



## Henry O. Elston

July 4, 1922 - July 20, 2009

Henry O. Elston, 87, Bluffton, died at 11:25 a.m. Monday, July 20, 2009, at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Elston retired from Brooks Construction Co. in Fort Wayne in 1984 after 20 years of service. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton, and was a life member of American Legion Post 111 in Bluffton. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 145 in Bluffton and a member of the Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne.

He was a 1941 graduate of Petroleum High School. He was a World War II veteran of the Marines, serving from 1943 to 1946.

Mr. Elston was born July 4, 1922, in Petroleum, to Hugh G. Elston and Bertha (Warner) Elston. He married Mary Jane (Cowens) Sept. 20, 1944, in Muncie; his wife survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Janet (Richard) Sheffer of Valparaiso and Joyce (Marshall) Dantzler of Chantilly, Va.; and three grandchildren, Donald Sheffer of Valparaiso and Mark Dantzler and Brian Dantzler, both of Virginia.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Catherine Durr, and a brother, Homer Elston.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney, and Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A Masonic memorial service will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Cindy Osgood officiating. Burial will be at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton, with military graveside rites presented by members of American Legion Post 111 and the U.S. Marines Honor Guard.

Preferred memorials are to First United Methodist Church.

Online condolences: [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-3850  
[info@thomarich.com](mailto:info@thomarich.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Henry O. Elston*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Henry O. Elston*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Mary Jane, Janet and Joyce - Am glad you all have been together during this difficult time. May the happy memories of days together bring comfort to you all. Love to you all, Carol##imported-begin##Carol Lash Armstrong##imported-end##*

July 25, 2009 at 06:22 PM



“ *Dear Mary Jane and family,*

*I read in the paper about Henry's death. I talk to Flo by telephone and the last time we spoke, she said that Henry wasn't well and was hospitalized.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jane and Bob Hullinger##imported-begin##Jane Hullinger##imported-end##*

July 24, 2009 at 07:32 AM



“ *Dear Mary Jane & family,*

*I am so sorry for your loss and extend my deepest sympathy. Your friend, Mildred I. Risser##imported-begin##Mildred I. Risser##imported-end##*

July 22, 2009 at 03:31 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We love all of you. If you ever need anything just remember Rick and I are here for all of you.

Lauri and Rick Harber

Dick and Jan's niece###imported-begin###Lauri Harber###imported-end###

July 22, 2009 at 03:16 PM



“ Mary Jane, Janet & Dick, Joyce & Marshall, and your families...I am so sorry to know about Henry's passing. I will always remember him for his big smile and kind heart. And, you will always have the great memories of what it is like to live in a loving family. I'm sorry I can't be there with you, but you are all in my thoughts. Sam###imported-begin###Sam Nichols###imported-end###

July 22, 2009 at 09:06 AM



“ Joyce, please accept my condolences on the loss of your Father...read his obituary on-line at the Banner. I now live in Carlsbad, CA near San Diego. Love, Nancy###imported-begin###Nancy Reusser Halstead###imported-end###

July 22, 2009 at 01:50 AM



“ Mary Jane, Joyce, Janet/Marshall and family: I am so sorry that you are having to make this journey. But we all must take this journey at some time in our lives. It will be my joy/privilege to help you walk through this journey with you. Hank was a great man who was always faithful.

Pastor Cindy Osgood###imported-begin###Pastor Cindy###imported-end###

July 21, 2009 at 10:11 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Elston, Janet, Joyce, Dick, Marshall, grandchildren and other family members,

We wish to express our deepest sympathy in this time of sorrow. You are a wonderful family and we know that Henry was proud of all of you.

Love, Chris and John Forbes###imported-begin###Chris and John Forbes###imported-end###

July 21, 2009 at 09:15 PM