

## Elmer Lake Paris

Elmer Lake Paris was born October 28, 1935, at Laddonia, MO, to E.W. and Fontella (Lake) Paris. He farmed with his grandfather before joining the Army in 1955. While serving his country, he met the love of his life and best friend, Fern Potter, in Washington, DC. They were married in Laddonia, MO, on February 2, 1958. They lived in Laddonia for 14 years with their five children. Elmer was an over the road truck driver. They moved to Lead, SD, in 1972 where he worked a short time in the woods, hauled bentonite to Colony, WY, and drove for Black Hills Pack. In 1980, he started working for Homestake Mining Company as a hoist operator. He moved to Spearfish and retired in 1996. He went back to driving trucks until a car accident in December of 2005.

He enjoyed camping, hunting, motorcycle riding, going to coffee with friends, and being a Grandpa. His grandchildren were the light of his life. He was remembered as a Big Teddy Bear with a big heart and a sense of humor.

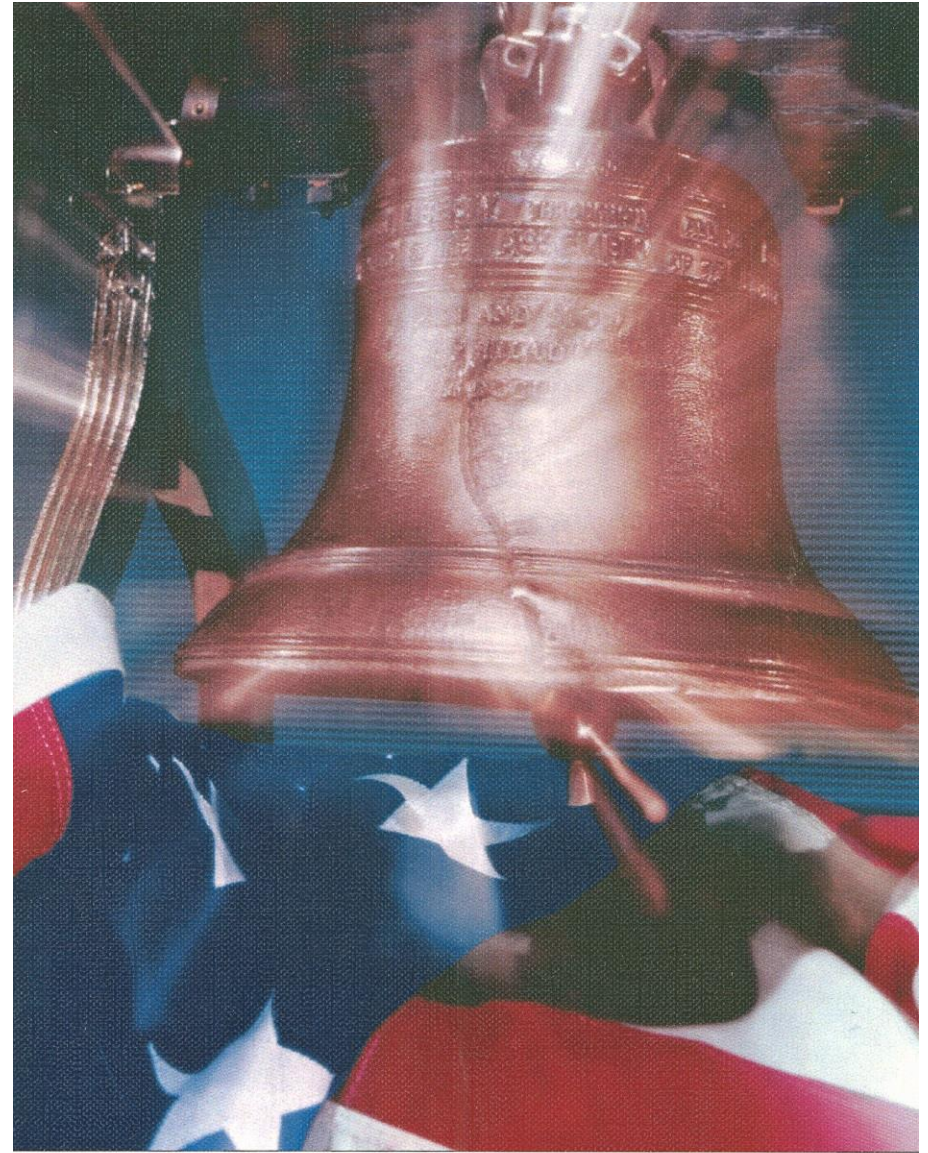
He was a member of Golden Star Masonic Lodge #9 A.F. and A.M., and a member of a coffee club at the Millstone Restaurant and Perkins in Spearfish.

Elmer, 77, Spearfish, died Saturday, March 23, 2013, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include his daughter, Effie (Randy) Oyler, Apache Junction, AZ; son, Deck Paris, Spearfish, SD; grandchildren, Nicole (Tyler) Oyler-Eble, Ashlyn Oyler, Randall (Donna) Oyler, and Stephanie Oyler, all of Arizona, and Natasha and Joshua Paris, Spearfish; three great-grandchildren, Asher Helsel and Jackson and Mackenna Eble, all of Arizona; sister-in-law, Elaine Buchholz, Stanton, ND; sister-in-law, Marcella (Wilbur) Potter, Rapid City, SD; many nieces and nephews; and very special friends, Jonny Summers, Heliena Schaub, Cindy Kursey, and Gary Richards and Linda, along with many good friends he made throughout the years.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Philinda; two sons, Elmer Jr. and Loren; his grandparents, Deck and Effie Lake; his mother, Fontella Williams; sister, Jane; daughter-in-law, Laval Paris; and his beloved wife, Fern. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



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*In Loving Memory Of*

***Elmer Lake Paris***

***Born***

October 28, 1935  
Loddonia, Missouri

***Died***

March 23, 2013  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Memorial Service***

Thursday, March 28, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

***Officiating***

Pastor Jenene Earl

***Musical Selections***

"How Great Thou Art"  
"The Old Rugged Cross"

***Inurnment***

At a later date  
Mt. Lawn Cemetery  
Lead, South Dakota

God saw he was getting tired  
and a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around him  
And whispered "come to Me."  
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer  
And saw him fade away  
Although we loved him dearly  
We could not make him stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating  
Hardworking hands to rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He takes the very best.