



## Nat Stallard Elam

September 14, 1920 - February 2, 2015

Bluefield, WV- Nat Stallard Elam, 94, of Bluefield, WV, died Monday February 2, 2015 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Born September 14, 1920 in Wise, VA, he was a son of the late Walter Elam and Gladys Osborne Elam. Nat was a lifelong resident of Bluefield. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in World War II. In his early years, he enjoyed motorcycle racing and stunt driving. Nat retired as a Manager from United Van Lines. He was a member of Cumberland Heights Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Lillian Fox Elam; and one brother, Garland Elam.

Survivors include two children, Dennis E. "Denny" Elam of Cripple Creek, CO, and Dorothy "Dotty" Martin of Massilon, OH; one brother, Sam Ray Elam of Niantik, CT; grandchildren, Briana Stanek of Denver, CO, Steve Elam of Valencia, CA, Danielle Jobe of Kansas City, MO, Donja Shue of Massilon, OH, Sonja Amado of Miami, FL, Robin Martin of Massilon, OH, and Barbara Martin of Longview, TX, 11 great-grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren, and one on the way .

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday February 6, 2015 at 2:00 PM from Cumberland Heights Baptist Church with Pastor J.H. Kestner officiating. The family will receive friends at the church on Friday from 1:00 PM until the service hour.

Burial will follow at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, VA where members of Cumberland Heights Baptist Church will serve as pallbearers.

Military honors will be provided by the Mercer County Veteran's Council.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to request that memorial contributions, if desired, be made to Cumberland Heights Baptist Church, 3811 E.

Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV, 24701.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Nat Stallard Elam.

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Memory Gardens

Bluefield, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cumberland Heights Baptist Church  
3811 E. Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Funeral Service

FEB 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Cumberland Heights Baptist Church  
3811 E. Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nat Stallard Elam*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *I miss you Pappaw...I love you, please watch over my mom xoxo*

**Robin Martin** - September 25, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ *Sonja B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Nat Stallard Elam.*



**Sonja B.** - February 12, 2015 at 12:24 AM



“ *Dottie and family. So sorry to have heard about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Debbie Greer** - February 07, 2015 at 08:10 AM

AP

“*Nat was always good to me and I felt like he treated me like a son. He had a great sense of humor, trusted the Lord, and always said what was on his mind. I will miss him but I rejoice that he went home to Heaven. I regret that I cannot be at the funeral, but my heart and condolences to the entire Elam family. Nat was representative of America's greatest generation.*

*Adom Panshoukian*

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**Adom Panshoukian** - February 06, 2015 at 08:21 AM

TE

“*My condolences to the family. I had the wonderful pleasure of reconnecting with my Uncle in May when my parents and I spent an afternoon in Bluefield while traveling down south. It warmed my heart to watch my Uncle and my dad, Sam Ray, share stories and memories of their childhood. I also learned from my Uncle that they key to a long, healthy life was eating a bologna and onion sandwich. He was a sweet man and reminded me so much of my grandfather. I loved hearing all his stories. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Teresa Rae Elam and family.*

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**Teresa Rae Elam Eller** - February 05, 2015 at 09:39 PM

SM

“*I just want to say how sorry I am for your loss. I know how much all of you loved him. Dotti I love you and you are in my thoughts and Prayers. Robin, Barbie, Donja, I love you all so much and I am so sorry. I will be praying for god to ease your pain in this time of sorrow. Thoughts are with all of you. Love, Sherrie McHenry*

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**Sherrie McHenry** - February 05, 2015 at 12:03 PM

RG

“ My condolences to Nat's family. I had the privilege of having Frances and Nat help raise my two children; Kevin and Diana Gruver. I owe them both much gratitude in helping both Kevin and Diana grow into who they are today. They were our sitters from 1985 to 1994. I enjoyed visiting with Nat on the days I picked the kids up. Nat was always full of stories. He was always proud of his garden. Nat always had a positive attitude, and would never let anything keep him down. He was one tough cookie! Know that he is in perfect health now, reunited with Frances before the throne of God.

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**Robert Gruver** - February 05, 2015 at 11:56 AM

TC

“ The students, staff and faculty of Brown Mackie College purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Nat Stallard Elam.



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**The students, staff and faculty of Brown Mackie College** -  
February 05, 2015 at 09:05 AM

LB

“ *Mr. Elam was one of the kindest, sharpest and most humble men I've had the pleasure of knowing. In the early 1980's, Mr. Elam worked with/for us at Wheat First Securities and it was ALWAYS a pleasure to chat with him every day! He had such words of wisdom to share, always had a smile on his face, was sincerely interested in everyone who worked with us, shared wonderful stories about his life experiences, was so proud of his children, loved his wife and shared wonderful stories about the children his wife cared for in their home. One "tip" I use all the time is: "Stop gripping the steering wheel so tight when driving your car, loosen your grip and enjoy the drive!"; how true! I'm deeply saddened to hear of his passing but will remember him with a warm heart and smile on my face! My sincere sympathy to you all!*

*Lindsey Grubb Barilla*

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**Lindsey Grubb Barilla** - February 05, 2015 at 08:42 AM

PE

“ *Peggy E. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of Nat Stallard Elam.*



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**Peggy E.** - February 05, 2015 at 07:51 AM

TA

“ *Nat is also survived by four grandchildren from his daughter Dotty: Robin Martin, Barbie Martin, Sonja Martin Amado, and Donja Shue. He also has 10 great grandchildren: Briana, Tammy, Kalee, Jon, Jason, Michael, Marissa, Josh, Jordan, and Brandie. He also has 3 great grandchildren: Antonio, Marco, and Natalia. He will be greatly missed by all of us. ❤️*

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**Tammy** - February 04, 2015 at 07:44 PM