



## Mr. Elmer Lee Davidson

February 4, 1923 - June 9, 2022

Elmer Davidson, age 99, a lifelong resident of Grand Prairie, Texas and former Publisher of the Grand Prairie Daily News, a subsidiary of the Dallas Morning News, A. H. Belo Corporation, passed away Thursday June 9, 2022.

Elmer was born February 4, 1923, to G. Edgar and Minnie Bass Davidson in Apalachicola, Florida. He was preceded in death by his six siblings and his beloved son, Elmer (Dave) Davidson, Jr.

Survivors: wife of 80 years Frankie Robinett Davidson, daughter Susan Davidson Bee, son-in law Russ Bee, grandson, Todd Davidson, and his children, great grandchildren Dr. Savannah Davidson, Colton, and Connor Davidson.

Elmer served in the US Army in WWII from 1940-1945 in the 940th Field Artillery Battalion in combat in North Africa, Italy, France, Germany, and Austria. He participated in many historic battles such as the liberation of Monte Cassino, Rome, and the defeat of the German Third Reich at Mannheim, Heidelberg, Nuremburg and the liberation of the Dachau Concentration Camp. He was awarded the French Croix de Guerre Silver Star, 5 US stars plus American Defense ribbons.

When WWII ended, he returned to the DFW Area and joined the Grand Prairie

News Texan as an apprentice. He advanced through the newspaper ranks from pressman to business manager. Then, in 1965, the Belo Corporation purchased the News-Texan and in 1970 named Elmer publisher of the daily newspaper.

Elmer was an active civic leader and advocate for Grand Prairie with memberships in various clubs, including Grand Prairie Host Lions, Chamber of Commerce, Rock Creek BBQ Club, and Wrangler Club to name a few. He was a resolute public servant, a well-known friend to many first responders, politicians, judges, and governors. He received multiple civic awards including Citizen of the Year from the City of Grand Prairie.

After 43 years, Elmer, age 65 retired. He and his wife Frankie enjoyed 25 years of fishing at their lake house at Possum Kingdom Lake with their family and friends plus gambling trips to Las Vegas.

Visitation will be Monday June 20 from 6-8 pm at the Guerrero Dean Funeral Home, 500 E Main Street, Grand Prairie, TX, 75050. Graveside Service with military honors: 10 am on June 21, 2022, followed by a 12 pm Memorial Service and Bar-B-Q meal at the Veteran's Park Event Center, 925 Conover, Grand Prairie, 75051. All events may be observed via Facebook Livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/GuerreroDeanFuneralHome>.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project or the Alzheimer's Association.

The Davidson/Bee Families wish to express their gratitude to Congressman Pat Fallon and Erik Simien, Constituent Representative, for procuring Mr. Davidson's military records and deep appreciation to the caregivers and nurses at The Plaza Edgemere for the excellent care, patience and kindness that they provided Elmer Davidson for 3 years.



# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUN **20**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home  
500 E. Main Street  
Grand Prairie, TX 75050  
(972) 263-5570

## Memorial Service

JUN **21**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM.

Parks and Recreation Veterans Hall

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ *What a tremendous and kind life force. Always spoke caring words of concern. Showed honor to others just in knowing them. My husband and I were/are honored to know both Elmer and his loving wife Frankie. Frankie I know there is a huge gap in your life but just know Elmer is busy visiting with all his friends taking a familiar path and sharing old times and new.*

*Dixie Adamcik*

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**Dixie Adamcik** - June 28, 2022 at 01:36 PM

SB

*Thank you so much for you kind words and sympathy. Our family deeply appreciates your thoughts and prayers.  
On behalf of Frankie Davidson wife and my mother. Susan Davidson Bee*

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**Susan Bee** - July 02, 2022 at 03:51 PM

DH

“ *Expressing extreme gratitude for the US Army service of Elmer Davidson for our nation during many critical WW II battles in the European Theater. Sending up prayers for comfort for his family in their loss, and thanks to our Heavenly Father for men such as this...  
Don Huffman, Army Vet (Capt) and Dallas Honor member.*

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**don huffman** - June 20, 2022 at 10:44 PM

SB

*With appreciation for your caring expression of sympathy and heartfelt thank you to the Dallas Honor membership from our family.  
Sincerely, Susan Davidson Bee, daughter*

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**Susan Bee** - July 02, 2022 at 03:55 PM

BC

“ I met Elmer in 1972. He was a friend of my fathers and would come hunting on my dads ranch in mills county. I also remember him from Rock Creek bbq. I remember him as a very kind and outgoing man. I always enjoyed seeing him.

Bryan Carr - June 20, 2022 at 08:50 PM

SB

Many thanks from the Davidson/Bee family for your condolences and sympathy. Dad loved to hunt, fish and Rock Creek BBQ Club had a special place in his heart.

Sincerely,  
Susan Davidson Bee, Elmer's daughter

Susan Bee - July 02, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ 176 files added to the album LifeTributes



Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - June 20, 2022 at 12:44 PM

LH

“ *An endless bundle of energy and enthusiasm for our Gophers and the city of Grand Prairie. A very generous man. Thank you for your service to our city and especially to our country. Prayers for comfort for Susan Davidson and families. Linda Bush Hand, Cedar Hill Texas*

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**Linda Bush Hand** - June 16, 2022 at 08:47 PM

SB

*Linda, we deeply appreciate you kind expression of sympathy in our time of great sadness.  
Dad loved Grand Prairie--The Chamber, The Lion's Club, Rock Creek BBQ, The Wranglers and countless other organizations. He was definitely an advocate for Grand Prairie. He lived to serve.  
It's been too many years since I've seen you. I hope you are are heathy and happy. You were always beautiful--inside and out.  
Again, thank you for your condolences.  
On behalf of the Davidson/Bee families,  
Susan Davidson Bee, daughter*

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**Susan Bee** - July 02, 2022 at 04:04 PM

TB

“ *There's so much you could say about Elmer but you can sum it all up with one word...*

*Legend.*

*Rest in Piece Elmer*

*We'll share a little feller again down the road I'm sure!*

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**Tim Bee** - June 16, 2022 at 05:01 PM

SB

*OHH Tim, what an extraordinary comment! Brought tears to my eyes. Thank you for your prayers and support during our time of sorrow. Elmer loved your holiday visits, especially when you and Trisha was young children. You had a special place in his heart. Again, thank you for your kind expression of sympathy,  
Love,  
Aunt Susan*

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**Susan Bee** - July 02, 2022 at 04:07 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Elmer Lee Davidson.*



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June 16, 2022 at 01:11 PM

DW

“ *Elmer was bigger than life to me. My father loved him. I have alot fond memories from the Rock Creek Bar-be-cue Club. Guess they all up in heaven playing poker.*

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**David Williams** - June 16, 2022 at 12:22 AM

SB

*David,  
Thank you for your kind words of comfort during this time of sadness. I hope you're right -- probably a really big tournament with all the Creekers. Jesus must his hands full keeping up with all of them! Seriously, our family appreciates your thoughts and prayers at this time.  
On behalf of the Davidson/Bee families...  
Sincerely,  
Susan, Elmer's daughter*

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**Susan Bee** - July 02, 2022 at 04:17 PM

CE

“ *What a wonderful tribute to Elmer as written in his obituary. His service to our country in WWII is remarkable and which is followed by years of public service are examples of his earned membership in the greatest generation. Condolences to his family, friends, and the community of Grand Prairie.*

*Cheech and Peggy Esposito*

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**Cheech Esposito** - June 15, 2022 at 11:37 PM

SB

*Cheech and Peg,  
We deeply appreciate your condolences and sympathy during this time, but especially your prayers. The last 7 years were quite challenging with all Dad's falls, broken ribs, hands, nose, etc--but he never quit or gave up--he was such a fighter and determined to recover, no matter what. I think it was characteristic of the Great Generation.*

*Again, we deeply appreciate your kindness.*

*Sincerely,*

*Susan, Elmer's daughter*

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**Susan Bee** - July 02, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Elmer Lee Davidson.*



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June 15, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Elmer Lee Davidson.*



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June 15, 2022 at 12:15 PM