

Active Pallbearers

Sherell Eldridge
Lester Eldridge
Anthony Bradford
Larry Friels

Corey Prater
Ricky Hayes
Dewayne Turner
Desmond Eldridge

Honorary Pallbearers

Travis Prater
Jason Prater, Sr.
Damien Prater
Mark Eldridge
Leroy Jones
Marquelle Prater

Ronnie Eldridge
Ronnie Heggarr
Edward Eldridge
Leon Eldridge, III
Donald Eldridge
Jason Prater Jr.

The Family would like to express a heartfelt "Thank You" to All Saints Hospice service for the compassion during this time. Thanks to all family, and friends who have shown kindness during this time of bereavement.

Repast:

D's Place 659 Indian Bayou Road Cottonport La 71327



A Celebration Of Life

Sunrise
August 6, 1955



Sunset
September 4, 2025

Weeping may endure for a night but Joy cometh in the morning Psalm 30:5

Melvin Ray Eldridge

Reverend Greg Jackson officiating

Funeral Services:
Escude Funeral Home Mansura, La

Viewing with services to follow at
Christian Family Worship Center
7691 LA 107 Mansura, La 71350

Saturday September 13, 2025 8:30 am - 10:45 am

A MOMENT IN HIS LIFE

Melvin was born August 6, 1955 in Pineville, La to the late Lillie Mae and Leon Eldridge Sr. On September 4, 2025 God called our loving angel home to eternal rest at 4:35 pm in his residence.

At an early age Melvin accepted Christ and was baptized at Morning Star Baptist Church. Later in life he moved his membership to First Evening Star Baptist Church where he served as a devoted and faithful member even singing in the choir. Melvin was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, nephew, cousin and friend.

He was preceded in death by his father Leon Eldridge Jr., mother Lillie Mae Eldridge, brother Ronald Eldridge and sister Irma Jean Eldridge.

Melvin was united in holy matrimony to Peggy Ann Prater Eldridge. 4 children were apart of this union. Melvin leaves to cherish his memories with his wife Peggy Ann Prater Eldridge, (1) daughter Jessica Prater (Lee Tezno) (3) sons Travis Prater, Jason (Jessica)Prater, Sr. and Damien (Thelma) Prater all of Cottonport, La. (1) sister Barbara (Cornelius) Harrison of Cottonport, LA; (3) brothers Daniel Eldridge of Cottonport, LA, Leon Eldridge, III. of Stafford, Va, Edward (Alma) Eldridge of Memphis, TN. (17) grandchildren, (6) great-grandchildren, (2) god children Corey Prater and Erica Prater, (3) children he took in as his own Dewayne Turner, Kanisha Prater and Donta Prater and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

PROCESSIONAL

Pastor/Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Greg Jackson

SELECTION

Tim Gaspard

SCRIPTURE

Appointee

Old Testament

New Testament

PRAYER

Appointee

SELECTION

Well Done

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Edward Eldridge

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/OBITUARY

Tiffany Gaines

SELECTION

Walk Around Heaven

EULOGY

Rev. Greg Jackson

FINAL VIEWING

RECESSIONAL

Shepard of the Hill