



## Jerry Wayne Elwell

March 2, 1952 - February 14, 2015

### Jerry Wayne Elwell

Age 62, of Braidwood, IL passed away Saturday, February 14, 2015 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home in Joliet, IL. Born March 2, 1952 in Salem, IL. Graduate of Wilmington High School, class of 1970. Jerry was formerly employed for twenty-two years at Durkee's Foods in Elwood where he was a former union President and Steward. Owner of Braceville Auto in Braceville for the past eleven years. Member of the First Christian Church in Wilmington, IL. Jerry was a drag racing enthusiast and enjoyed building cars. He was a former instructor for Hot Rodders of Tomorrow.

Surviving are his wife Betty (nee Hooppaw) Elwell of Braidwood, whom he married March 25, 1972 in Kankakee, IL; two daughters, Cheryl Ann Elwell of Braidwood and Trisha Ann (Shane) DeLaRosa of Braidwood; one granddaughter, Olivia Grace DeLaRosa; mother, Grace (nee Winegarner) Elwell of Wilmington; sister, Diann (Jim) Heck of Wilmington; nephew, Matthew Heck; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Preceding him death were his father, Charles Elwell; and one brother, Robert Elwell.

Funeral services will be at the First Christian Church in Wilmington, Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Dallas Henry will officiate.

Interment will follow in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

The visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel, Wednesday, February 18 from 5-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his name may be directed to the Joliet Area Community Hospice. For more information and to visit his online guestbook please log on to [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory.

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# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery-Wilmington

P.O. Box 775 700 Williams Street  
Located at the intersection of Williams and  
Oak Street  
Wilmington, IL 60481

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com  
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## Service

FEB 19. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

First Christian Church-Wilmington  
1824 Church Street  
Wilmington, IL 60481

# Tribute Wall

PO

“ *RIP. Knew Jerry when I lived in the Lorenzo area. I believe he worked with me in HS at either Stuckey's or Hickory Creek. He was a nice guy and a fellow car nut.*

Pat O'Brien - March 24, 2015 at 10:00 PM

RS

“ *We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Our deepest condolences to the family. Jerry will be missed by many*

Rick and Loretta Stevens - February 23, 2015 at 05:48 PM

DH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Diann Heck - February 19, 2015 at 02:37 PM

CT

“ *We're so sorry for your loss. Jerry was a wonderful and caring man and we will miss him dearly. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*



Cheryl & Don Tvrz - February 19, 2015 at 06:26 AM

PK

“ Rip classmate, my prayers and thoughts go out to Jerry's family. He was always a quiet and pleasant person .Cherrish all the wonderful memories. Hugs to you all.  
*Pam Davis Kammann class of 1970*



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**pamela davis kammann** - February 18, 2015 at 06:21 PM

LL

“ so sorry for your loss we were neighbors while growing up rest in peace

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**linda lyday** - February 18, 2015 at 05:01 PM

KL

“ Jerry you will be greatly missed, may you rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers to the Elwell Family.

*Leroy and Kathy Lissy.*

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**Kathy Lissy** - February 18, 2015 at 02:39 PM

BE

“ Jerry was my dependable mechanic while running Braceville Auto. And my dog Shadow like going up to the shop. Hoping your family can remember you fondly and know that you'll always be in their hearts. Sincerely, Becky Evans

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**Becky Evans** - February 18, 2015 at 08:13 AM

TD

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Trisha DeLaRosa** - February 18, 2015 at 07:54 AM

TD

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**Trisha DeLaRosa** - February 18, 2015 at 07:52 AM

JP

“ *Such a kind sweet soul!!!! Thanks for always being there when our family needed you!!*

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**julie preisch** - February 18, 2015 at 05:58 AM

TT

“ For 43 years, you have been my Brother-In-Law, since I was 4 years old. You became more of a Brother than an in-law, You accepted me and accepted Jeff into the family.

You will be missed greatly and never forgotten. Every time I see a racing car or vintage car, I will smile..... Cars were one of your favorite passions.

Rest in Peace and pain free.

Thomas Lindsey Hooppaw & Jeff Tiritilli



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Thomas Lindsey Hooppaw/Jeff Tiritilli - February 17, 2015 at 06:59 PM

MW

“ Jerry may you rest in peace. You were a wonderful man. May God bring peace to your family during this hard time. Jerry you have gotten your wings so fly high pain free my friend. It was an honor to know you. The Williams Family

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Maria Williams - February 17, 2015 at 04:01 PM

JB

“ Race in peace Jerry, you will be missed by many.

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Joshua Barbahen - February 17, 2015 at 02:47 PM

JB

“ Race in peace Jerry, you will be missed by many.

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Joshua Barbahen - February 17, 2015 at 02:47 PM

TB

“ Rest in peace my friend, you will be missed.



Tami Stanford Branum - February 17, 2015 at 12:38 PM

JM

“ R.I.P old buddy.

Jim McDowell - February 17, 2015 at 11:37 AM

CM

“ May you be at Peace Jerry you where a great guy and will missed by many



Candise Marshall - February 17, 2015 at 11:23 AM

KV

“ Kathy and Vicki purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerry Wayne Elwell.



Kathy and Vicki - February 17, 2015 at 10:50 AM