



## Furl "Doc" Elzey

October 23, 1937 - April 9, 2024

Furl "Doc" Dwight Elzey, 86, of Huntington, passed away peacefully at 1:16 am Tuesday, April 9, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

Furl "Doc" was born on October 23, 1937, in Bluffton, IN; the son of Alvin Elzey and Vivian (Davidson) Elzey. He attended Huntington Township High School. Furl "Doc" was a member of the Huntington Moose Lodge #837 and the Mizpah Shriners. In 1957 Furl "Doc" was driving in his car with his sisters and drove up to Charlotte Gressley's house, he pointed his finger and said I'm going to marry that girl. On June 29, 1957, they were united in marriage. Charlotte is the first to tell everyone about how happy she is spending 66 years loving her wonderful husband.

Furl received his nickname "Doc" by his father since he would take things apart and put them back together better than they were. At the age of 15, Doc started setting bowling pins at Rainbow Lanes for 5 cents a game and the bowlers would tip him a penny for each game. He also set bowling pin at the Lafontaine Hotel. Doc worked 6 years at Orton Crane and after the day was done, he went home to eat supper with his family then off to Rainbow Lanes to work. In November of 1963 Doc became the manager of Rainbow lanes. In 1972 while still working at Rainbow Lanes, he also worked at Oak Lanes. He created a partnership with Richard Hall in 1974 and in 1978, Doc and his wife Charlotte (partner in crime) became owners of Rainbow Lanes. Doc was still

working on the bowling machines at Rainbow Lanes and giving his children orders on how to run the business while he was in hospice care. Doc worked over 72 years in the bowling business.

Doc and his wife Charlotte not only shared partnership in operating Rainbow Lanes, but they also felt it was very important to give back to the community. Their values and standards were recognized by the town of Huntington, and they were granted the title of the “Business of the Month” in July 2018 and 2002 they were awarded “Proprietor of the Year” by the State of Indiana. Doc coached the Huntington North Boys bowling team for several years and led them to their first Indiana State Bowling title. He coached hundreds of youths and adult bowlers, even when they didn’t know they needed help. Not only could he coach, but he was also an incredible bowler that was known for bowling a 300 (perfect game). Doc was inducted into Fort Wayne bowling Hall of Fame in 2003. He had bowled for many years in the Pastime, Hoosier, and Twilight leagues. When bowling season was over, he would take his golf cart, that was not to leave his home and he would drive it down the road to go fishing. He enjoyed putting out a garden, mowing his yard with his tractor, and after a long day you would find Doc sleeping on his porch swing. He had a great sense of humor and loved teasing his grandchildren. Doc was a devoted husband, wonderful provider for his family, and truly an outstanding man. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include his loving Wife of 66 years, Charlotte Elzey of Huntington, IN; Two Sons, Steven (Tracey) Elzey of Huntington, IN, Matthew (Jenni) Elzey Sr. of Huntington, IN; Two Daughters, Anna (Steven) Arivett of Huntington, IN, Stacey (Chris) Dresher of Wabash, IN; Three Sisters, Wilma Coffelt of Huntington, IN, Patricia Flora of Huntington, IN, Linda Hughes of Huntington, IN; 16 Grandchildren and 34 Great-Grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his Parents, Son, Mark Elzey, Sister, Sarah Keplinger, and Granddaughter, Kayla Dresher.

Visitation will be from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Sunday, April 14, 2024, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Monday, April 15, 2024, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Jason Fields officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Preferred memorials to the Shriners Hospitals for Children in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Furl (Doc) Dwight Elzey.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **14**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
<https://www.baileylove.com>

## Service

APR **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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35 West Park Drive  
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## Burial

APR **15** (ET)

Gardens of Memory  
11201 S. Marion Road 35  
Marion, IN 46952

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Furl "Doc" Elzey.*



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - April 13, 2024 at 09:09 AM

RK

*Very nice Tribute*

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**Rick Keplinger** - April 13, 2024 at 09:42 PM

BH

*What a beautiful life story and how he lived his life to the fullest. My sympathy in your loss.*

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**Barbara Hanauer** - April 16, 2024 at 02:38 PM

SC

“ *Doug and I first met in bowling leagues in the '80's at Rainbow Lanes. Its been 42 years ago and we feel our family grew up with Doc and Charlotte's. Doc was always willing to help out struggling bowlers [like me] and did so with humor and patience. He will be missed and hugs to Charlotte and the rest of his family. Susie and Doug Chapin*

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**Susie Chapin** - April 18, 2024 at 11:20 AM

MA

“ *Many great memories of bowling in league on Saturday nights. The best memory of Doc was he was a man of few words, but on New Years Eve, look out he was a whole different person. Thanks for all the memories Doc.*

*Mike and Cathy Anderson*

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**Mike and Cathy Anderson** - April 14, 2024 at 01:37 PM



JF

“ *Memory trees will be planted in Indiana National Forest for Doc*

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**June Frederick** - April 14, 2024 at 12:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Furl "Doc" Elzey.*

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April 13, 2024 at 10:10 PM



JA

“ *Uncle Doc was a wonderful man and always had a helping hand.*

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**Janet** - April 13, 2024 at 08:19 PM



LM

“ Laura & Tim Miles purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Furl "Doc" Elzey.



Laura & Tim Miles - April 13, 2024 at 01:32 PM

GF

“ Gottschalk family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Furl "Doc" Elzey.



Gottschalk family - April 13, 2024 at 09:59 AM

FS

“ Felger Mechanical Services purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Furl "Doc" Elzey.



Felger Mechanical Services - April 12, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ Memories 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Furl "Doc" Elzey.



April 12, 2024 at 09:36 AM

JM

“ To Doc's family, you have my sympathy. Doc was a big part of the community for so many years. I especially remember when my parents bowled in mixed leagues for many years when I was young and the times I spent at Rainbow, and Doc was always there making sure things ran smoothly.

John Myers - April 11, 2024 at 11:25 PM

JT

“ Joan Tardy lit a candle in memory of Furl "Doc" Elzey



Joan L Tardy - April 11, 2024 at 01:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Furl "Doc" Elzey.



April 11, 2024 at 01:41 PM

DH

“ Steve sorry for your loss.

Dennis Haworth

Dennis Haworth - April 11, 2024 at 12:23 AM

SW

“ Stacey West lit a candle in memory of Furl "Doc" Elzey



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**Stacey West** - April 10, 2024 at 09:56 PM

LP

“ I met Doc at rainbow lanes when I was a junior bowler. He was a wonderful sweet man who was always there when you struggled with bowling to lift you up when the going got rough. Always loved helping the kids when he watched everyone bowl. His swagger was the best. You always knew when he was coming to help you when all he did was look in your direction and never stopped until he told you what you were doing wrong. He will be missed by everyone who had the chance to know him. Many thanks Doc! With Love and prayers for you all. Lori Tardy Pierson.



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**Lori Pierson** - April 10, 2024 at 08:45 PM

LK

“ So sorry! Doc was an incredible man! Praying for you all.



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**Lounette Knauff** - April 10, 2024 at 08:43 PM

JB

“ *Doc was an amazing man. He was very special to everyone who knew him. We spent many many hours at the bowling alley. Mom loved to make him something to eat at the snack bar . He will be missed but not forgotten. Prayers for all of the Elzey family.* 💕💕



**Jodi Benson** - April 10, 2024 at 07:25 PM

SG

“ *Steve Garwood lit a candle in memory of Furl "Doc" Elzey*



**Steve Billie Garwood** - April 10, 2024 at 07:11 PM

RS

“ *What an incredible loss for His Family. Friends. And Huntington..*

**Rebecca Sands** - April 10, 2024 at 05:09 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Sands lit a candle in memory of Furl "Doc" Elzey*



**Rebecca Sands** - April 10, 2024 at 05:06 PM

RN

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. Bob & Rosie Wilson Tim & Renee and Andy Ness



Renee Ness - April 10, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Furl "Doc" Elzey.



April 10, 2024 at 04:49 PM

TA

“ Tami planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Furl "Doc" Elzey.

Tami - April 10, 2024 at 04:49 PM

BH

“ Becky Holmes lit a candle in memory of Furl "Doc" Elzey



Becky Kemp Holmes - April 10, 2024 at 04:44 PM