



Vance Randall Elder

June 14, 1955 - September 3, 2024

Vance Randall Elder, 69, of Hindsville, Arkansas, passed away at his home on September 3rd, 2024. He was born June 14th, 1955, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Vance Noel Elder and Jean Elizabeth Oyster Elder.

He was raised in Topeka, Kansas, until his family moved to Springdale, Arkansas. Vance graduated from Springdale High School in 1974 before attending Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas, where he studied art. He later moved back to Arkansas to start a family, laying his roots in War Eagle, where friends quickly became family. He often referred to it as his own slice of paradise.

Vance was a talented stained glass artist who opened War Eagle Studio in 1980. He loved fishing with his War Eagle friends and camping at Beaver Lake. He especially enjoyed a good party and hosted many. After the War Eagle Fair, he enjoyed having a “spaghetti feed” so all the artists could drop by his home and eat. He also worked at the Pinnacle Hills Country Club in Rogers for many years. He had a fantastic passion for art, fishing, and friends and family, but his love for his children was the greatest of all.

He is preceded in death by his father, Vance Noel Elder; and his mother, Jean E. Elder.

Survivors include his two children, Vance Ian Elder of Salina, Kansas, and Amber Shuey (Asa) of Andover, Kansas; three grandchildren, Alyssa, Alidia, and Xander, all of Andover, Kansas; four siblings, Nancy (Bob) Schwan of Wichita, Kansas, Tom (Lisa) Elder of Fort Collins, Colorado, Cindy Pecarovich of Hillsboro, Oregon, and Rick (Mary) Elder of Springdale, Arkansas; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date.