



Richard Elliot Phelps Sr.

November 16, 1936 - June 16, 2021

Richard Elliot Phelps Sr., affectionately known as “Papa”, of Sweetwater, Tennessee passed away on June 16, 2021. Papa was born in Springfield, Massachusetts to the late Herbert and Edna Phelps. Papa was the loving husband to Velma Phelps for 64 years. Papa was a Veteran of the United States Army and served in the Navy Reserves. Once Papa retired from the Army, he began to drive trucks, and when he wasn’t working, he attended church at Watsons Chapel.

Papa is predeceased by his parents Herbert and Edna; 1 son, David Phelps; 4 brothers and 4 sisters, 2 great-grandchildren. Papa is survived by his loving wife, Velma; his 3 sons, Richard Phelps Jr. (Shirley), Herbert Phelps (Rosemary), and Terry Lee; his daughter Bonnie Hollon; 1 sister, Marilyn Thompson; several grandchildren and several great grandchildren; 3 adopted children, as well as many other family and friends. The family will receive friends and family at Kyker Funeral Home from on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 10 am – 12 pm followed by a service at 12 pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RP

“ *Rebecca Patton lit a candle in memory of Richard Elliot Phelps Sr.*



Rebecca Patton - June 22, 2021 at 11:01 AM

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So sorry for your loss. He was a special kind man . Doing what he could anyone especially his family. He was part of our family we loved him dearly. He will truly be missed. I sit here and see his smiling face now. I know he will always be watching over us all. Prayers and love

Rebecca Patton - June 22, 2021 at 11:06 AM

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“ *American Industrial Sales family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard Elliot Phelps Sr..*



American Industrial Sales family - June 21, 2021 at 09:45 AM

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“ *Jim, Nick and Rob Thoma purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Elliot Phelps Sr..*



Jim, Nick and Rob Thoma - June 21, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Elliot Phelps Sr..*



June 20, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ *Lisa R. purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Richard Elliot Phelps Sr..*



Lisa R. - June 20, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Richard Elliot Phelps Sr..*



June 20, 2021 at 08:40 PM



“ *Love, your sister Marilyn and donny wendy sharon purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard Elliot Phelps Sr..*



Love, your sister Marilyn and donny wendy sharon - June 20, 2021 at 04:21 PM