



William "Bill" Eldridge

August 5, 1931 - March 11, 2022

William "Bill" Eldridge went home to be with the Lord, on March 11, 2022, at the age of 90, in his home in Newport, Tennessee. He retired from the White Store after 40 years and from Jefferson Cocke County Utility District after nine years. He loved to golf and gardening, but most of all, his family. He was preceded in death by his Father Willie Frank and mother Hazel Reed Eldridge. William is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Helen, daughter and son-in-law Tammy & Lee Cody, granddaughter & grandson-in-law Wendy & Jesse Ramsey, and great-grandchildren John Dillon, Jude, and Kaydence Ramsey. The family would like to say a special "Thank you" to Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice and Dr. Candi Overholt for taking such special care of William.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 11 am, at Hamblen Memory Gardens, with Rev. Mike Johnson officiating with interment to follow. Family and friends may stop by Manes Funeral Home to sign the guest register though put the day Monday. The family requests in lieu of flowers; donations can be made to Options Pregnancy Center (Newport) or Shiners Hospital, two of Williams's favorite organizations.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home in charge.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hamblen Memory Gardens
5421 E Andrew Johnson Hwy
Morristown, TN 37814

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Eldridge*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Prayers Mary Helen and Tammie. I thought the absolute world of Mr. Eldridge. He was as fine as man anyone would ever meet. Condolences Dawn Lee.*

Dawn Lee - March 19, 2022 at 11:16 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We will be praying for your family during this difficult time. Donald and Kim Suggs*

Donald Suggs - March 16, 2022 at 05:44 PM



“ *Prayers for the Eldridge family. I had the opportunity to work with Mr. Eldridge many years ago at White Store in Newport. He was a wonderful person, teacher and friend. Ann Cobble Staup*

Sarah Ann Cobble Staup - March 16, 2022 at 08:36 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family. I worked for Bill back in the 1973-74 timeframe as a bag boy at the White Store while I was in high school. He was a good man and treated everyone fairly and honestly. He was a great store manager and we all leaned a lot from him about work and business.*

David D Smith - March 15, 2022 at 10:40 PM

MW

“ We were saddened to learn of Bill's passing. We remember the Eldridge family fondly.
Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.
The Winter family, (Lincoln Ave. Grocery)

Mackey Winter - March 15, 2022 at 04:05 PM

AB

“ Deepest sympathies for your loss. He was a fine man whom I will always remember for offering me my first work opportunity. He taught me much about customer service. Love this family and many prayers for their comfort during this time. April Bryant Ball

April Ball - March 15, 2022 at 10:14 AM

CG

“ With deepest sympathy. Prayers for all the family.
Cheryl & Cody Grooms

Cheryl Grooms - March 15, 2022 at 12:23 AM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.



Jimmy and Charlotte Blazer - March 14, 2022 at 09:06 PM

JS

“ Broke my heart to hear the news of Bill passing. Loved him so much and enjoyed all the great stories and good times just talking. Sure will miss him. Joe Sutton

Joe Sutton - March 14, 2022 at 06:13 PM

TL

“ *We are sorry for your loss, prayers for your family.*

Tommy and Carolyn Lillard - March 14, 2022 at 05:25 PM

AA

“ *Sorry for Mr elldridges passing love you all
Anna Allen*



Anna Allen - March 14, 2022 at 03:57 PM

Pat
Evans
Larry
Stephenson

“ *Mary Helen I'm so sorry to hear about Bill's
passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Brenda McMillan*



Pat Evans Larry Stephenson - March 14, 2022 at 02:43 PM

MK

“Mr Eldridge” was a very good man of high integrity and moral values. He hired me when I was 16 years old; I was blessed to have known him. He had a great sense of humor, and was always throwing a one liner at myself, Carroll, Racer, and HC in the Meat Department. I was so proud the day that Mr Eldridge promoted from bagging to the back. To this day the White Store Family was the best placed I have ever worked.

The memories of working for Mr Eldridge at the White Store still bring laughter and joy to my heart and tears to my eyes. I will always be grateful for the opportunity he gave me. I went from a teenage boy to a young man while working for him, and I can honestly say I would not be where I am today had Mr Eldridge not took a chance hiring me.

With so much Love for you.
Mike Kilgore

Mike Kilgore - March 14, 2022 at 01:24 PM

KW

“Tammy your dad was an amazing father, husband, Pap, and a true gentleman. My thoughts and prayers are will you all.

Kim Williams - March 14, 2022 at 12:41 PM

TF

“Our hearts go out to you and the pain you're feeling now. We're praying the Lord will surround you with His Peace beyond understanding.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be Comforted”. Matt 5:4
With Heartfelt Deepest Sympathy,
Jabo & Tammy Francis

Tammy Francis - March 14, 2022 at 09:43 AM

FB

“ My name is Faye Cobble Bales MY DAD WAS LLOYD (Pappy) Cobble and he and my mom thought so much of Mr. Eldridge . I just wanted to say I am so sorry and praying for the family. I can remember when I was little we came to Newport to the store just too see him. If I remember right they new each other from their younger years and I think from Morristown. I just know they always said he was a good man .



Faye Cobble Bales - March 13, 2022 at 05:58 PM



“ Have known this family for years. Such good people. Prayers for the family.



Jeff Kyker - March 12, 2022 at 07:35 PM

VB

“ Bill was such an uplifting, cheerful and thoughtful gentleman. Wherever he worked or served, he did it with perfection and a happy heart! Our heartfelt prayers are extended to all family and loved ones.
Larry and Vickie

Vickie Butler - March 12, 2022 at 07:29 PM

SW

“ I'm sorry to hear about Bill.....he was a good man, Condolences to the family,
Sandy Webb

Sandra Webb - March 12, 2022 at 07:22 PM

JC

“ With deepest sympathy,
Jan Carpenter

Jan Carpenter - March 12, 2022 at 04:23 PM

VT

“ So very sorry for your loss. He was such a kind gentle man. Prayers for peace and comfort for your family.

Vicky Wilson Turner - March 12, 2022 at 12:48 PM

MC

“ We are sorry for your loss. Sending heartfelt sympathy to all the family and loved ones. Prayers for family and friends.

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman

Mary Chrisman - March 12, 2022 at 11:13 AM

CW

“ We are very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was always a pleasant man and loved his friends. You all are in our prayers.

charlie & Lana Williamson - March 12, 2022 at 10:47 AM

GK

“ Mary Helen, Tammy, and Wendy, Dot and I were so very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I have known Bill for nearly fifty years and thought of him as a great person and friend. I have never heard anyone ever say anything but words of kindness and admiration for him. I know he will greatly missed. Prayers for the family.



Gary and Dorothy Kyker - March 12, 2022 at 12:04 AM

LH

“ Prayers!



Louise & Jimmy Hux - March 11, 2022 at 10:27 PM



“ Such a nice gentleman and a great manager at White Stores when I worked under him. Jack Presnell and Cheryl

Cheryl Presnell - March 11, 2022 at 09:28 PM

LO

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Eldridge's passing. He gave me my first job and was so wonderful to work for. He was a mentor and friend. I'm thankful I know him and Mrs. Eldridge. We were a family at the White Store. Memories I treasure. My prayers are with the family. God bless you and keep you.

Louisea - March 11, 2022 at 08:50 PM

KY

“ Karen Yates lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Eldridge



Karen Yates - March 11, 2022 at 08:17 PM

DO

“ Our very deepest sympathy to Mary Helen and All:
Our memories of Bill and Mary Helen begin with your arrival in
Newport to replace John and Carrie Lou Wells. Bill immediately
endeared himself to all of the White Store patrons. His kind and
gentle demeanor was bestowed upon all ... rich or poor, black or
white, old or young. We loved him.

Duay and Kay O'Neil - March 11, 2022 at 03:00 PM

RF

“ My sincere condolences for your loss. Bill was one of my Dad's
dearest friends. I can still remember the many pranks they played
on each other. We will sorely miss him at FUMC. We pray for your
comfort.

Ray Fancher - March 11, 2022 at 02:04 PM