



Theodore Eldridge

March 22, 1957 - November 5, 2021

Theodore "Teddy" Marshall Eldridge, Age 64, Of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Passed Away On Friday, November 5, 2021. Mr. Eldridge Was Born On March 22, 1957, In Monterey, Tennessee, To The Late Oliver Lee And Etta Ruby Gaines Eldridge. Mr. Eldridge Was A Truck Driver. He Is Survived By 2 Sisters, Doris Tharp Of Louisville, KY, Mary Welch Of Chattanooga, TN; 2 Brothers, Boone Eldridge Of Cookeville, TN, Noah Jerry Eldridge Of Chattanooga, TN. In Addition To His Parents, He Was Preceded In Death By His Brother, Perry Eldridge. Arrangements And Care Provided By D.M. Goff Funeral Home, 205 East Cleveland Avenue, Monterey, Tennessee 38574, Phone, 931.839.2311.

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“ *Theodore Eldridge*

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“ For many of you, you have never met nor heard of my Uncle Teddy. Reasons of why are many, yet the biggest was when he returned from serving our country, he had many demons that haunted him day in and day out. My first memory of him, he was at my parents house, he was talking about things we had never heard, that myself nor siblings had any idea what he was saying. When we saw this at an early age, we wasn't really sure why he was like this, my family joked and said, "he's crazy", left it at that. My memory of him as a child was him arguing with President Ronald Reagan and talking as if he was there, yet it was he TV he was talking to. Shortly after that, he was divorced, he traveled the United States, non of the family ever knew if he was alive, dead or where he would be sleeping, yet let me remind you that is what he wanted. He did not have interaction with people, if he had, I could imagine it could go really bad very quickly. When my grandfather passed, I do not recall if he was there, at those times, the bodies could be in the home instead of funeral homes until the burial. When my grandmother passed, we tried to locate him with no success, we went forward with plans and he wasn't aware she was gone. One day passing through Monterey, his FIRST STOP was always to see my grandmother in the nursing facility, that day he found out she was no longer there and had passed. Oddly, we would go occasionally to Anderson Cemetery and find a single rose which had been placed on her grave, which would be dead because someone had put it on days, weeks or months prior. There would ALWAYS be one there, single rose like you buy at a gas station, WE ALWAYS KNEW IT WAS FROM UNCLE TEDDY. My biggest, most loving, caring memory I have with him still stands out above many, even those of my family that I saw so much, has nothing on MY LAST MEMORY AND SEEING HIM, I still cry today knowing he had a part of him that very few or maybe nobody but me saw in tis man. I was going through a very painful time in my life, I was at my parents home, they had left and I did not want to go being afraid that I would break down if I seen certain things... this wonderful man that I had always been taught that was crazy came to the door, knocked and told me to eat, he had an extra that he had prepared somehow knowing I was inside.

He fixed a steak, potato and salad for me!!! It is amazing how that one man COULD COOK ON AN OPEN FIRE, COULD MAKE A MEAL BETTER THAN ANYONE COULD IN THEIR 5 STAR KITCHEN. That was the last time I saw him, 2002. I had a family member to contact me to ask my husband to give him a job, he did, he never showed up. I was somewhat scared, excited, unsure what to feel, yet I was going to see him again to tell him I recall him being that person who showed me generosity and I would be able to say thank you one more time, because I had not forgotten, nor will I ever!!! I saw the man that NONE OF MY FAMILY MEMBERS NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO..... my heart breaks, yet I know that he isn't on the streets, not sleeping in his car. He yet did not want to be inside, he loved the way he traveled and never was tied to one location, full of mystery, full of things that most will never see the way HE DID THROUGH HIS PERCEPTION. Thank you Uncle Teddy, Angie Eldridge Baisley

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