



ROBERT MELVIN ELSWICK IV

December 8, 2025

Robert Melvin Elswick, IV, age 53 of Woodstock, Alabama, formerly of Richlands, Virginia, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, December 8, 2025 following a lengthy illness with cancer. Though the disease ultimately claimed his earthly body, Robert never lost his deep love for scripture, his quick wit, or the tender heart that made so many people feel genuinely seen and loved.

Robert was a New Year's baby, born January 1, 1972 in Richlands, Virginia; the beloved son of Evangelist Robert Melvin Elswick III and Patsy Lee Wyatt. Resembling a baby cabbage patch doll, Robert was known by many nicknames, most commonly "Cabbage Patch" and "Jr." A gifted painter by trade and a die-hard Alabama fan, Robert took special pride in having painted the locker and trophy rooms of the University of Alabama, leaving his mark behind on a place cherished by so many. In addition to painting, he was also a gifted drummer and trumpet player. One of Robert's best qualities was his sense-of-humor, never sparring a dull moment and always making everyone laugh. Robert enjoyed cooking, hunting, fishing, and being outdoors. He enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren, always reminding them how much he loved them. Robert possessed an extraordinary knowledge of the Bible and could quote chapter and verse with ease, often sharing the hope of the Gospel even on his hardest days. He was a loving

father, grandfather, and brother. He was one-of-a-kind and will be deeply missed by his loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Melvin Elswick, III and Patsy Lee Elswick Journell. His memory will live on through his stepfather, Robert Journell of Tazewell, VA; son, Bradley Elswick of Tazewell, VA; daughter and son-in-law, Megan and Joshua Spearman of Lake View, AL; siblings, Stephanie Partida and husband Agustin of Las Vegas, NV, Sharon Brown Keen of Richlands, VA; grandchildren, Samuel, Jonah, Noah, Zoe, Aubrie, and Riley; nephew, Brandon Keen; great niece, Chloe; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family will receive friends at the Peery & St. Clair Funeral Home in Tazewell, Virginia from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Monday evening, December 15, 2025. Funeral services for Robert Elswick will be conducted at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at Peery & St. Clair Funeral Home in Tazewell, Virginia with Pastor Charlie Absher, Sr. officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, VA. Pallbearers will be Brandon Keen, Ian Elswick, Dustin Carner, and Richard Stansbury III. Benjamin Elswick and Raubi Elswick will serve as honorary bearers.

Tribute Wall



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