



## Eldon E. Wendling

July 5, 1940 - March 16, 2026

Eldon E. Wendling, age 85 of Kankakee, passed away on Monday, March 16, 2026, at his home. He was born on July 5, 1940, in Kankakee, the son of Fred and Florence (Reardanz) Wendling.

Eldon was involved in sales, farming, and lawn care business. He enjoyed buying and selling cars. Eldon could be found enjoying the tractor pulls at the Kankakee County Fair Grounds.

Eldon was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Bonfield and Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are two sons, David (Rhonda) Wendling of Bradley, Douglas (Nikki) Wendling of Manteno; three daughters, Anita (Jeff) Poteete of Bourbonnais, Amanda (Jason) Bennett of Clarksville, TN, Shirley Raiolo of Morrison, CO; two sisters, Sherry (Ben) Metcalf of Dripping Springs, TX, Linda (Barry) Gadbois of Bourbonnais; two brothers, Raymond (Toni) Wendling of Vero Beach, FL, Fred (Sharon) Wendling of Bonfield; one sister-in-law, Doreen Wendling of Peoria; fifteen grandchildren, Sara Bell, Conor Powell, Landen Henshaw, Bradley and Emily Wendling, Felicia LaMore, Megan Wendling, Jake Wendling, Kyleigh Bennett, Leiah Bennett, Jax Bennett, and Lee Raiolo Power; three great grandchildren, Jayden Bell, Myles and Brooks LaMore; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Eldon is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Alan Wendling; three brothers, Elmer (Mildred) Wendling, Clarence (Delma) Wendling; Harold (Arlene) Wendling; and two sisters, Phyllis Lockwood and Betty (Lester)

Sharper.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the 11:00 a.m. service on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at Zion Lutheran Church, Bonfield, IL. Interment will follow immediately after in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Family Wishes.

# Cemetery Details

## Zion Lutheran Cemetery

11478 W State Route 17  
Bonfield, IL 60913

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
11478 W. Route 17  
Bonfield, IL 60913

## Funeral Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Eldon from Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene. He always greeted me when we met each other in the hallways or in the cafeteria area. Eldon will be missed in his Sunday School class and at church. Prayers to the family and friends of Eldon Wendling.



Leila Owen - March 20 at 12:01 PM

SR

“ Stacey Robbins lit a candle in memory of Eldon E. Wendling



Stacey Robbins - March 19 at 11:39 AM

LB

“ It was a joy to know and spend time with Eldon in our Sunday School Class and Prime Time gatherings. He was never bashful in offering his thoughts pertaining to God's Word and his walk with Him. He never made a secret of his love of sweet deserts and often chose them before the main meal choices which brought a smile to all our faces. He didn't miss an opportunity to ask how we were doing in our challenges. Truly he will be missed by all who knew him.

Louise Bazile - March 19 at 11:35 AM

JS

Our deepest sympathy to all of the family and friends

Jane Serena - March 19 at 02:30 PM

GB

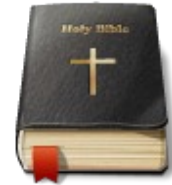
*We all appreciated Eldon's presence at our Sunday School meetings. He accepted the frailties of aging gracefully which encouraged many of us! God bless you, Eldon!*

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**Gerry Bateman** - March 19 at 10:14 PM

MM

“ *MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Eldon E. Wendling*



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**MR MRS** - March 19 at 10:07 AM