



## Buddy Lee Elsea

March 1, 1938 - February 23, 2022

Buddy Lee Elsea, age 83, of Stover, passed away Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at his home. He was born March 1, 1938, in Napton, Missouri, a son of the late William L. and Albertina (Opfer) Elsea.

On June 10, 2017, in Stover, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife, Daisy “Dee” Elsea.

Buddy was a veteran of the United States Army.

He drove a bus for the Stover school district until his retirement after thirty-one years. He loved his job and the children on his bus held a special place in his heart, with some even becoming family. When Buddy wasn't driving the bus, he could be found on the farm tending to his cattle and hay.

Buddy, along with Dee, attended the Pentecostals of Camdenton Church.

In addition to his wife, Dee, he is survived by his adopted daughters, Jennifer Thompson and husband Justin and Tina Obert and husband Dean; three step-children; numerous grandchildren; brothers, Ralph Elsea and wife Sheryl and August Elsea; sisters, Ann Jenkins, Ethel Vott and husband Robert and Pat Abner and husband Boots; numerous nieces and nephews and many friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four step-children, one

brother, Marvin Elsea, and one sister, Velma Fletcher.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, March 1st, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Pastor Robbie Sapp officiating. Graveside services and interment with full military honors will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m., to 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to Dakota Indian Children.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel  
207 North Monroe St.  
Versailles, MO 65084  
(573) 378-4655

## Service

MAR 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Buddy was my bus driver. RIP. still remember him putting me in the front seat everyday on the bus cause i was bad on the bus. Im sorry buddy. you were one awesome bus driver though*

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**Cody Evans** - March 02, 2022 at 02:45 PM

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“ *Buddy was a fun-loving and happy man. He was a very considerate person to all the people whom he crossed paths with. He would lend a hand to anyone in need. Condolences are extended to friends and family during this time of sorrow.*

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**Susan Harris** - February 26, 2022 at 10:54 PM

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*Buddy was an amazing light to this world! As a child, I knew him as my bus driver. As I have become an adult, I realized the great qualities he had as a genuine person. Buddy ---- You will be missed for sure! Condolences to you those who have been blessed to know...*

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**Sharon Brooks** - February 27, 2022 at 01:23 AM

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“ *Willa Stafford lit a candle in memory of Buddy Lee Elsea*



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**Willa Stafford** - February 26, 2022 at 09:19 AM