



Elvin L. Rankin

May 28, 1928 - October 7, 2016

Elvin L. Rankin, 88 year old resident of Gentry, Arkansas, died October 7, 2016 in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Born May 28, 1928 in Stilwell, Oklahoma, he was the son of Marvin Rankin and Liddie Coleman Rankin. Elvin married Dorothy Speed on June 11, 1952 in Siloam Springs and loved her faithfully for over 60 years. During the Korean Conflict, he served in the U.S. Air Force as an AP prop mechanic balancing airplane props. In the late 1950s, Elvin co-owned Rankin-Walker Automatic Transmission Service located on East Main in Siloam Springs. Elvin was a cattleman in the Gentry-area for 63 years. He enjoyed old time country music, Sunday dinners with family and friends at La Hacienda II, teasing his grandkids, and swapping stories with friends over coffee at McDonald's in Gentry and Cafe on Broadway in Siloam Springs. He and his two year old great-grandson, Dean Wimberly, shared a special bond and a mutual love for horses.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Rankin; one daughter, Sharon Rankin; one sister, Viola Walker; and two brothers, B.J. Rankin and Ore Lee Rankin.

He is survived by one daughter, Glenda Manos and husband Larry of Siloam Springs; two sons, Larry and Gary Rankin of Gentry; seven grandchildren: Traci Letellier and husband Casey, Corrie Wimberly and husband Brandon, Amy Mayberry and husband Scott, Angie Kirkpatrick, Jerred Rankin and wife

Kayla, Nathan Amos and wife Vilgen, and Regina Amos; and eight great grandchildren: Boyd Wimberly, Dean Wimberly, Stone Mayberry, Briar Mayberry, Jaxon Milsap, Presley Kirkpatrick, Astralia Roman, and Asia Amos.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at Siloam Springs Bible Church, with Brother Wayne Thomas of Kind at Heart Ministries officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Siloam Springs. Visitation will be 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, October 10, 2016 at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs. The family wishes to thank the staff at Siloam Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation for the kindness and love they showed toward Elvin.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Service

OCT **11**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Siloam Springs Bible Church
927 S. Oak Hill St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-3963

Tribute Wall

SP

“ *Shermana Philpott lit a candle in memory of Elvin L. Rankin*



Shermana Philpott - October 17, 2016 at 07:24 AM

LG

“ *Lynne Glass lit a candle in memory of Elvin L. Rankin*



Lynne Glass - October 14, 2016 at 12:06 PM

JE

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to each of you. Dorothy and Elvin were amazing people and I know they are happy to be together again. I am truly blessed to have known them.*

Jerri (ETHRIDGE) Edgett - October 11, 2016 at 02:17 AM

JE

“ *I will miss this dear uncle of mine. A few days ago he told me how proud he was of his family. Love you all.*

Janice Eaton - October 10, 2016 at 11:54 AM

WT

“ Elvin will always be an inspiration to me and my ministry (Kind at Heart).

This man lived a life full of Love and dedication to his family. He made the type of decisions in life that gave him the ability to overcome struggles, work hard for everything that he earned and leave a Life Legacy for his family and friends to follow.

I am so blessed to of enjoyed his friendship over the last few years and will greatly miss him. However, I know that Dorthy and Elvin are with Jesus for all Eternity.

*Bro. Wayne
Kind at Heart*

Wayne Thomas - October 10, 2016 at 11:29 AM

JS

“ Ray and I are saddened . We will truly miss mr. Rankin. I always enjoyed our conversations. He made me laugh and he made me think on good things!

Our thoughts and prayers are with all three of you and your families

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Ray and Jeri Steenblock

jeri steenblock - October 08, 2016 at 08:07 AM

DB

Glenda, Larry and Gary so saddened to hear about your dad. Will be praying for you.

Debbie Jones Barnes and family

debra barnes - October 10, 2016 at 11:19 AM