



Forrest Elam

October 23, 1947 - December 27, 2018

Forrest "Butch" W. Elam passed away Thursday, December 27th, at home with family at his side after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was born in Mexico, MO on October 23rd, 1947. After graduating from Sanford Brown Business College in 1969, Butch was drafted into the US Army, serving in Germany until 1971. Upon honorable discharge, he began a sales career primarily in the automotive industry, before retiring in 2009. Butch and his wife JoEllen came to The Villages from O'Fallon, MO in 2016. He was active in water aerobics, shuffleboard, Martini Mondays, and his true passion, karaoke singing at many locations. He was a member of Knights of Columbus, American Legion, and Cardinals Nation Club.

He is survived by wife JoEllen, son Eric (Shawna), and granddaughter McKinley. He was predeceased by father Harry G. Elam, mother Margaret L. (Dorn) Bishop and sister Pamela Elam.

Friday January 11th, services will be held at Hope Lutheran Church with 10:00 am greeting, 11:00 am service, followed by interment at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are encouraged to:

Hope Lutheran Church
250 Avenida Los Angeles
The Villages, FL 32162

Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation
12902 Magnolia Drive
Tampa, FL 33612

or

Cornerstone Hospice
601 Casa Bella
The Villages, FL 32162

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Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake,
FL. Online condolences may be left at www.BeyersFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall

IK

“ We are so sorry for your loss and miss his wonderful persona and his singing.
It was a short but memorable friendship and we will miss him.

Iris and Allen Kaplan

iris kaplan - January 04, 2019 at 10:19 AM

LW

“ JoEllen and family.. Sorry to hear about your loss, I will be thinking about you in these difficult times.

Linda M Wehmeier - January 03, 2019 at 09:09 AM

MH

“ JoEllen - Although we don't know you well, being new to The Villages, we want to express our sincere condolences. Butch was the very first person we met upon arriving here in April, at the Pine Ridge neighborhood pool. He was so friendly and welcoming. His kindness to us was so heart-warming. He will be missed by many! May God give you peace and comfort as you grieve this wonderful man.

Mike and Julie Herchmer - January 03, 2019 at 06:56 AM

DK

“ Dear Jo Ellen and family,
We are heartbroken for Butch's passing and our prayers and sympathy are with you at this time of mourning. We will never pass by the Brownwood City Fire or the Lake Sumter Sonny's without visualizing Butch with microphone in hand belting out the songs he loved with the passion he showed for karaoke. We will always be thankful for those memories.

All the best, Dan and Sue Kapellen

Dan & Sue Kapellen - December 31, 2018 at 10:15 PM

TR

“ My deepest sympathy to Butch's family. May you find comfort from God and dear friends at this time. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Trisha - December 29, 2018 at 04:01 PM