending school in Albia and graduated with the class of 1951. Following school, Elmer served his country in the United States Navy during the Korean War. On October 23, 1953, he was united in marriage to Eileen Stafford at the First Christian Church in Albia and to this union, 3 sons were born, Michael, Kevin, and Chris. Elmer and Eileen shared 68 years of marriage prior to his passing.

Elmer worked at John Morrell & Company Meat Packing Plant in Ottumwa, IA, for 20 years. Upon the plant's closing, he became an apprentice electrician under Donnie Kraber at Kraber Electric in Albia. He later went to work for Musco Lighting in Oskaloosa until his retirement.

Elmer was a member of the First Christian Church and the American Legion Howard Cessna Post #136 in Albia. He was generous with his time, volunteering for the Albia Fire Department for many years, coaching Little League teams, and was a past President and volunteer at Eslinger Cemetery. He enjoyed being outdoors, hunting and fishing, was an avid Green Bay Packers and Chicago Cubs fan, and enjoyed watching Westerns. He and

Eileen loved square dancing and traveling and were members of the Wapello Travelin' Sams Camping Club. For the past 20 years, they have wintered in St. Petersburg, FL, allowing them to be close to their sons, Kevin and Chris. While there, Elmer loved visiting St. Petersburg College as a volunteer patient for the physical therapy students. Elmer's true joy in life was spending time with his family and friends.

Elmer is survived by his wife, Eileen Davis of Albia; 2 sons, Kevin (Deb) Davis and Chris Davis, both of Largo, FL; a daughter-in-law, J.J. Davis of Melcher Dallas; and several step grandchildren and step great grandchildren. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Wayne Davis; his parents, Charlie and Mary Jane Davis; his siblings, Charlie, Alice, Mae, Katherine, Harry, John, Robert, Claire, and a sister in infancy; and 3 beloved shih tzus, Ming, Chu and Cookie.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Elmer's family present to greet family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 8, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Brad Gray officiating and military honors provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia, and Melrose. A private family burial will be held at Eslinger Cemetery at a later date.

A memorial has been established to Eslinger Cemetery, the Welcome Home Soldier Monument in Albia, or a charitable organization of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Eslinger Cemetery

Albia, IA 52531

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Memorial Service

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elmer Davis*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Elmer Davis*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Daniel Stafford purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elmer Davis.*



**Daniel Stafford** - October 07, 2022 at 04:29 PM



“ *Melissa lit a candle in memory of Elmer Davis*



**Melissa** - October 06, 2022 at 12:15 AM

DB

“ *Delia Brown lit a candle in memory of Elmer Davis*



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**Delia Brown** - October 05, 2022 at 10:37 PM

KT

“ *Katherine Tabler lit a candle in memory of Elmer Davis*



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**Katherine Tabler** - October 05, 2022 at 03:39 PM

JL

“ *Jennifer Laragione lit a candle in memory of Elmer Davis*



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**jennifer Laragione** - October 04, 2022 at 07:03 PM

JL

“ *Elmer was a loving person he will be missed. RIP with love the Hendron family*

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**jennifer Laragione** - October 04, 2022 at 07:02 PM

GB

“ *Elmer was a kind man. I enjoyed conversations with him when he visited St. Petersburg College. My condolences to the Davis Family.* ”

**Gary Brown** - October 01, 2022 at 11:06 AM

RJ

“ *Elmer was a great guy and will be missed by many in the neighborhood. I always got a good laugh at my husband and Elmer having their political conversations, I always sided with Elmer. R.I.P neighbor* ”



**Ruth James** - September 28, 2022 at 05:57 PM