



William Harold Elmore

June 5, 1937 - September 24, 2020

William "Harold" Elmore, 83, a grocer in the Kingston community for fifty years, passed away on Thursday, September 24, 2020. He was born in Crossville, TN on June 5, 1937 to Burriss and Effie Draper Elmore. He spent his young life in New Castle, Indiana and Madisonville, Kentucky and returned to Crossville, TN in the late 1940's, attending Woody School and Cumberland County High School.

He graduated from Cumberland County High School class in 1955 and was a U.S. Air Force Veteran. He was of the Christian faith and was a member of a local Baptist church, where he actively attended until a fall in the spring of 2017 left him immobile.

Harold was preceded in death by his wife of forty-three years, Katherine Teffeteller Elmore; his daughter, Joyce "Joy" Elmore; his father, Burriss Elmore; his mother, Effie Draper Elmore Ramey; stepfather, Theodore "Ted" Roosevelt Ramey; mother- and father-in-law, Addie "Juanita" Lee and Charles "Ray" Teffeteller; sister, Opal Turner; brother, Robert Elmore; half-sister, Joann Ramey; and many stepsiblings.

After losing his father to cancer at eight years old, Harold became an advocate for cancer awareness education and adoption. In the mid-1960's, Harold and his wife searched several adoption agencies throughout East

Tennessee looking for the child that they felt most needed a loving family resulting in the adoption of their oldest daughter, Joyce, whom Harold lovingly cared for forty-one years.

Three children survive Harold: oldest son, Michael, and twins, Charles and Cheryl. A special nephew, James (Tijuana) Burnette of Harriman and special nieces, Diep (Sam) Bell of Tucson, AZ and Carolyn (Mike) Renfro of Cookeville, TN, as well as many honorary children.

Revs. Tony Boswell and Dale Darley will conduct the funeral service, which be held at Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston on Sunday, September 27th at 6:00 pm with special music provided by Tommy Spencer. A receiving of friends will take place from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

A graveside service will be held at the Cedar Grove Baptist Church cemetery on Monday, September 28th at 2:00 pm with Rev. Johnny Ward and Kyle Beverley officiating.

Kenny Barding, Kent Calfee, Nathan Crowe, Brian Mullins, Michael Earl Russell, and Jim Washam will serve as pallbearers.

The family would like to thank those who visited him regularly and the nurses and staff who oversaw his long-term care. Harold's family would like to extend a special thank you to Jessica, Amanda, and Don at Life Care Center of Morgan County, to Connie Sheldon and Heather Miller at Harriman Care and Rehab, and to Dr. Tim Bell and his Amedisys Hospice team for Harold's final care.

Harold was a man that liked everyone, found the good in every situation, and always put God and others first.

In lieu of flowers or memorial donations, please do something with your loved ones, perform an act of kindness, or try to bring a smile to another person.

“Love one another.” - John 13:34-35.

Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Elmore Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **27**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP **27**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

SEP **28** (ET)

Cedar Grove Cemetery
405 Old Johnson Valley Road
Kingston, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Earth’s loss is Heaven’s gain....
I attended church with Harold and his sweet wife, Katherine, many years ago. They were two of the nicest people I’ve ever known. Oh how they loved the Lord and their family!
Thoughts and prayers for those left behind.*

Amy Gamble - September 27, 2020 at 03:33 PM

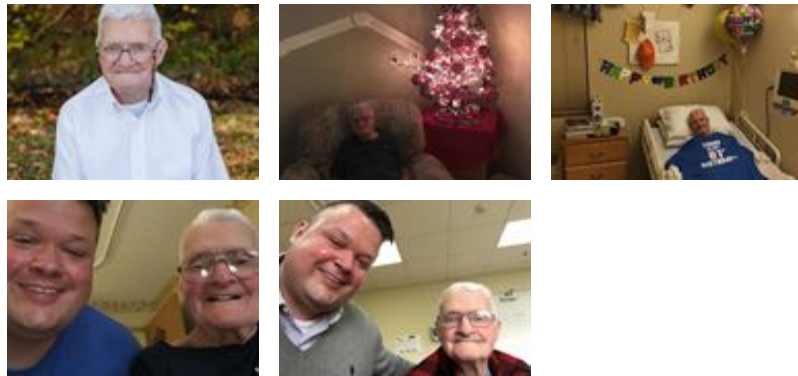


“ *We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Everett and Carol (Crowe) Phillips - September 27, 2020 at 04:54 AM



“ *79 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Kyker Funeral Home - September 25, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of William Harold Elmore.*



September 25, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ *Charles and Family, We are so sorry to hear about your dad's passing, but we know the angels were rejoicing as he came through those pearly gates. Praying that God will comfort your hearts and give you peace of mind.*

*Sincerely,
Walter Prewitt & Darlene Bowers Prewitt*

Darlene Prewitt - September 25, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Harold was one of the sweetest men I've ever known. May God bring you peace during this time. Sending up lots of love and prayers for you and yours.*

Phene Adcox McCurry - September 24, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of William Harold Elmore.*



September 24, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Harold Elmore.*



September 24, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ *Michael, Charles and Cheryl, This is a difficult time for all of you but think of the rejoicing in Heaven. Your dad was a wonderful person with such a kind heart. God Bless you and comfort you.*

Jill and John Turnbull - September 24, 2020 at 02:51 PM