



Charles Russell "Ricky" Elzey

November 8, 1951 - August 24, 2025

Georgetown- Charles Russell Elzey, fondly known as "Ricky," passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 24, 2025, at his son's home in Seaford, at the age of 73. Born on November 8, 1951, in Cambridge, MD, Ricky built a life centered around his faith, family, and the joy he brought to others.

Before answering the call to the ministry, Ricky dedicated 24 years to Standard Register in Salisbury. He later became a beloved pastor at Georgetown Wesleyan Church and Christ the Cornerstone Community Church in Laurel, where his passion for sharing the message of Jesus resonated with many. He loved to witness to anyone he met. Ricky's musical talents shone brightly as he sang in a quartet along with his wife and later harmonized with his wife and kids at local churches.

Ricky's warmth extended beyond the pulpit; he volunteered at the Cheer Center in Georgetown, a role that brought him immense joy. He cherished time spent with his family, always quick with a joke and armed with a witty comeback. He found peace watching the birds and geese at Trap Pond, a spot he dearly loved.

He was a proud father to his sons, David Martin Elzey (Mary) and Daniel Brent Elzey (Barb Wade), and his daughter, Donna Anne Young (Anthony). Ricky found immeasurable joy in being a grandfather to his eight cherished

grandchildren: Tyler, Zachary, Devon, Caden, Addison Elzey, Zachery and Zakayla Young and Kaylie Figgs. His legacy of kindness and compassion will live on through them. He is also survived by his sister, Beth Littleton, and many nieces and nephews who will forever hold fond memories of their time together.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Vernita M. (Parsons) Elzey, father, Charles B. Elzey, mother, Ida Frances (Tregoe) Elzey, and brothers, Steve and David Elzey.

The family would like to extend special thanks to three Accent Care Hospice nurses—Brandy Givens, Erica Myers, and Jessica Crowe, who provided such wonderful care in his final days.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 29, 2025, at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, with a visitation beginning at 10:00 am, followed by the service at 11:00 am. Pastors Bryant and Nakeia Elzey will officiate. Interment will follow in St. Stephen's Cemetery in Delmar.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Accent Care Hospice at 220 Continental Drive, Suite 407, Newark, DE 19713, to honor Ricky's legacy of care and compassion.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Stephen's Cemetery

State Street
Delmar, DE 19940

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove Street
Delmar, DE 19940
(302) 846-2525
info@shortfh.com

Funeral Service

AUG 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Russell "Ricky" Elzey



Short Funeral Home - August 29, 2025 at 09:19 AM

BW

“ Beth W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Russell "Ricky" Elzey.

Beth W. - September 16, 2025 at 09:10 AM

TF

“ The Longo Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Charles Russell "Ricky" Elzey.



The Longo Family - August 29, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Charles Russell "Ricky" Elzey.



August 29, 2025 at 04:58 AM

WF

“ With Love and Prayers, The Coco Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles Russell "Ricky" Elzey.



With Love and Prayers, The Coco Family - August 28, 2025 at 01:55 PM

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“ With Love and Prayers, The Coco Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Russell "Ricky" Elzey.

With Love and Prayers, The Coco Family - August 28, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ It's hard to share just one memory because Ricky was more than my brother-in-law...he was also my friend. So many good times, fun times, family events, simply drinking coffee at the kitchen table listening to his infectious laugh. He was witty but yet very kind, loving, sympathetic....everything rolled into one to be the very best. He was an amazing husband to my sister and a great friend, mentor, educator and daddy to my niece and nephews and a great poppop to his grandchildren. I'm sure that my sister was waiting for him with open arms as they are finally together again.....exactly where he wanted to be - with her for all of eternity. To say I'm going to miss you would be an understatement, but, I promise I will do my best to love your children and grandchildren as you did. Rest easy my friend....until we are all reunited around Mom's kitchen table again just like the good ole days eating chicken and dumplings (which was your favorite). RIP...until we meet again.

Nancy Meisenholder - August 26, 2025 at 03:36 PM

WD

“ Knew Ricky for many years & grew up with the Elzey family , many many fond memories, praying for Beth, David, Daniel & Donna



Wanda Dukes - August 26, 2025 at 03:15 PM

TF

“ Tammy Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Charles Elzey



Tammy Faulkner - August 26, 2025 at 09:06 AM