



Otha Elam

July 22, 1946 - December 28, 2023

Otha Wayne Elam, age 77, of Pinson, Alabama, passed away on December 28th, 2023. Wayne was born to John and Ethel Elam on July 22, 1946. He spent most of his youth in the greater Tuscaloosa area but also lived in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Fyffe, Alabama. Wayne served in the Army for 11 years, initially stationed in Korea, then fought in the Vietnam War. He was wounded there and was awarded a Purple Heart among several other medals. He was later stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Ethel Elam, sister Carolyn Elam, daughter Jessica Dixon, and son-in-law Mack Litaker. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Elam, brother Howard Elam, son Jeremy Elam (Beth), daughter Melissa Ramey, son Patrick Ramey and grandchildren Jaclyn Bullard (Becker), Brock Elam, Brent Elam (Naomi), Julie Elam, Bryant Elam, Jenna Elam, Christopher (LaBeth) Tyree, and Brenton Litaker as well as nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. A private ceremony of remembrance for Wayne will be held on Sunday, December 31, 2023 at Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home in Trussville, AL. He will be laid to rest at Alabama National Cemetery, Montevallo, AL.

Cemetery Details

Alabama National Cemetery

3133 Highway 119
Montevallo, AL 35115

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ Wayne and I were friends in Tuscaloosa high school. There was a group of us that worked at the Corner Drug Store. We were cooks, soda jerks and table hops. We usually went in at 5 PM and worked until 11. We were paid 50 cents per hour m cooks maybe 60. We hung out together when not working

Here are the friends I remember:

David Allen (me) , Mike Chadwick (RIP), Carey Arendale (RIP),, Hoyt Taylor (RIP), Ricky Lindsey, Wayne Trimm, Buddy Jones, Kenneth Marlowe, Kenneth James and others. We all split after high school and lost track of each other. I only saw him once after that about ten years ago. I just heard about his passing this morning.

David Allen - August 25, 2025 at 02:34 PM