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**M**r. Alva Leon Elder, 85, of Vandalia, IL passed away at 9:01am, October 12, 2012 at his home in Vandalia, IL.

A graveside service will be held for Mr. Elder at McInturff Cemetery, Hagarstown, IL on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 11:30 am with Rev. Joe Lawson officiating. Military Rites accorded at graveside by Crawford-Hale American Legion Post # 95, Vandalia, IL. A visitation will be held from 9-11 am, Wednesday morning at Hohlt & File Funeral Home prior to graveside service. Memorials may be made to 2nd Chance Animal Rescue or VFW Post #3862 Vandalia.

Mr. Elder was born July 29, 1927 in Mulberry Grove, the son of Henry and Ollie (Jackson) Elder. He married Reabert M. (Diveley) Elder on January 31, 1946 in Vandalia, IL. He served in the US Army during WWII. He was an avid fisherman and loved playing cards with his family.

He is survived by his wife Reabert of Vandalia; sons Eugene Elder and wife Phillis of Vandalia, IL, Danny Elder and wife Nina of Lemont, IL, Randy Elder and wife Martha of Mulberry Grove, IL, Michael Elder and wife Lisa of Vandalia, IL; daughters Jeanene and husband John Lever of Plainfield, IL, Carmen and special friend Levi Lape of Vandalia, IL; step son Harry Ellsworth of Sorento, IL; sisters Mary Willing and Helen Bone both of Vandalia, IL; 16 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild.



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He was preceded in death by parents; sons David and Stevie Elder; 1 brother; 4 sisters



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**Retta Evans** posted:

My deepest sympathies to you all. Sending prayers of comfort and strength during your time of need. I'm so very sorry for the loss of your loved one. Mr. Elder was a great man and helped many people over the years. He will truly be missed. Carmen, I'm so sorry I can't be there with you right now but please know you're in my heart and prayers.

March 29 at 3:13 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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