



## Elbert Goodman

August 27, 1945 - January 23, 2025

Mr. Elbert Goodman was welcomed into this world, with his twin sister, Ethel, on August 27, 1945, in Anniston, Alabama, by his parents, William Goodman and Jesse Garrett Goodman.

Elbert attended the Calhoun County Training School and eventually entered the workforce. He was a pioneer in his community, founding the Goodman Burger and crafting the beloved BBQ sauce while employed at Jess BBQ. After many years of service, he retired from the Anniston Army Depot where he was a hard-working and dependable supervisor. Elbert operated a lawn care business under the motto "we don't cut, we manicure," which reflected his meticulous attention to detail and pride in his work. Elbert's attention to detail extended to his personal style, taking immense pride in his appearance, always looking his best.

Elbert found joy in simple pleasures. He could often be found watching one of his favorite Westerns, reflecting on his love for racing cars, or engaging in friendly chatter on his CB Radio. He had a steadfast loyalty to his favorite restaurants, the Waffle House and Jack's, where he was well known by the staff. As a proud Auburn Tiger fan, he never missed an opportunity to cheer on his team.

Family was at the heart of Elbert's world. He was not just a proud father of his

two daughters, Tina and Ericka, and a pillar of support and love in their lives, but also an enthusiastic supporter of his grandchildren at countless sports events and milestones in their lives. Although he had a feisty personality and a few stubborn moments that added to his charm, he was yet a loving man who never met a stranger and was always willing to help those in need.

On Thursday, January 23, 2025, at the age of 79, Elbert Goodman answered the Master's call and entered eternal rest in the comfort of his home surrounded by loved ones. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his siblings, Troy D. Goodman, Cora L. Smith, Majorie Chamblin, Ethel Goodman, Willie D. Goodman, and Emma J. Kirby.

Mr. Goodman leaves behind a legacy of love and memories to be cherished by his daughters, Tina (Charles) Jones, Ericka (Brian) Whatley; grandchildren, Marcus (Lisa) Goodman, Kristan (Shakey) Goodman, and Maiya (Seyram) Selase; great-grandchildren, Zaria, Zoey, and Kason; brother, Gene D. Goodman; sister, Ora L. Gibson; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Let us gather to reminisce, reflect, and honor a man who touched the lives of many and left a lasting impression on all. Elbert Goodman may have departed, but his legacy of love, laughter, and unwavering spirit will continue to shine brightly in our hearts.

# Cemetery Details

## Anniston Memorial Gardens

4000 US-431  
Anniston, AL 36206

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN 31. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Homes and Crematory- Anniston  
830 Noble Street  
Anniston, AL 36201

## Celebration of Life

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
1130 W 14th St  
Anniston, AL 36201

# Tribute Wall

A1

“ *Anniston High School Class 1987 lit a candle in memory of Elbert Goodman* ”



**Anniston High School Class 1987** - February 05, 2025 at 03:41 PM

DM

“ *DLA Chaplain Care Team Ministry lit a candle in memory of Elbert Goodman* ”



**DLA Chaplain Care Team Ministry** - February 05, 2025 at 03:40 PM

DF

“ *Denver Colorado Smith Famiy lit a candle in memory of Elbert Goodman* ”



**Denver Colorado Smith Famiy** - February 01, 2025 at 10:22 AM

PS

“ *In loving memory of our Uncle Elbert - Absent from the body. Present with the Lord. From: Pastor Dean, Pastor Faye, Loretta "Retta" and Ann - Smith Family: Denver, Colorado.*



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**Priscilla Ann Smith** - February 01, 2025 at 10:20 AM

MB

“ *To The Goodman Family: Elbert was friends with my older brothers, so that made him my friend too!! We called him Edward, he always looked out for the younger guys. Edward take your rest you have completed earths journey, you shall not be forgotten, rest well among the stars.*

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**Melvin Bush** - January 31, 2025 at 04:38 PM

EF

“ *Elmer Gibson and family. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Elbert Goodman.*



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**Elmer Gibson and family.** - January 31, 2025 at 08:37 AM

NF

“ Nephew Michael and The Gibson Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Elbert Goodman.



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**Nephew Michael and The Gibson Family** - January 30, 2025 at 06:09 PM

NF

“ Nephew Michael and The Gibson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elbert Goodman.

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**Nephew Michael and The Gibson Family** - January 30, 2025 at 06:09 PM

MF

“ Michael Goodman and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elbert Goodman.



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**Michael Goodman and Family** - January 30, 2025 at 04:12 PM

KF

“ My condolences to the Goodman Family .

*The Ferrells (Rogers, Andrea, Kendra and Ahmad)*

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**KENDRA FERRELL** - January 30, 2025 at 03:28 AM

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“ *Condolences to the Goodman Family  
The Anniston High School Class of 1992*



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**AHS Class of 1992** - January 30, 2025 at 03:27 AM

JT

“ *Jo Anne Turner lit a candle in memory of  
Elbert Goodman*



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**Jo Anne Turner** - January 30, 2025 at 03:09 AM

TS

“ *Uncle Elbert was one of the funniest and  
stylish men I have known and have the  
pleasure of being his great-niece. I will miss  
him. He's with my grandma Cora L Smith. I  
miss them both.*



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**Tiffany Smith** - January 29, 2025 at 10:56 PM

RC

“ *Elbert was a Friend ill never forget.*

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**Richard Caver** - January 29, 2025 at 09:27 AM

PE

“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to the Goodman family.may the Lord give you all the strength in your time of sorry.*  
*Pearlene Harris*



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**pearleneHarris** - January 27, 2025 at 04:46 PM

KD

“ *Kalantan Duff lit a candle in memory of Elbert Goodman*



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**Kalantan Duff** - January 26, 2025 at 09:46 PM

KD

*Our Prayers are with you at this time and always.*

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**Kalantan Duff** - January 26, 2025 at 09:47 PM

MF

*Praying for your family the martin family*

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**marttin 's family** - January 28, 2025 at 04:54 PM

MF

“ *Michael Goodman And Family lit a candle in memory of Elbert Goodman*



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**Michael Goodman and Family** - January 26, 2025 at 09:59 AM

YP

“ *Yolandia Peters sent a virtual gift in memory of Elbert Goodman*



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**Yolandia Peters** - January 26, 2025 at 09:06 AM

BG

“ *Brenda A Goodman lit a candle in memory of Elbert Goodman*



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**Brenda A Goodman** - January 26, 2025 at 07:17 AM