



## Maynard Jay Elder

May 16, 1938 - November 8, 2022

Maynard Jay Elder a lifelong Grand Ledge resident passed away unexpectedly on November 8, 2022. Maynard was born May 16, 1938 in Grand Ledge to the late Thomas and Mildred (Walford) Elder. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1956 and immediately went to work for General Motors in November of 1956 as Tool & Die Maker, retiring after 40 years on December 31, 1996. Maynard love to hunt and fish. After retirement, he started making wood crafts that he would sell at local arts and crafts shows. For many years, Maynard waited to hear a knock on his front door and the person on the other side proclaim that he was the “Publishers Clearing House Winner”. He loved his family and looked forward to spending time with them, especially during special occasions and holidays.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barbara (Wisniewski); sons, Jack (Diane) Elder and Dave (Heather) Elder; grandchildren, Danny Holmes, Justin Elder, Dylan Elder, Madison Elder, Michael (Christina) Bellner, Amber (Matt) Key, Kayla Elder and Derek Elder; several great great grandchildren; sister, Judy (Theron) Unrath along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Maynard was preceded in death by infant daughter, Sarah M. Elder; step-dad, Harold Rathbun; sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara (Kenneth) Clemens and Joan (Al) Putman and brother and sister-in-law, Paul (Sharon) Elder.

No service is planned at this time. Memorial contributions in Maynard’s name may be given to the Alzheimer’s Association, Michigan Chapter, 25200 Telegraph Road, Suite 100, Southfield, Michigan 48033 (<https://www.alz.org/g>

mc?form=alz\_donate). Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)

# Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Dave Elder sent a virtual gift in memory of Maynard Elder* ”



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**Dave Elder** - May 21 at 04:15 PM

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“ *Dave Elder sent a virtual gift in memory of Maynard Elder* ”



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**Dave Elder** - January 01 at 09:55 AM

HE

“ *Hard to believe you have been gone for 3 years. Still miss you as much as ever. Love you!* ”



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**Heather Elder** - November 08, 2025 at 09:39 AM

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“ Dave Elder sent a virtual gift in memory of Maynard Elder



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Dave Elder - July 28, 2025 at 09:57 PM

DE

“ Happy birthday Jack I hope you're doing well up in heaven enjoying your peace forever tell your dad and everyone I said hi happy happy birthday miss you so much love you



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Diane R Elder - July 15, 2025 at 06:31 PM

DE

“ Well I guess I posted a week early you deserve it you deserve every day to be Father's day love you much happy early Father's day LOL tell Jack I said hi I miss him so much it's still really hard without him here

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Diane R Elder - June 08, 2025 at 05:41 PM

DE

“ Happy Father's Day Dad I miss you Maynard so much I miss your voice I miss hearing you telling me it's okay to call everyday if I want tell everybody I said hi I love you much Happy Father's Day

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Diane R Elder - June 08, 2025 at 05:40 PM

DE

“ Happy birthday Maynard..thinking of you always .love you Dad!!



Diane R Elder - May 16, 2025 at 09:57 AM

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“ Diane R Elder sent a virtual gift in memory of Maynard Elder



Diane R Elder - April 09, 2025 at 12:11 PM

DE

“ It's been a long year here without you Jack..I miss you so much..but I'm glad you're not in any pain..I watch the night sky's and the morning sunrise..I know both was your favorite..LYSAW ...Diane



Diane R Elder - February 12, 2025 at 09:19 AM

DE

“ Thinking of you today as always..say hi to Barb and Jack for me..🙏



Diane R Elder - January 28, 2025 at 04:41 PM

DE

“ Dave Elder lit a candle in memory of Maynard Elder



Dave Elder - December 24, 2024 at 04:06 PM

DE

“ Happy Thanksgiving Jack and Maynard I'm sure you guys are having a feast in heaven  
♥️miss you everyday love you much NEVER FORGET ALL THE TIMES TOGETHER ♥️🙏  
♥️



Diane Elder - November 28, 2024 at 11:40 AM

DE

“ Diane R Elder sent a virtual gift in memory of Maynard Elder



Diane R Elder - November 19, 2024 at 04:48 PM

DE

“ A boat ride in the skies Jack and Maynard miss y'all so much



Diane R Elder - November 19, 2024 at 04:39 PM

JE

“ Meet the family.  
Maynard, Paul, Joan, Judy.



Jennifer - September 07, 2024 at 02:35 PM

ME

“ Like father, like Son. Miss and love you both  
everyday. ❤️❤️❤️



madison elder - August 12, 2024 at 10:57 PM

DE

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Diane R Elder - July 15, 2024 at 03:05 PM

DE

“ Happy birthday Jack .so missed  
everyday..thinking of you always..love Diane



Diane R Elder - July 15, 2024 at 03:04 PM

DE

“ *This candle is being lit for Maynard and Jack..as they fly high above and watch us all*



Diane elder - June 24, 2024 at 12:51 AM

DE

“ *Diane elder lit a candle in memory of Maynard Elder*



Diane elder - June 24, 2024 at 12:31 AM

HE

“ *Happy Father's Day Maynard. Love and miss you!*



Heather Elder - June 16, 2024 at 03:14 PM

DE

“ *Happy Father's Day Dad..thinking of you today and remembering our phone calls ..miss the jokes ..always made me laugh.. I'm sure heaven is brighter since you arrived 🧡*



Diane R Elder - June 16, 2024 at 07:44 AM

HE

“ Celebrating your birthday! Wish us luck! Love and miss you bunches 💖.



Heather Elder - May 16, 2024 at 07:53 PM

DE

*I feel the same.. something about the way Maynard said "love ya girl"*



Diane R Elder - June 08, 2024 at 11:40 AM

HE

“ Happy Birthday! What I wouldn't give to hear love ya girl one more time. Love you!

Heather Elder - May 16, 2024 at 11:08 AM

DE

*Me too . 💖 love ya girl*

Diane elder - June 24, 2024 at 12:21 AM

DE

“ Happy Birthday Maynard ( Dad ).. Have a nice day in heaven with Jack and all others.. Thinking of you daily..love your daughter.. Diane



Diane R Elder - May 16, 2024 at 07:48 AM

DE

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Dave Elder - May 13, 2024 at 04:29 PM

DE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Diane R Elder - April 07, 2024 at 04:32 AM

DE

“ Diane Elder lit a candle in memory of Maynard Elder



Diane R Elder - March 08, 2024 at 01:57 AM

RH

“ Miss you buddy

Ryan Holland - February 18, 2024 at 05:37 PM

DE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dave Elder - February 17, 2024 at 02:28 AM

DE

“ Dave lit a candle in memory of Maynard Elder



Dave Elder - February 17, 2024 at 02:16 AM

DE

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Dave Elder - February 17, 2024 at 02:13 AM

DE

Dad and son in heaven together..missing both 🥹❤️

Diane R Elder - March 08, 2024 at 01:59 AM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**madison** - December 15, 2023 at 12:26 PM

DE

*Believe this was grandpas birthday down in Florida, I was really young but I think dad scheduled a charter for they could go out*

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**Dylan Elder** - March 08, 2024 at 10:00 PM

DE

“ *Just on my mind..*



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**Diane R Elder** - December 03, 2023 at 12:09 AM

DE

“ *Diane Elder lit a candle in memory of Maynard Elder*



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**Diane R Elder** - November 08, 2023 at 05:53 PM

DE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Dave Elder** - November 06, 2023 at 11:39 AM

DE

“ David Elder lit a candle in memory of Maynard Elder



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**David Elder** - November 06, 2023 at 11:14 AM

DE

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



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**David Elder** - November 06, 2023 at 11:11 AM

MA

“ Grandpa would always end a phone call with “Bye for now” I have never in my life heard someone say that, until him. He was very wise and taught me many things, we miss you everyday Grandpa. We Love you.



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**madison** - November 01, 2023 at 02:22 PM

DI

“ Diane sent a virtual gift in memory of Maynard Elder



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**Diane** - November 01, 2023 at 01:25 AM

DI

“ Diane sent a virtual gift in memory of Maynard Elder



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**Diane** - October 21, 2023 at 06:18 AM

DI

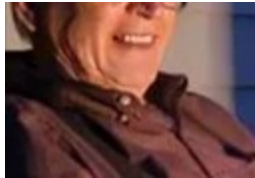
“ We used to stand at the stove and try to stir the chocolate till it was at that perfect temperature.. LAUGHING ALL THE WAY THRU IT.. AND THEN HE WOULD SAY DON'T GIVE UP NOW GIRL WE'RE GOING TO MAKE Peanut butter fudge too...



Diane - October 21, 2023 at 06:08 AM

DE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Diane R Elder - August 31, 2023 at 03:19 PM

DE

“ Diane Elder sent a virtual gift in memory of Maynard Elder



Diane R Elder - August 31, 2023 at 01:43 AM

DE

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Dave Elder - July 23, 2023 at 02:16 PM

DE

“ Dave sent a virtual gift in memory of Maynard Elder



Dave Elder - July 23, 2023 at 02:06 PM

DI

“ So missed  NEVER FORGOTTEN 



Diane - July 09, 2023 at 05:03 AM

DE

“ Dave lit a candle in memory of Maynard Elder



Dave Elder - July 01, 2023 at 06:44 PM

DI

Thinking of Dad EVERY DAY

Diane - July 09, 2023 at 04:41 AM

DI

Thank u .. Amen

Diane - July 09, 2023 at 04:55 AM

DA

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Dave - July 01, 2023 at 12:14 PM

DI

*I love all the pictures.. Hard to look at but I do..I thank u Dave Elder for sharing.. I know it's hard..I DO SO UNDERSTAND.. SUCKS.. BUT. it is what he wanted it to be. So.. MYA YA DAD. SO MUCH. I MISS THAT ONE LITTLE PHONE CALL THAT WOULD MAKE YOU EVERY COUPLE WEEKS WHERE WE YOU WOULD ANSWER AND YOU WOULD SAY HEY GIRL HOW YOU DOING I MISS THAT SO MUCH I HOPE YOU'RE RESTING WELL REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND ( DAD) THE ONLY DAD I KNOW*

Diane - July 09, 2023 at 04:46 AM

DE

“ Thinking of u today and all the Father's Day times we shared.. Missing you daily..R.I.P Dad....



Diane R Elder - June 18, 2023 at 09:53 AM

DI

“ R.I.P. Dad..just had to give you another candle. Trying to light the way for ya . 🙏💜🙏  
💜



Diane - June 05, 2023 at 07:53 AM

DI

“ *Diane lit a candle in memory of Maynard Elder*



Diane - June 05, 2023 at 07:48 AM

DE

“ *Happy Birthday Maynard.. NEVER forgotten*  
🙏



Diane R Elder - May 16, 2023 at 01:51 PM

DE

“ *Diane Elder lit a candle in memory of Maynard Elder*



Diane R Elder - May 16, 2023 at 01:49 PM

DE

“ *Happy Birthday my friend..(dad) Today is a lil strange cause I can't call u.. however I've been singing happy birthday to you most of the day I hope you could hear me I got a little loud LOL I miss you so much rest in peace Maynard you are so missed but so happy you are where you want to be go eat some cake with the angels in heaven and I'll see you again someday I promise*

Diane R Elder - May 16, 2023 at 01:49 PM

DL

“ Woke up this morning and first thing on my mind was you Maynard..I still hear yr voice in my head telling me "love ya girl I know yet making all the other Angels laugh..fly high..till I see u again..🙏❤️🙏”

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**Diane ( daughter in law)** - April 11, 2023 at 07:11 AM

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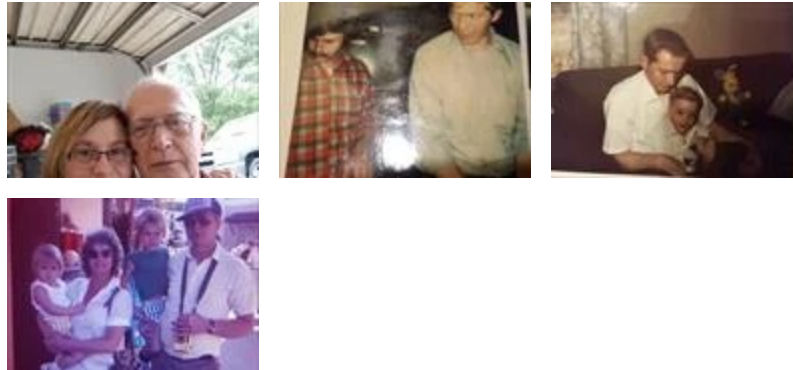
“ Still thinking every day of u Maynard..miss calling u ..hearing your voice and u always made me laugh...R.I.P. FLY with the angels..see u one day again..

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**Diane elder** - March 10, 2023 at 12:31 AM

HE

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall

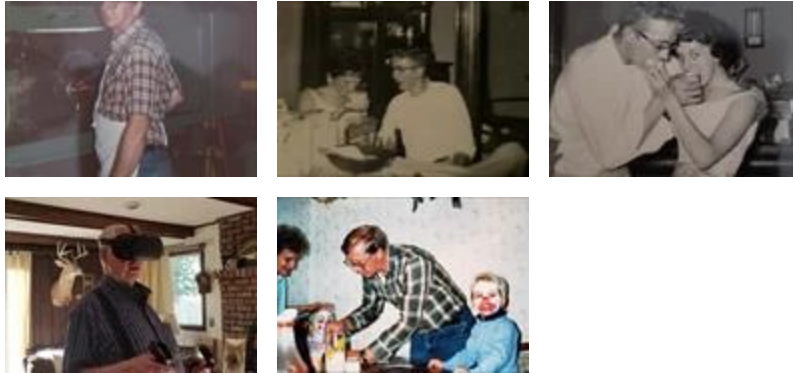


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**Heather Elder** - November 14, 2022 at 05:55 PM

HE

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Heather Elder - November 12, 2022 at 08:07 PM

TC

“ He was one of my favorite uncles and turned me onto my love of motorcycles. When I was young he would come over and take me for rides. My wife and I enjoyed riding over and visiting with him and Aunt Barb. He will be greatly missed

Thomas Clemens - November 12, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of Maynard's passing. His family were childhood neighbors to mine and Maynard was always willing to help my parents as they aged whenever needed.  
Rest In Peace.

Vicki Hunter - November 11, 2022 at 02:29 PM