



Tony Eugene Elrod Sr.

March 21, 1953 - November 21, 2015

LAKELAND - Tony Eugene Elrod Sr. age 62 The owner of Tony Elrod's Auto Repair for 17 years. Born and raised in Lakeland, FL. He began his family in 1975 when he married his soul mate and they had two children, a son and four years later, a daughter. His children married and he gained another son and daughter as well as four beautiful granddaughters. He was a hardworking, selfless, loving, caring. and family-oriented man who loved to hunt and fish. He spent a lot of time in the outdoors as well as with the family. He left us after a long and hard 11-year battle with cancer on 11/21/15. We will forever love and miss our Big-Daddy.

Preceded in death by his father Harold E, Elrod. Survived by his mother Betty White Elrod; wife Judy E. Elrod; son Tony E. Elrod Jr. (Amber); daughter Alisha Rupp (Alvin); all of Lakeland, FL three brothers Jeff Elrod (Betty) of Ashville, NC; Michael Elrod of Lakeland, FL; Bobby Huddleston (Penny) of Hamburg, NY; four granddaughters, Morgan and Alleson Rupp, Paisley and Kalia Elrod all of Lakeland, FL

Visitation Monday 11/23/15, 4-6:00 pm at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home
Serenity Gardens

3350 Mall Hill Drive Lakeland, FL 33810. Funeral service Tuesday 11/24/15, 2:30pm at the funeral home chapel. Burial to follow at Socrum Cemetery in Lakeland

Cemetery Details

Socrum Cemetery

3125 Socrum Loop Rd
Lakeland, FL 33810

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

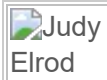
Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
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Tribute Wall

 Judy
Elrod

“ Well Baby everyday gets harder 💔💔💔💔💔. The loss I have is unexplainable. You were truly my *EVERYTHING* 🥺

Judy Elrod - January 08, 2016 at 10:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tony Eugene Elrod Sr..

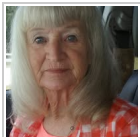


November 23, 2015 at 09:54 AM

 Cathy
Jones

“ One of my most favorite memories of Tony was the last fishing trip he, Bobby Joe and I had! We laughed so much and shared memories of our dads as we watched the gators, carefully might I add, and caught a load of fish! His smile and laugh were infectious and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Love you Tony! Thanks so much for being such a wonderful and wacky addition to our family. Cathy Jones, one of your fishing buddies.

Cathy Jones - November 23, 2015 at 09:14 AM



“ *My what a wonderful man. Tony was the greatest man, a wonderful husband to Judy, a Great father to Gene and Alisha. He loved his granddaughters so very much. He was a true family man. I have known him for so many years and I love him like a brother. He fought so hard and so long not to leave them alone and to be with his family. God bless them and give them strength to go on, I know it won't be easy but he will be watching over them and they will always have him in their hearts. I will miss him too. Love to all the family... Patti Johnson*

Patti Johnson - November 23, 2015 at 07:57 AM

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“ *My love and prayers to you all today, God took another angel, I know he will be missed such a trooper he was and all the memories he left.*



Leneda - November 23, 2015 at 06:26 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Tony Eugene Elrod Sr..*



November 22, 2015 at 10:23 PM

SG

“ A wonderful man who loved his family so much. I loved next door to them when I was four, Gene was still in diapers. I grew up with them and was treated as a part of the family. They took me to the races with them and I was always over there. When I got older and married we hunted with them. When I had children of my own they treated them as their grand kids, They loved their Tone, especially Bailee. She spent as much time with them as she did at home. I have such fond memories of him, and you all! I love y'all and my heart breaks. Prayers continued!

Shelly, Mike, Bailee & Dakota Glawson - November 22, 2015 at 08:41 PM

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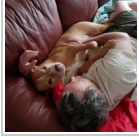
“ We have had many great years knowing tony and his family it has been a pleasure of knowing them it sure want be the same and there is no other man around like him R.I.P tony me and lee smith send the family r condolences

Kathy smith - November 22, 2015 at 08:32 PM

VI

“ He laughed and he loved,,,and he fought so so hard. We first met Big Daddy and his family on our family vacation many years ago. Within a couple of years, our vacation family grew to some 20 families. We kept in touch over the years and always looked forward to our time together. Tony was a strong man, loved and respected by many. We watched him fight cancer for 11 years with a positive attitude through his children getting married and the birth of grandchildren. He had a wonderful capacity for unconditional love. God has a new angel.

Vicki - November 22, 2015 at 07:02 PM



“ *TONY ELROD: A man I have known pretty much my entire life, A Finer; more honest, caring, loving, hunting, fishing, racing straight up man you'll NEVER find. My memories with Tony in the woods, on the water, at the track are best described as Awesome, Never to forget events. Tony's zest for life was one of a kind, He feared nothing and welcomed a challenge anytime, anywhere. A true legend around Kathleen and all north Lakeland for not just his skills with cars and engines but for his example of what a real family man is. His wife, kids, grandkids, all kids was his life and he loved them all. This man will surely be missed by any and all who ever knew him, me included. My thoughts and prayers are with the family now as they struggle to cope with what lays ahead. BIG "T" rest in peace my friend. Randy Jacobs.*

Randy Jacobs - November 22, 2015 at 06:41 PM

DM

“ *Judy I m at loss for words,prayers for you ,gene and Alisha love you*

deedra mcclelland - November 22, 2015 at 05:50 PM