



Glen Rankin Elam

August 28, 1942 - May 29, 2025

Glen Rankin Elam, 82, of Selma, Indiana, peacefully entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior on the morning of Thursday, May 29, 2025, at IU Health Ball Hospital after a brief illness.

Born on August 28, 1942, in Monticello, Kentucky, Glen was the son of the late Oweda and Vida (Rice) Elam. From an early age, he was known for his strong work ethic, steady character, and kind heart. After graduating from Royerton High School, Glen served his country honorably in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era, stationed in Korea.

In 1973, Glen married the love of his life, Mary Lou Withers, and together they shared 52 years of deep devotion, partnership, and love. He retired after 30 dedicated years with Chrysler Corporation in New Castle, then continued to serve others in a part-time role at First Merchants Bank for another decade. A faithful and active member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Muncie, Glen lived out his faith through service, humility, and creativity. Whether he was building backdrops for Vacation Bible School, lending a hand wherever it was needed, or quietly encouraging those around him, Glen lived as a reflection of Christ's love. He had a remarkable gift for fixing things and found joy in simple pleasures like fishing, golfing, and spending time in his garage workshop.

Above all, Glen was a devoted husband, a loving father and grandfather, a

loyal brother, and a cherished friend. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Mary Elam; his son, Tony (Keri) Elam of Groveland, FL; and his treasured granddaughters, Sarah and Madalynn Elam. He is also survived by his brother, Ronald Elam of Muncie, and several nieces and nephews.

Glen is now reunited in heaven with his parents, his son Daniel Elam, and his brother Donald Elam.

A celebration of Glen's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at Fellowship Baptist Church, 2204 S. Macedonia Ave., Muncie, IN, with his brother, Pastor Ron Elam, officiating. He will be laid to rest at Gardens of Memory in Muncie.

Friends and family are invited to gather for visitation from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the church.

Arrangements are lovingly entrusted to Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle. Personal condolences may be shared at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff count it a privilege to serve the family of Glen Rankin Elam.

Cemetery Details

Gardens of Memory Cemetery

10703 IN-3
Muncie, IN 47303

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellowship Baptist Church
2204 S. Macedonia Ave.
Muncie, IN 47302

Celebration of Life

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Phil Marsh lit a candle in memory of Glen Elam*



Phil Marsh - June 01, 2025 at 12:43 PM

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“ *Glen was a relatively quiet man who showed a strength of character and kindness. Always polite and friendly, Glen will be missed. May God preserve his memory.*

Andrew Phipps - May 31, 2025 at 08:42 PM