



## Eldon R. Bridges

October 24, 1940 - January 3, 2016

Eldon R. Bridges, 75, of Havana, passed away at his home at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 3, 2016. He was born October 24, 1940 in Havana, to George and Mary (Williams) Bridges. He married Sharon Peterson on January 26, 1963 in Petersburg, IL. She preceded him in death in 2007.

Eldon is survived by two daughters, Mindy Bridges of Rantoul, IL and Kim (Joe) Valenzuela of Bakersfield, CA, grandson, Joe Valenzuela and three great-grandchildren, Gracie, Cody and Chloe, all of Bakersfield, CA. Also surviving are two sisters, Vivian Towery and Rosemary Burget of Havana and brother, Davey Bridges of South Carolina. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, eight brothers and one sister.

Eldon worked as a fireman in Bakersfield, CA, retiring in 1979. He then moved back to Havana, where he worked as a security guard. He loved to fish and make lures. He also loved to mushroom hunt. There are still some hidden spots which will never be known. He also loved to make goodies for his family and friends, to which he had many.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a memorial luncheon will be held at VFW Post #6408 in Havana on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or The Wounded Warrior Project. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.



# Previous Events

## Funeral Dinner

JAN 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

VFW Post #6408  
415 W. Adams St.  
Havana, IL 62644  
(309) 543-9120

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eldon R. Bridges*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Remembering that Eldon was in my class at Havana High. My parents moved to Havana in 1957 from a farm in Fulton County. Although I had been to Havana with my parents shopping; still I was very much a "country bumpkin" and did not know that many people. Most everyone was really very welcoming. Although many years have passed I still remember them like it was yesterday. So many of the class I graduated with here in Havana have died. It sounds like Eldon had a rich and rewarding life. I salute that.*

*Sincerely,*

*Marilou Carolyn (Ortman ) (Ray) Gaw*

**Marilou Gaw** - January 07, 2016 at 08:25 PM



“ *Rest in peace grandpa.*



**Joey Valenzuela** - January 06, 2016 at 03:26 PM



“ *Mariann Crumpton lit a candle in memory of Eldon R. Bridges*



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**Mariann Crumpton** - January 06, 2016 at 12:02 PM



“ *Patricia Wilson lit a candle in memory of Eldon R. Bridges*



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**Patricia Wilson** - January 06, 2016 at 11:10 AM



“ *Nancy Elliott lit a candle in memory of Eldon R. Bridges*



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**Nancy Elliott** - January 06, 2016 at 06:17 AM