Obituary for Elvis Adams Jr.

Elvis Adams Jr., born on February 27, 1930 in Chicago, IL, passed away at home, April 17, 2025.

Elvis is preceded in death by his father Elvis Adams Sr., his mother, Margaret Adams (Keller), sisters Margie Engstrom and Ethel McLaughlin and brother Lee Adams.

Elvis is now resting peacefully with Carol (Thompson); his devoted wife of 71 years. He is survived by his sister Carmella Thiele of Huntley, IL, brother Simon Adams of Columbus OH, sister Rosie Novacek of Clayton NC, sister Elvira Riley of Chicago, IL., and brother Dwight Adams of Aurora, IL.

Elvis leaves behind his children Elvis E. Adams, Eileen Marta (Walter), Eloise Hernandez, Edwin Adams (Debbie), Elise Schmutzler (Herb) and Ellen Burke (Jim). He was a beloved grandfather to Sarah Nelson (Landon), Melissa Murdock (Peter), Anthony Hernandez (Samantha), Zachary Hernandez, Nick Hernandez (Mimi), Laura Epker (Brendon), Abby Woelfel (Patrick), Brittany Schmutzler, Melanie Thill, Kim Hohenstatt (Ben), Charis Burke (Irving), Christian Burke and Cherie Burke. He was the proud great-grandfather to Faith Nelson, Cameron Hernandez, Samuel Murdock, Eli Murdock, Rodney and Hugo Thill, Holden Nelson, McKinlee Epker, Isaac Murdock, Everly Woelfel, Raven Burke-Royale, Adelyn Hernandez, Avianna Hernandez, Anaya Hernandez, Rochelle Royale and Roxanne Royale.

Elvis was a lifelong resident of Downers Grove, graduating from Downers Grove High School where he was active in track and field and would often sing lead in the school musicals. After graduation, he met and married the love of his life, Carol. Days after they married, Elvis was called into the military. As a Combat Veteran of the Korean War, Elvis served in B Co – 27th Infantry Regiment, U.S. Army between 1952 – 1954. Following military service, Elvis worked in the grocery industry as a meat cutter for Kroger and Dominicks Finer Foods. His greatest joy was serving the Lord; singing, leading worship, directing the choir, teaching Sunday school, and serving in leadership positions at the Westmont Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. He preached, led worship services and served on the Board of the Chicago Gospel Mission, led worship services at the Pacific Garden Mission and sang energetically in the Calvary Church Choir in Naperville, Il.

The most important thing Elvis would want to be remembered for is the legacy he built alongside his wife Carol. A legacy of faith, Christian values, strength and a love to serve the Lord, that will live on for generations to come.

Visitation will be held on Monday, April 28,2025 at 9:30am at Calvary Church in Naperville, IL, followed by a Memorial Service at 10:30am. Interment at Clarendon Hills Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Elvis’ passion to further Gods Kingdom. Calvary Church – Attn Missions Department 9S200 Route 59, Naperville, IL 60564 or Pacific Garden Mission 1458 South Canal Street, Chicago, IL 60607

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