

# Order of Service

Presiding /Pastor Cynthia Jones

Prelude .....Elsey Music Ensemble  
 Processional..... Clergy & Family  
 Opening Selection ..... Precious Lord Take My Hand  
 Prayer of Consolation ..... Elder Lawrence Purnell

### Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament- Psalm 27 1-6  
 New Testament. St. John 14 1-6

Acknowledgments of Cards..... Sister Michelle Miles  
 Reading of Obituary..... Sister Michelle Miles  
 Words of Comfort..... Visiting Clergy  
 Reflections ..... Family and Friends  
 Selection..... Elsey Music Ensemble  
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 Eulogy..... Pastor Eugene Nichols  
 Selection..... Elsey Music Ensemble  
 Recessional..... Clergy and Family

### Interment

August 25, 2023 10:00 am  
**Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery**  
 Hurlock, MD

*As a safety precaution while in the funeral procession, please turn on your headlights, flashers and buckle your seat belts*

## Palbearers

I'wuan Jackson Isaac Mills  
 Gabriel Mills Robert Elsey  
 Lamont Whaley Daniel Elsey



## Appreciation

The family of the late **Ralph Isaac Elsey Sr.** would like to acknowledge all the acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended during our time of bereavement.  
 May God Bless You All!

MINISTRY OF COMFORT PROVIDED BY:

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# In Loving Memory



## Ralph Isaac Elsey Sr.

Sunrise August 31, 1929 ~ Sunset August 10, 2023

## Service

Thursday August 24, 2023  
 7:00 pm

**Elsey United Methodist Church**

Bivalve, Maryland  
 Rev. Eugene Nichols Officiating Pastor

# Obituary

Ralph Isaac Elsey Sr. was born August 31, 1929, in Salisbury, Maryland he was the son of the late Dr. Arthur Brown and the late Mable Roberts (Gale) He attended public schools in Wicomico County.

Ralph later joined the United States Army and served time in the Korean War. He owned and operated a trucking company, Elsey & Sons and drove tractor trailer for over 55 years and was known as Axe Handle (CB Handle). Ralph was a long-time member of Elsey United Methodist Church and served as a Trustee for eight (8) years and then became a "Honorary Trustee." He was fondly known as the Mayor of Jesterville until his time was needed on a higher level.

On September 11, 1951, Ralph married Thressa Johnson, who preceded him in death. He was married to Thressa Mable Elsey for 62 years. They were blessed with seven 7 children of which one preceded him in death Ralph Jr.

Ralph leaves to cherish fond memories with his children: Gloria Jean (Ruth), Pamela, Deborah, Wendy Davis (Robert), Teresa Slade (Bernard), and Robert; one sister, Roysetta Parsons; a brother-in-law, Hughes Wright (Susie), 2 special friends: Alfred and Martina Lipperini, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and many friends.

In addition to his children, Ralph was preceded in death by siblings: Vincent (Sonny) Elsey and Susie Gale Wright. He was fondly called "Pop-Pop" by 20 + grandchildren, 30+ great and great-great grandchildren, and "Uncle Ralph" by his many nieces and nephews.

Ralph will be remembered for his conversations about his trucking career and all that he experienced during that time. He will also be remembered for the love he had for his community and his involvement with improvements throughout the community.

On Wednesday, August 10, 2023, at 3:30 pm, our unforgettable father, brother, nephew, uncle, cousin, grandfather, great grandfather, great-great grandfather, and friend was called home and is now in Heaven giving orders.



# Precious Memories



## *I Made it Home*

*I just wanted to let you know  
that I made it home.*

*The journey wasn't an easy one,  
but it didn't take too long.*

*Everything is so pretty here, so white,  
so fresh and new*

*I wish that you could close your eyes and that  
you could see it too.*

*Please try not to be sad for me.*

*Try to understand God is taking care of me.....  
I'm in the shelter of His hands.*

*Here there is no sadness,*

*no sorrow, and no pain.*

*Here there is no crying  
and I'll never hurt again.*

*Here it is so peaceful when all of the angels  
sing. I really have to go now.....*

*I've just got*

*to try my wings.*