



Derrell Wane Eldridge

September 12, 1935 - May 7, 2017

Derrell "Snooks" Wane Eldridge, of Kalkaska, passed away on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the Eden Center in Kalkaska. Born on September 12, 1935 in South Bend, TX, the son of the late Joseph and Eula Mae (Duncan) Eldridge. Until they meet again in heaven, Derrell leaves his loving wife and soulmate of 48 years, Wanda Eldridge. Derrell had a lifetime career of over 60 years in the Oil and Gas Industry working in Texas, North Dakota and Michigan. He was the owner of Dar-Way Inc. and D & W Flow Testing, Inc. In 2013, he was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his service in the Oil and Gas Industry in Michigan. Derrell was also the co-owner and co-founder of Grandview Golf Course and Restaurant in Kalkaska. He loved to play golf and made a hole-in-one on #7 at Grandview. Derrell was a life member of 50 years of the Elks Lodge and Fraternal Order of Eagles in Minot, North Dakota for 45 years. Derrell is survived by many family and friends; his wife, Wanda; children, Jerrell (Heather) Eldridge of Tucson, AZ, Dara Odom of Las Cruces, NM, Cheryl Martinez of Lumberton, TX, Scott (Lilly) Eldridge of Tucson, AZ and Dwane (Tracy) Eldridge of Kalkaska; step-daughters, Gwen (Jim) Smith of Hawley, TX and Kayla Copeland of Sioux Falls, SD; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sister-in-law, Glenda (Keith) Lindon of Hallett, OK and special nephew, Benny Eldridge of Graham, TX. A special thank you to all at Eden Center and Heartland Hospice for their care, love and support. Derrell was preceded in death by his siblings, W. B. Eldridge, Rita Carnes, Glen Eldridge, Dortha Nell Melton, Josephine Kast, and

Wanda Minton all of Texas. Visitation will be on Thursday, May 11th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be on Friday at 1:00 pm at the funeral home. The family request in lieu of flowers to please make a donation to Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st. St. #800, Miami, FL 33131 or Heartland Hospice, 4020 Cooper View #113, Traverse City, MI 49684 or of one's choice. Please register condolences online at wolfeoneill.com Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Tribute Wall



“ *Derrell Wane Eldridge*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Derrell Wane Eldridge*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends.*

Cyndee Hendricks - May 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We will always have fond memories of Derrell.*

Bernice Morrison - May 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wanda and Derrell's family: I had the privilege of knowing Derrell as a customer of Dar-Way for many years. He was a consummate professional and was very helpful to me many times, especially when I first used his services. He always showed up on time, did a good job, and was extremely prompt in providing the data from the tests he ran. May he rest in peace.*

Greg Fogle - May 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ So very sorry for your loss. He was a pioneer of a man. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the Family. God Bless.

Bob Gunderson - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for you and your family. He was a great man.

Kelly Park - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Wanda and family, So sorry to hear of the loss of your Derrell. Keeping you all in our prayers. Sherri and Tony Barber

May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ Rest in peace Derrell, I will miss you! Love shelley

Shelley Zingg - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Wanda and family, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. I will fondly remember our monday night golf scrambles with both of you. God bless you and your family. Ed Norman

May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Gwen, Jim and family So sorry for your loss. If we can do anything please let us know. Y'all are in our hearts and prayers.

Ron - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *I love you very much dad*

Dara Odom - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Wanda, Dewey, Tracy. So sorry for your loss, Derrell was such a fantastic man! love you guys??*

Jim Rowell - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Aunt Wanda -- what an amazing man was Uncle Snooks. Thank you so much for the great love you brought to his life. I wish great comfort for you knowing the painful vigil you have just been through.*
--Marilyn

Marilyn Minton Flowers - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *RIP Uncle Snooks. Give Momma and all my Aunts, Uncles, Nanny and Grandpa Joe a hug for me. Be there to see you all again in God's time.*

Susan Minton Barnes - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *With deepest sympathy*

Bunny Rainwater - May 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Love you dad and will miss you always R.I.P.*

Cheryl - May 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wanda, So sorry to hear of Derrell's passing My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Harriet Hill - May 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM