



## Richard "Rick" W. Elsten

December 21, 1949 - January 7, 2026

Richard "Rick" W. Elsten, 76, of Bluffton, formerly of Huntington, passed away at 12:53 am Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

Rick was born on December 21, 1949, in Huntington, IN, the son of Earl Elsten and Helen Elsten. He attended Huntington High School. Rick served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War as an Aviation Electrician's Mate from 1969-1973. He married Cindy Lock, on December 30, 2009, in Bluffton, IN; she preceded him in death on April 24, 2023. He worked at PhD in Huntington, Foamex in Fort Wayne, and Buckhorn in Bluffton. In his free time, he enjoyed working on vehicles in the garage, or improvements around the house. When his son Scott was younger, they enjoyed family trips to Gatlinburg, TN.

Survivors include his Son, Richard "Scott" (Christi) Elsten of Columbia City, IN; Daughter, Ashley Elsten; Granddaughter, Addison (Seth) Savage of Columbia City, IN; Grandson, Ryan (Taylor Ellis) Elsten of Columbia City, IN; Four Sisters, Sharon, Barbara, Brenda, Cheryl; Two Cousins, Kay (Rick) Millican of Huntington, IN, Brenda K. (Michael) Lintz of Huntington, IN. He is preceded in death by his Father, Earl Elsten, Mother, Helen Elsten, Wife, Cindy Elsten, and Brothers, Eugene and Tom.

To honor Rick's wishes, there will be no services at this time.

Preferred memorials to the Riley Children's Hospital or Disabled American Veterans (DAV), in care of Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

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

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Richard W. Elsten.

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Richards passing. I met Richard in November as I was working around the church, and he drove up asking what time the services were on Sunday. I am the Senior Pastor at Sonlight Wesleyan in Bluffton. Richard came the next Sunday and was there every Sunday through December and was with us the first Sunday of January. We spoke each Sunday after the service, and he mentioned to me that he was going to come in and see me the week he had his accident. Once again, we are so very sorry for his passing and will be praying for your family as you go through this loss. I truly enjoyed meeting him and will miss our weekly conversations after service.

*Rev. Lyle A. Breeding  
Senior Pastor  
Sonlight Wesleyan Church*

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**Rev. Lyle A. Breeding** - January 13 at 05:12 PM

JE

“ So sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

*--Ali and Jeff Stineburg*

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**Jeff** - January 12 at 01:23 PM

LO

“ I have wonderful memories of staying with you, Aunt Pat and Scott. I loved visiting you and i remember when you came to see my family at a rest stop when we were passing through Indiana. Love you!



Lorraine - January 11 at 11:51 PM

KT

“ Condolences to the family of Rick. Prayers



Kimberly Terry - January 10 at 11:06 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" W. Elsten.



January 09 at 01:39 PM

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“ Sending lots of hugs and prayers your way 🥺❤️🙏🙏🙏

Angie Tyner - January 09 at 12:45 PM

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“ Artie Meehan & Debbie Meehan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard "Rick" W. Elsten.



Artie Meehan & Debbie Meehan - January 09 at 12:03 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Christi Elsten - January 09 at 12:00 PM

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“ Shirley Elsten lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" Elsten



Shirley Elsten - January 09 at 10:23 AM