



## Mr. Alvin James Etheredge

April 7, 1940 - September 11, 2024

Alvin James Etheredge, 84, of Rusk, TX passed away Sept. 11, 2024 after an extended illness.

Al was born April 7, 1940 to Flora and Ernest Etheredge of Sweetwater, TX. After graduating from high school, Al joined the US Air Force and served his country from 1958-1966.

He met and married the love of his life, Shelta in 1967 in Rusk, TX. Al and Shelta went on to have two children, Tina and Alan.

In 2002, he retired after 25 years of service at Southwestern Bell/ATT telephone company and enjoyed his time working on his farm and doing whatever Shelta wanted him to do.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Flora and Ernest Etheredge and his sister and brother-in-law: Ernestine and Jay Covington. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Shelta; his daughter: Tina Murrell and her husband Mark; his son: Alan Etheredge and his wife Amy. He is deeply loved by his grandchildren: Todd Murrell, Blake Murrell, Mark Alan Murrell, Lauren Etheredge, and Slade Etheredge; his great grandson: Kaleb Murrell; his brother: Edwin Etheredge and sisters-in-law: Nelta Moake and Shirley Boykin.

Services will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home, 221 W. 5th Street, Rusk, TX. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by a graveside service at 11:30 a.m. at Salem Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to Hospice of East Texas located in Tyler, TX, and to Bobby Tosh for the upkeep of the cross.

# Cemetery Details

## Salem Cemetery

Rusk, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home  
221 5th Street  
Rusk, TX 75785  
(903) 683-2222

## Graveside Service

SEP 14. 11:30 AM (CT)

Salem Cemetery  
Rusk, TX

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ Loved Al's knowledge of the scriptures and I sorely miss his 8:00 call to prayer! Paradise is happy to have him... no doubt!❤️

Jan Etheredge - September 13, 2024 at 02:21 PM

BW

“ My heart is full of tears at Alvin's passing. He and Shelta were the only couple I know of that married for a lifetime of love. I know that is a funny way of stating something like that, but I never knew a couple that were in just as much love on their wedding day as they were when he passed. I have known lots of couples that stayed together for years, but you could physically see the love they had for each other day after day, week after week and year after year. They lived an exemplary Christian life together. Al was my first cousin and I truly cared for him and Shelta. That life-time love is carried over in their families. I will miss him!  
Beverly Wright Saunders

Beverly Wright - September 12, 2024 at 06:24 PM

NK

Shelta, off and on for years I have tried to find you and Nelta. My memories of our friendship in the 1-4th grades have always remained with me! I am so sorry to hear about your husband's passing. If you should see this post, I would love to hear from you. I'm on Facebook and email (Nell Plaster King). Much love.

Nell Plaster King - November 01, 2024 at 03:45 PM