



Elwood Reid Jefferson

December 16, 1948 - March 23, 2025

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Elwood Reid Jefferson, 76, of Hernando, MS, passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2025. Friends are invited to a visitation with the family on Monday, March 31, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at First Global Methodist Church, with the funeral service to follow at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Stephen Sparks of First Global Methodist Church will officiate. The interment will be held at a later date at Boyd Family Cemetery in Pinetown, NC.

Elwood was born on December 16, 1948, in Washington, NC. He attended First Global Methodist Church. Elwood served his country honorably in the United States Army. He served two tours in Vietnam during active wartime and earned multiple medals. In his retirement, Elwood found work at Advanced Auto in Southaven and loved every second of it, especially being around his coworkers.

Elwood volunteered as a coach for various children's sports for as long as he was capable. He enjoyed spending his time outside golfing, camping, fishing, and he had a special place in his heart for the beach. Elwood had great taste in music and loved listening to anything relating to oldies rock and beach music.

Elwood was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Mae Jefferson and Vernon Elwood Jefferson; brother, Michael Jefferson; and granddaughter, Birdie Cordelia Forbes-Pursley.

Elwood is survived by his wife, Sandra Jefferson of Hernando, MS; daughters, Kristin Forbes (Dylan) of Gastonia, NC, Katherine Forbes (Bobbie) of Oxford, MS, Grace Jefferson of Hernando, MS, and Emma Jefferson of Hernando, MS; sons, Robert Jefferson and Jason Jefferson; and sister, Brenda Adams of Bath, NC.

In lieu of traditional flowers, donations may be made in Elwood Jefferson's name to First Global Methodist Church Building Fund.

Online condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Global Methodist Church
3945 Highway 305
Hernando, MS 38632

Funeral Service

MAR 31. 7:00 PM (CT)

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3945 Highway 305
Hernando, MS 38632

Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch created a Tribute Video in memory of Elwood Reid Jefferson



Coleman Funeral Home (Olive Branch) - March 27, 2025 at 12:09 PM

SD

“ Sean, Robin and Dillon Donahue purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elwood Reid Jefferson.



Sean, Robin and Dillon Donahue - March 30, 2025 at 12:01 PM

FD

“ From Rob and Susan Donahue purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Elwood Reid Jefferson.



From Rob and Susan Donahue - March 30, 2025 at 11:57 AM

AC

“ I spent many a slow hour at Advance Auto Parts picking ole Elwood's brain about his life and experiences. From his childhood growing up in Washington and Bath, to Vietnam, to industrial air filter sales, he always knew how to make a story entertaining and never failed to get myself and our other coworkers laughing. He had one heck of a sharp wit and was never afraid to use it to call someone out when he saw them slipping up. But he was also endlessly encouraging when he saw that someone was truly doing their best. I regret that I only knew him for such a short time, but I am glad to have known him at all. Rest easy, Sarge.

Andrew Caver - March 27, 2025 at 02:55 PM

KA

Many years have passed since our days in Pinetown! He was a great guy! Looked like a life of good times! Thoughts and prayers for everyone.

Kathy Braddy Adams - March 29, 2025 at 02:59 AM



“ 147 files added to the album LifeTributes



Coleman Funeral Home (Olive Branch) - March 27, 2025 at 12:06 PM

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Andrew Caver - March 27, 2025 at 10:39 AM

GL

“ 1st John 4:7&8 do do do doot; do do do doot. RIP old friend and brother in Christ. Always freely investing in the lives of others, especially the youth. Thank your for your time you gave to us youngens and teenagers, and thank you for the songs.
Glenda Furlough-Hickman



Glenda - March 26, 2025 at 09:25 PM

DJ

“ Uncle Elwood, Thank you for the many laughs, words of advice, encouragement, and just plain being there, my heart truly hurts, even tho there were miles between us, I always knew you were there, in some ways you were like a second Dad to me, I always looked forward to you coming home, and getting to see you and the family, You will be forever missed! Look forward to seeing you again one day!! My prayers are with those of us left behind and that you get to see the glory of God! Love you Uncle Elwood!!

Daniel "Bat" Adams

Daniel "Bat" Adams Jr. - March 26, 2025 at 01:16 PM

JW

“ Sorry to hear of Elwoods passing, a lot of fond memories of him at Rosemary Church of Christ as a youth leader and mentor. May the Lord comfort each and every one in the days to come.

Johnny Woolard

Johnny Woolard - March 25, 2025 at 11:16 AM



Elwood was part of Advance Auto Parts team in Southaven and spent a couple years knowing him. A great man who always spoke his mind. Loved talking to him and having him around. Surely will be missed. Rest in peace 🙏

Edgar Barron - March 25, 2025 at 06:47 PM