



Mr. James Stuart Elder

October 17, 1918 - December 21, 2014

James (Jim) Stuart Elder, age 96, passed away peacefully at Pacific Senior Living in Roswell on December 21, 2014. Jim is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Edna (Kitty) Ryals Elder, son James Stuart Elder, Jr., son Robert Craig Elder and stepson Tommy Thompson. He had eight grandchildren- Kasi Young, Aimee Elder, Darcie Arnold, Jameson Elder, Graham Elder, Rachel Elder, Lane Thompson, and Zach Thompson, as well as one great grandson, Felix Arnold. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Mary Stuart Elder, brother Robert Graham Elder, sister Mary J. Elder, and wife Mae Blanche Sensing.

Jim was a charter member of Pasadena Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg, Florida. He served there as a chairman of the Board of Deacons, church treasurer, and president of the Men of the Church.

He was a child of the Great Depression, growing up in farm communities near Haverhill, MA. He graduated from Suffolk University in Boston, MA with a law degree. In 1942, he was drafted into the Army Air Corp and served during World War II in Europe. He flew 25 bombing missions over Germany in a B-17 Flying Fortress. He achieved the rank of sergeant. Many of his fellow airman never returned home.

He moved to St Petersburg, Florida and resided there for over 65 years. He

worked as a claims investigator and adjudicator for the Veterans Administration, retiring after nearly 30 years of service. During these years, he raised a family, helped start Boy Scout Troop 301 and managed Little League baseball teams. He enjoyed many years of retirement, traveling to Europe and the western US. He spent many summers on the coast of New Hampshire, near his boyhood home.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at Northside Chapel in Roswell, Georgia at 4 pm on Tuesday, December 23. Graveside services will be held later in St. Petersburg, Florida at the Royal Palm Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Royal Palm Cemetery

St. Petersburg, FL

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **23**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Stuart Elder*

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“ *I was honored and glad to have known Jim.*
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