



Elton E. Ransler

May 27, 1940 - April 12, 2025

Elton Elmer Ransler, age 84, passed away on April 12, 2025. Elton was born on May 27, 1940 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Clarence and Irene Ransler. Elton graduated from Gobles Public Schools in 1959. He was the first in his family to attend college and proudly earned both his undergraduate degree and his master's degree in political science from Western Michigan University. Elton taught at Gobles Public Schools for 30 years.

Elton loved spending time in the water and one of his greatest joys was swimming in the family lake with his wife, Alice. He loved to drive the boat, waterski, and spend time walking in the woods. Teaching came naturally to Elton, and he gladly taught his sons and grandkids to enjoy the outdoors, to tow a trailer and drive a boat, to water ski, to drive tractors, run model trains, and operate an amateur radio.

Elton was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Clifford Ransler. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years Alice, and his sons, Brian (Amy) Ransler, Paul Ransler as well as grandchildren, Nathaniel Pippin, James Ransler, Megan Ransler, and Trevor Ransler; sister, Shirley Hurley, and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 11:00am -1:00pm on Friday April 18, at Calvary Baptist Church in Gobles. A funeral ceremony will be held following visitation at 1:00pm. Burial to take place at Kendall Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to WMUK Public Radio or Calvary Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Kendall Cemetery

CR 653 and CR 388
Kendall, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
403 E. Van Buren
Gobles, MI

Funeral Service

APR 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
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Gobles, MI

Tribute Wall

LR

“ *Lynne (Baas) Rouch lit a candle in memory of Elton E. Ransler*



Lynne (Baas) Rouch - April 22, 2025 at 10:50 AM

SK

“ *Susan DeVries Kridler lit a candle in memory of Elton E. Ransler*



Susan DeVries Kridler - April 17, 2025 at 10:28 AM

CS

“ *Elton was such a Dear Sweet Friend... I've known him for 61 years, that's a GOLDEN friend! My sincere condolences to Alice and sons, Brian and Paul and families.. please know that I share in your loss, he was a very special person!*



We met as Strangers, we left as Friends, Someday, we shall meet again in Heaven, Where Friendship never ends... R.I.P. Elton, I'll forever cherish your memory! Candy Shields, Branson, Missouri

Candy Shields - April 16, 2025 at 09:02 AM



Mr Randle was my teacher in 12th grade. He was one of the kindest, most caring teachers I ever had. H was one of my favorite teachers. He was very special and truly cared about the kids and teaching kids to give them knowledge to help them succeed in life. I'll never forget you Mr. Ransler. Thank you. Lori Henson Hunt. Gobles, MI

Lori Hunt - April 16, 2025 at 06:09 PM

VS

“ *Vicky Souza lit a candle in memory of Elton E. Ransler*



Vicky Souza - April 15, 2025 at 04:55 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elton E. Ransler.*



April 15, 2025 at 04:44 PM

JD

“ *Jill (Bailey) Dwyer lit a candle in memory of Elton E. Ransler*



Jill (Bailey) Dwyer - April 15, 2025 at 02:59 PM

BR

“ 1 file added to the album Family



Brian - April 15, 2025 at 02:57 PM

CT

“ So sorry to learn Mr. Ransler has passed.
Sending prayers for support in your grieving.

Cindy Miles Town



Cindy Miles Town - April 15, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ Pam Smith lit a candle in memory of Elton E.
Ransler



Pam Smith - April 15, 2025 at 01:12 AM