

## Mr. Joshua M. Elsey

April 15, 1981 - May 7, 2018

Joshua McKinley Elsey, 37, of East Peoria, died at 8:19 AM on Monday, May 07, 2018 at his home in Reeseville, WI where he lived with his mother and step-father. Joshua was born on April 05, 1981 in Peoria to David and Sheila (Cordle) Elsey. He is survived by his mother Sheila (Dave Koch) Elsey of Reeseville, WI; his father David (Julie) Elsey of Peoria; one sister Amanda Elsey of East Peoria; two grandmothers Joyce Cordle and Bonnie Jean Smith; two step-grandmothers Janet Koch and Jean Elsey; 2 step-sisters Natalie Koch and Kelsie Koch; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and great aunt and uncles, including Aunt Dolly and Uncle Bob Kessinger, who held a very special place in Josh's heart. Preceding him in death are two grandfathers Tom Cordle and Chester Elsey; three step-grandfathers Jim Koch, Orville Smith and Robert Shelton; and one step-grandmother Rita Steele. Joshua graduated from EPCHS in 2002. He was the number one Cardinals fan and enjoyed playing baseball and all other sports on his electronic games. Joshua loved doing crosswords and word finds, and loved his family and friends dearly. Visitation for Joshua will be from 4-6 PM on Monday, May 14 at Gary Deiters Funeral Home, 444 E. Washington St, East Peoria. A time of remembrance will follow at 6 PM at the funeral home. Cremation rites have been accorded. Per Joshua's request, memorials may be made to Spina Bifida Camp, where he spent many summers.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Time of Remembrance

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joshua M. Elsey



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 16, 2018 at 10:46 AM

TF

So sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed seeing his smile and talking with you both. Sending prayers. Tracy Fary

Tracy Fary - May 22, 2018 at 12:48 PM



“ Mr. Joshua M. Elsey

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM

SF

“ So sorry for your loss Sheila, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers- Scott & Andrea Folkers Marissa & Megan



Scott Folkers - May 17, 2018 at 08:52 AM

TL

“ Dave Elsey, Amanda and Sheila so sorry to hear if Joshua’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

John & Tammy Lofthouse

tammy lofthouse - May 16, 2018 at 10:02 AM

LB

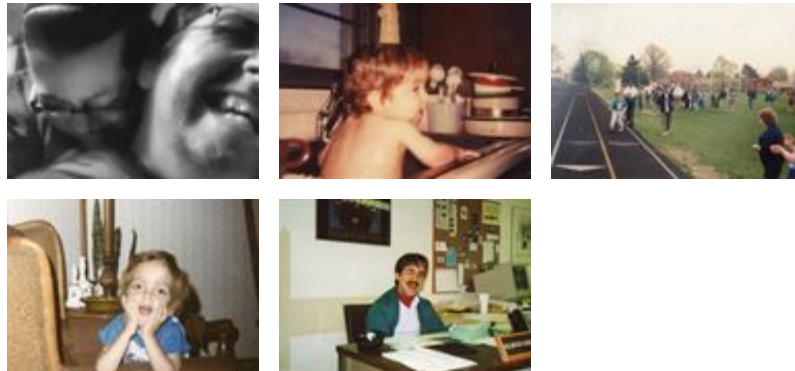
“ We are so very sorry for your loss so many good memories I have when I baby sitted him and going to your house he was the best kid to babysit sorry we wasn’t able to be there Our thoughts and prayers are with the family sending hugs Bill and Lori Bassham



lori Bassham - May 14, 2018 at 10:43 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 14, 2018 at 12:22 PM

BD

“ *BI Rental Inc Ed & Barb Skala Steve & Gail Dowling purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Joshua M. Elsey.*



**BI Rental Inc Ed & Barb Skala Steve & Gail Dowling** - May 14, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Joshua M. Elsey.*



May 14, 2018 at 10:02 AM

YR

“ *Sheila, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*



**Your friends at Russo** - May 14, 2018 at 08:12 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mr. Joshua M. Elsey.*



May 13, 2018 at 09:45 PM

SE

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*

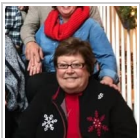


**Sherry Elsey** - May 13, 2018 at 06:27 PM



“ *I remember when Josh took his first steps on the CMN telethon to Bill Houlihan. A fond memory forever emblazoned on my heart.*

**Sue Kortkamp** - May 13, 2018 at 06:17 PM



“ *Sue Kortkamp lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua M. Elsey*



**Sue Kortkamp** - May 13, 2018 at 06:11 PM

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“ *Josh's locker was next to mine in junior high and he taught me to always stay positive and keep smiling. We ate lunch together every day and he never let his crutches hold him back. He walked up and down the stairs just like the rest of us. I think about him often, and always wondered where life took him. Prayers for his family.*

**Kim Grindstaff (Erwin)** - May 13, 2018 at 04:30 AM

CY

“ Cynthia Yehl lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua M. Elsey



cynthia yehl - May 12, 2018 at 12:30 PM

DR

“ Dora Richards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua M. Elsey



dora richards - May 12, 2018 at 02:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Joshua M. Elsey.



May 11, 2018 at 05:11 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Joshua M. Elsey.



May 11, 2018 at 04:18 PM

TE

“ Teresa Earle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua M. Elsey



Teresa Earle - May 11, 2018 at 12:19 PM

TO

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. He always had a smile and loved his St. Louis Cardinals. My love and prayers to all his family.

Teresa Oaks - May 08, 2018 at 06:57 PM

TA

I'm so sorry for your loss. Josh will be greatly missed by many. Love you guys

Tammy - May 09, 2018 at 12:51 PM

LH

Sheila - You have our deepest sympathies for the loss of your beautiful son. Thinking of you. Hugs, Gary & Lesa Hohulin

LK Hohulin - May 09, 2018 at 02:03 PM

LR

Sheila,

Thanks for coming up to me tonight at Pizza Ranch. Josh was the first student I worked with closely at EPCHS. I was with him for most of his high school career. He was a very special student and a wonderful young man. He will always hold a place in my heart. I am so sorry for the loss of your son. May God's blessings be with you.

Linda Ricks

Linda Ricks - May 10, 2018 at 07:55 PM