



Rex Lafayette Elam

November 1, 1933 - May 28, 2026

Rex Lafayette Elam, age 92, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2026. Born on November 1, 1933, in Coffeyville, Kansas, to Hugh Holmes Elam and Wanda Eunice Elam, Rex lived a life marked by hard work, determination, and devotion to his family. He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Linda Ruth Elam; his daughter Jennifer Lynn Tatum and spouse Jonathan Andrew Tatum, and their children Ashley Lynn Littlefield, Nicolas Andrew Tatum, and Meredith Nicole Tatum; his daughter Deborah Ann Dowdell and spouse Robert Shawn Dowdell, and their children Ethan Seth Dowdell and spouse Brittany Grace Dowdell, Ryan Nathan Dowdell, and Emma Grace Dowdell; and his children Steven Hathaway, Pamela Hathaway, and Kimberly Sutton. Rex cherished his family above all else and took great pride in watching his children and grandchildren grow and succeed. He will be remembered for his strength of character, generous spirit, wisdom, and the lasting influence he had on all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh Holmes Elam and Wanda Eunice Elam. Rex will be deeply missed by his family and friends, and his memory will remain with them always.

“Give me room and I will move the world.”

— Archimedes (a quote Rex chose for his senior yearbook)

Previous Events

Graveside

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Walker Cemetery
436783 E 70 Rd
Welch, OK 74369