



Donnie Eley

February 20, 1946 - December 23, 2025

Donald Ray Eley "Donnie", age 79, of Chapmansboro, Tennessee, died Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 o'clock pm, Monday, December 29th, at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View with Bro. Gene Brown officiating.

Burial will follow in the Eley Cemetery in Chapmansboro with Elliott Eley, Evan Eley, Dale Garrett, Tim Elliott, David Elliott, Nathan Wallace, Ethan Peterson, and Jeff Head serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Tom Boatwright, Tommy Winters, Robert Head, Ricky Knox, Warren Wallace, and William Gailie.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday, December 28th from 3:00-7:00PM, and again on Monday beginning at 12:00PM until the hour of service at 1:00PM.

Mr. Donnie was born on February 20, 1946, in Springfield Tennessee, to the late Conway and Catherine Winters Eley. He was retired from the telephone company after 30 years of service. Following retirement, he enjoyed raising cows and gardening on his farm in Chapmansboro. He was also an avid lover

of antique automobiles and often worked on his '57 Chevy Bel Air. Donnie was a veteran of the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War. He was a member of Stroudsville Church of Christ.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a brother, Harold Eley, and a sister, Helen Eley Head.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Ann Elliott Eley of 60 years of marriage...a daughter, Shannon Eley (Dale) Garrett, son, Elliott (Amanda) Eley, son, Evan Eley and brother, Connie Eley. He is also survived by four granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Donnie's memory to Stroudsville Church of Christ Building Fund, 1531 Stroudsville Road, Adams, Tennessee 37010 or St. Judes Childrens Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME in Pleasant View is in charge of these arrangements. 6316 Highway 41A, Pleasant View, Tennessee 37146 (615) 746-4433 www.austinandbell.com

Cemetery Details

Eley Cemetery

Chapmansboro, TN 37035

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home, Pleasant View
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Visitation

DEC 29. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KH

“ I remember attending their as a wedding as a young teen. The best men played some good jokes on them. Rest in Peace Donnie. I salute you. Your cousin by marriage and Brother in Arms. Kenny Harris, USMC

Kenny Harris - December 29, 2025 at 03:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donnie Eley.



December 28, 2025 at 11:53 AM

AA

“ Amanda, Travis and Amber planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donnie Eley.

Amanda, Travis and Amber - December 28, 2025 at 11:53 AM

EK

“ Evelyn Chu & Jacqueline Keller purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donnie Eley.



Evelyn Chu & Jacqueline Keller - December 27, 2025 at 06:56 PM

JW

“ *Jennilyn Crump Family & Jim Wilson purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Donnie Eley.*



Jennilyn Crump Family & Jim Wilson - December 27, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donnie Eley.*



December 27, 2025 at 08:36 AM

MN

“ *Manhattan Church of Christ, NYC purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Donnie Eley.*



Manhattan Church of Christ, NYC - December 26, 2025 at 05:35 PM

TF

“ *The Rather family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Donnie Eley.*



The Rather family - December 26, 2025 at 04:52 PM

GP

“ Goodpasture Great Beginning and PreK purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donnie Eley.



Goodpasture Great Beginning and PreK - December 26, 2025
at 03:45 PM