



## Elmer Willard Branstetter Jr.

July 29, 1943 - April 23, 2022

Elmer Willard Branstetter Jr., (aka: EW or Brandy), of Curryville, MO, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, died at the University of Missouri hospital, on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

All are invited to attend Memorial Services at New Harmony Christian Church, at 10 am, on Saturday April 30th. Family and close friends are welcome to attend the dinner and celebration of his life, in the church fellowship hall, following the service. Pastor Darin Clack will be officiating and Doug Storts will be providing music. Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

EW was born on July 29, 1943 to Elmer Willard Sr. and Nellie Mae Branstetter. He was raised in Curryville, MO. and baptized at the Vandalia First Christian Church. He was first married to Mary Irene Willis; they had four children together, Ricky Wayne Branstetter, Sherri Ann (Branstetter) Shaw, Troy Gene Branstetter, and Jeffrey Alan Branstetter.

EW later married his soul mate and fishing partner, Ramona Arlene Branstetter, welcoming her son, Jeffrey Robert Ansel, into the family. Mona and Brandy enjoyed 27 years of retirement together fishing by the lake and spoiling several lucky pets.

EW has five grandchildren, Lance Gabriel Shaw, Spencer Reid Branstetter, Branden Alan Branstetter, Cassie Elaine Branstetter, Alexander Gower Branstetter, and one Great Grandchild, Crillen Alan Branstetter.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ramona Arlene Branstetter, his parents, Elmer Willard Branstetter Sr. and Nellie Mae Branstetter, his son, Ricky Wayne Branstetter, and his grandson, Lance Gabriel Shaw.

EW was a graduate of Bowling Green High School. He served in the USN where he was assigned to one of the Navy's first guided cruise missile ships and participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis. He spent his 30-year work career with Orscheln / ABF Truck Lines

and served as a proud member of the Teamster Labor Union.

Brandy was passionate about music. His music career lasted over fifty years, playing in multiple bands including The Untouchables, Crossfires, C & R Session, and Patchwork Blu. He also shared his gift with senior citizens, ending his career with Doug on the OATS Bus Tour. His children appreciated and admired his musical talents.

One of his favorite artists, Merle Haggard, wrote a song, Silver Wings, that the family feels is an appropriate memory to share as we say our goodbyes. God Bless!

# Cemetery Details

## New Harmony Cemetery

Curryville, MO

# Previous Events

## Graveside Services

APR 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

New Harmony Christian Church  
Curryville, MO

# Tribute Wall

HS

“ *HPH General Services purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Elmer Willard Branstetter Jr..*



HPH General Services - April 29, 2022 at 01:57 PM

JE

“ *Prayers for you and your family at this time, Sherri.*

Janet R. Epperson - April 27, 2022 at 04:53 PM



“ *Adoring Heart was purchased for the family of Elmer Willard Branstetter Jr..*



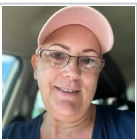
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ER

“ *Deepest Sympathy for the loss of a Special person... enjoyed so much playing music and singing with EW at the nursing homes and different events..gone from this life but never forgotten.... Peace and prayers to the family.....*



Ellen Roy - April 27, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ *Sending my condolences to Brandy's family. I enjoyed listening to Brandy play and talk about the day's he played for Crossfire. He enjoyed talking about his family and friends with Molly sitting on his lap. 💕🙏💕*

Lisa Terry - April 27, 2022 at 12:43 AM

DT

“ *My love, prayers and sympathy to the family. EW was an amazing talented man. I loved to hear him and Doug play. He will be greatly missed.*

Dawn Marie Turner - April 26, 2022 at 03:26 PM

JT

“ Jean Britton Trower lit a candle in memory of Elmer Willard Branstetter Jr.



Jean Britton Trower - April 25, 2022 at 11:06 PM

LN

“ LARRY AND NANCY NATION lit a candle in memory of Elmer Willard Branstetter Jr.



LARRY AND NANCY NATION - April 25, 2022 at 10:55 PM

LN

EW BECAME A MEMBER OF OUR THURMAN FAMILY BACK IN THE 50'S--WHEN HE BECAME FRIENDS WITH MY BROTHER-WAYNE--THERE WERE 3 E.W'S IN THEIR CLASS AT CURRYVILLE--E.W--BILL PETTEY--ALLAN STATON---TOM ROGERS WERE FREQUENT VISITORS IN OUR HOUSEHOLD FOR A LOT OF YEARS--HE ALSO CAME TO SEE WAYNE IN HIS LAST DAYS IN 2015--ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS --NAN AND LARRY--TOMMY NEWT--MARY'S FAMILY

LARRY AND NANCY NATION - April 25, 2022 at 11:08 PM

RN

“ So sorry to hear this .my condolences to the family,keep playing that Martin. RIP my friend.  
Ralph Niemeyer

Ralph Niemeyer - April 25, 2022 at 06:46 PM