



Mr. Elster L. Risby Jr.

December 25, 1945 - January 8, 2026

Elster Risby Jr., 80, of Peoria departed this life on Thursday, January 08, 2026, at The Loft Nursing Home in Peoria, IL. Elster was born on December 25, 1945, in Perthshire, MS to the late Elster and Lecola (Williams) Risby Sr.

Elster was a heavy equipment operator for Peoria Toyota before taking ill. He loved watching westerns movies.

Elster leaves to cherish his precious memories: one son: Samuel Mays of Peoria; Jeanette Mays of Peoria and Angelique (Roger) Wesley of Murfreesboro, TN; eight brothers: Robert Risby of Nashville, TN, James Risby, Lloyd (Diana) Risby, Samuel (Barbara) Risby, Charlie Risby, Nat Devine, Willie Devine all of Peoria, and Willie Green of Texas; two sisters: Elizabeth McCoy of Springfield, IL and Mary Devine of Decatur, IL; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Elster in addition to his late parents was preceded in death by two brothers: Leroy Risby Sr. and Andrew Risby; three sisters: Magnolia Bonds, Lecola Risby Beasley, and Dorthy Risby.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel at 11:00 a.m. with visitation commencing one hour prior at 10:00 a.m. Pastor John Crawley will present the Eulogy.

Arrangements were made especially for the “Risby” family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. Live streaming can be viewed by clicking the link for TW Parks Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/tw-parkscolonialchapel> To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of “Elster Risby Jr.” please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

T W Parks Colonial Chapel
201 N. Macarthur Hwy.
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 674-6323
<http://www.twparkscolonialchapel.com>

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Renessa Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elster L. Risby Jr.*



Renessa Watkins - January 14 at 12:53 PM

PH

“ *My condolences to the Risby Family, praying 4-U- All, Mr. Risby was always eager & happy during our visits at the Loft... The St Paul Ministry Team sends regards & prayers... He always called me Nefew, asking me to (come here) with his finger, I did so when I could (wasn't teaching) I remember his daughter being there a lot as he called me Nefew, asking me who are you lol... I explained that I was just going with the flow... He loved his family and made many smile.... He's at peace now, rest assured, Jesus keeps His promises... Psalm 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints 🙏.....*



Phillip E Hickman - January 14 at 08:33 AM

JM

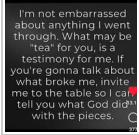
I really really appreciate the kind thoughtful words Me. Hickman. Yes my dad is at peace resting in the arms of God

Jeanette Mays - January 15 at 08:43 PM



“ *Rip joann and elster*

Latonya Griffin - January 09 at 10:29 AM



“ *Your journey in the afterlife has begun, rest easy and peaceful. We love you dad.* ”

Angelique Fourdyce-Wesley - January 08 at 09:01 PM



“ *DAD I LOVE AND TRULY TRULY GONNA MISS U.* ”

Jeanette Mays - January 08 at 03:12 PM