



## Elza Elmer Painter

November 15, 1929 - February 5, 2020

Elza Elmer Painter, 90, of Newport passed away Wednesday, February 5, 2020. Born in Kingston, West Virginia on November 15, 1929. He was the son of Elmer Elza Painter and Katy Jane Crookshanks. He was a graduate of Kingston High School. After graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during the Korean War. After service he became interested in photography and he decided to pursue photography as a career. He attended and graduated from the New York Institute of Photography. He and his family moved to Elyria, Ohio; where he worked with photographer Gordon DeLavar. During his career he worked for the Elyria Chronicle Telegram, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Knoxville New Sentinel & Journal, and Newport Plain Talk. He moved his family to Newport and started Painter's Photography.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years Irene Mills, daughters Tandy Lyles of West Columbia, South Carolina and Jorja Williamson (Clarence) of Southside, West Virginia; and son James Allen Painter (Brenda) of Sevierville, Tennessee. Grandchildren; Nan Williamson, Aaron Williamson (Rachel), Meredyth Harden (Smith), Andrea Lyles (Travis), & Isaiah Painter; seven Great Grandchildren, Nieces & Nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, and first wife Maxine Buttrick.

Funeral Service will be at 2:00 pm Saturday, February 8, 2020 at First Baptist Church with Dr. Rich Lloyd officiating. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon-2:00 pm prior to the funeral services on Saturday at First Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the First Baptist Church TV Ministry, 261 E. Broadway Street, Newport, TN 37821. Family and friends may sign the guest register online at [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Events

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Visitation

12:00PM - 02:00PM

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First Baptist Newport

261 E Broadway, Newport, TN, US, 37821

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Funeral service

02:00PM

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Burial

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Union Cemetery

Newport, TN, US

# Comments

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“ Many years since I have lived there, and many years since I have seen Mr. Painter. He was THE photographer, respected and loved. Rest in peace, dear sir.

**Lori Henry Love** - February 13 at 07:29 PM

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“ Many hours passed in the shop, looking and learning after getting my haircut next door. Mr Painter, Your patience with my many, silly questions was appreciated.  
Kurt Huffman

**Kurt Huffman** - February 11 at 09:17 PM

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“ When we think of Elza, we always think about the photography Shop. One special memory we have was talking with Elza about all the old 8MM home movies that we had gotten from family. we wanted to see if there was a way to move these on to a VHS tape. Elza said he could do this. He placed them on one VHS tape and added wonderful music to it. This brought tears to our eyes when we watched it. The selection of music was wonderful. In the technology of today this seems common but this was in a time when this process was not really available. He made copies for each family member and this is still a wonderful memory for us.

Elza was always kind and would offer help with anything you needed. We will miss our Brother in Christ.

We pray for comfort for all the family

Randy and Joyce mullins

**Randy Mullins** - February 10 at 09:30 AM

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“ Teresa Perry lit a candle in memory of Elza Elmer Painter



**Teresa Perry** - February 08 at 11:18 PM



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“ Prayers and good thoughts for you and your family Tandy

**nettie (taylor) zimmer** - February 08 at 11:18 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers have been with Jorja and all her family during this difficult time. Roger and Addie Hopson, Southside, WV

**Addie** - February 08 at 08:05 AM

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“ IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELZA. WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO ALL THE FAMILY. ELZA WAS LIKE AN UNCLE TO US. WE REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES ON THE LAKE. ELZA EVEN TOOK OUR WEDDING PICTURES BACK IN 1979. WE WILL MISS HIM. WITH OUR LOVE! ED & TAMMY DELIGNE ANSTED, WV



**ED & TAMMY DELIGNE** - February 08 at 07:19 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Sandy Campbell Hurley.



**Sandy Hurley** - February 08 at 01:09 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, prayers for all..Jim and Bessie Lanier

**Bessie** - February 08 at 08:33 AM

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“ Mr. Painter was one of my library friends that came for books and a visit, He always had something interesting to share. I hope he has arrived with a stack of Westerns waiting!  
A delightful man. May God bless family and friends during this sad time.

Pauline Proffitt - February 07 at 10:27 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Elza Elmer Painter.



February 07 at 04:07 PM

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“ Tandy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers now and in the days ahead.

Nanette Wilds - February 07 at 01:51 PM

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“ My deepest condolences for your loss, Gail



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“ Deepest sympathy to all. Such fond memories of CCHS Band days and rolling yards.

Duay and Kay O'Neil - February 07 at 11:13 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting Elza when I worked as a reporter at The Newport Plain Talk many years ago. I always enjoyed talking with him. I am sending prayers of comfort for your family during this time.

**Kathy Hemsworth** - February 07 at 09:38 AM

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“ Audrey Owenby lit a candle in memory of Elza Elmer Painter



**Audrey Owenby** - February 07 at 08:53 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Elza's passing, you have my condolences and prayers. He was a gentle man with a big heart and was like a second father to me in high school. I will never forget those Sunday afternoons at the lake where he helped me learn to ski. Those days are some of my fondest memories. Gary Breedlove



**Gary Breedlove** - February 07 at 08:37 AM

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“ Our prayers for the family. We are very sorry for the loss of your loved one. Mr. Painter was a good man.

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman

**Mary Chrisman** - February 07 at 08:14 AM

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“ Prayers!





**Louise and Jimmy Hux** - February 06 at 09:33 PM

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“ Condolences to the family.



**Gary S. and Dorothy J. Kyker** - February 06 at 08:41 PM

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“ Tandy, my precious friend, I am heartbroken for your loss. I never met your dad but I knew his kindness through you. Gary and I send our prayers, love and friendship to sustain you and your family over these next difficult days. We are here to help lift you up when ever you falter. We want you to know you are not alone!

**Gloria Carbone** - February 06 at 06:37 PM