



Elie Franklin Wells

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Eli Wells, age 79 of Centerville, passed away on September 1, 2025 at Oakwood Specialty Care in Albia.

Eli was born on July 8, 1946 the son of Clifford and Florene (Morrow) Wells. Sometime after school Eli joined and served his country faithfully in the United States Army. He was honorably discharged on March 24, 1971.

The simple things in life are what mattered most to Eli. His daughters Tammy and Janet were his pride and joy. Eli dedicated 32 years to Appanoose County, operating a road grader and driving a rock truck, retiring in 2003. He loved to tinker in his garage. He also loved to be out in his garden, and sharing produce with his friends any chance he got.

Eli enjoyed his daily trip to Gordie's to check out what is going on throughout the community. He was also a member of the Eagles.

Eli is survived by his daughters, Tammy Cassady and Janet (Darin) Westhoff; grandchildren, Taylor (Slater) Thompson, Davis (Alexa) Westhoff; great-grandson, Newt Thompson; siblings, Rosalie (Don) Stevens and John Wells, along with several nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Eli is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jerry (Peggy) Wells; sisters, Kathy Hill, Emma Mericle, and Barb Garr. Per wishes, cremation has been accorded. A graveside service will be held at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Cincinnati, Iowa on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 10:00AM with Larry Bettis officiating. Military rites will be present at graveside.

Memorials may be made to Furever Friends Rescue, and can be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Wells Family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.thomasfh.com or www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome.



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AH

Amy And Everett Harper posted:

Eli was a kind man with a genuine heart. I'd come to work in the mornings at Gordie's Bar and he be sitting at the machine gambling. I ask, are ya winning Eli? He'd say, this damn thing isn't being so kind right now! Rest easy my friend. You sure are gonna be missed at Gordie's Bar. Spread your wings and fly High.

September 4 at 7:00 PM

PT

Patricia Titler lit a candle in honor of Elie.

My Uncle was a quiet man but he loved talking about his grandchildren and his two daughters. Eli enjoyed gardening and canning. You always felt welcomed to his home. Some times you may show up when he would be making spaghetti in his Instant pot or fried potatoes with onions and he would always offer you some. Uncle Eli enjoyed visiting with his sister Rosalie when she stopped out and got tomatoes. I will miss his smile and chuckles. RIP my Uncle Eli. Tell family in heaven I said hello.



September 3 at 7:00 PM

ES

Everett And Anita Saldana lit a candle in honor of Elie.



September 3 at 7:00 PM

ER

Estanislao And Jayne Ruiz posted:

Eli was a loving father and taught you to be a great women wife , mother and better now a grandmother. He will live in you heart forever

September 3 at 7:00 PM

PW

Pamela Winegarden posted:

Tammy, so sorry for your loss. We love you and thinking of you. Prayers Aunt Pam and Uncle Richard



September 2 at 7:00 PM



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A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Eli Wells posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Thomas - Centerville

September 2 at 7:00 PM



Regina Gooden lit a candle in honor of Elie.



September 2 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Elie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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