



Thad M. Eley Sr.

September 11, 1968 - September 6, 2025

Thad M. Eley, Sr. 56 of Markle, passed away on Saturday morning, September 6, 2025, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on September 11, 1968, in Portland, Indiana to Richard & Joann (Sutton) Eley.

Survivors include his father, Richard Eley of Portland, two sons; Deven Franks and Thad M. Eley, Jr. and his step-children; Amber Snider, Robert Snider, David Harper and Jeri Harper, along with his brother Todd (Shawna) Eley.

Thad is also survived by his grandson, Drayse Eley, and step-grandchildren; Braxton, Neveah, Logan & Liam, and his nieces and nephews; Evan Eley, Clayton Eley, Madison Eley, Draven Eley, and Ashley Franklin.

Thad is preceded in death by his mother, Joann Eley and grandparents; Martin & Ruth (Evans) Eley and Frank & Dorothy (Shull) Sutton.

Private family services will be held.

Memorials may be made to Thoma/Rich, Lemler to help the family at this time.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Lemler family of

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may share online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ I remember a time growing up i had issues peeing in the toilet. I left my skateboard at the top of the steps and I peed up there before the steps and he stepped in it then stepped on the skateboard and flew down the hole flight of stairs and I happend to shut and lock the door as he hit the bottom. I remember scattering like mice as he emerged from the door way lol. He thought me how to ride a bike. Taught all of us kids alot in his time. But just know we all got the raising hell from you. I love ya till we meet again.

Robert snider - September 12, 2025 at 07:49 PM

LR

“ Thad used to run around with my brother Jeff. Then Jeff passed n I have so many memories of when I needed someone, he was always there. Love n prayers for his family. He also had a trailer in Ridgeville n we all went there n ive seen him throw guys out his window for disrespecting lol. Every moment n memory I will cherish forever. Rest easy my sweet friend

Lori A Rodeffer - September 10, 2025 at 11:11 AM

AS

“ He was a great guy. Haven't seen him in long time we kinda lost touch. Hugs and prayers to the family. Rest in peace Thad

Amy (Elliott) Sommer - September 10, 2025 at 09:54 AM

PG

“ I just saw the passing of Thad. My heart breaks to about Thad. He was a great guy and do anything for anyone. Loved his family and friends. Sadly he will be missed by many. He will be with his family and many friends in heaven. So young God got a great angel. Prayers are with your family. Never Forgotten Penny and George Gehrett and Family

Penny Gehrett - September 10, 2025 at 08:12 AM

RF

“ You could always tell when he was happy, you could see all of his chew and none of his eyes. :)

Roby Ford - September 10, 2025 at 07:50 AM

DS

“ You helped me put all my groceries in your fridge when my power went out carried them up the narrow stairs yourself. We would sit and talk in the evening and you would smile and laugh, you made me feel welcomed in to this area and I missed you when you moved....now your with God.

DS - September 09, 2025 at 06:03 AM

LH

“ I remember a time you come to my rescue at the bar one time you said that's my sister and you bess be leaving her alone! That's what friends do at the time we weren't family but sure as hell felt like it then later our family became alot bigger and we were real family then you are loved and gonna be terribly missed Thad love you my friend and my family! RIP say hello to my mom for me please!

Lorrie Harper - September 08, 2025 at 09:55 PM

JH

“ You always asked me if I remember driving you around in my pink barbie jeep?! Yes ill never forget that, We always laughed about that! That is one of the best memories I have with you!! I remember every time when I was little when I would get really sick you were always there beside me!! You loved everyone, cared for everyone helped always when you were able to even if that meaning putting yourself out. You weren't alone you have alot people that love and care for you thad, Now you can rest in peace, no more pain, no more suffering. I love you thad.

Jeri Harper - September 07, 2025 at 01:22 PM

JR

“ Heart felt sympathy goes out to all the family.

Joseph Andy Rugg - September 07, 2025 at 01:09 PM