



Vance N. (Noel) Elder

December 25, 1923 - June 11, 2019

Vance N. (Noel) Elder, age 95 of Fayetteville, Arkansas passed away June 11, 2019. He was born in Hutchinson, Kansas on December 25, 1923 to Tom and Mae Shaw Elder.

Vance graduated from the University of Kansas with a Professional Engineering degree.

Vance and his brother John Elder were partners of ABC Plumbing and Heating of Springdale and the founders of Multicraft Contractors which they owned and operated for many years later selling it to their employees. He served on several Boards at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Springdale and was involved in the construction of St. Thomas. Vance was an Original Charter Member of Trout's Unlimited in Northwest Arkansas. Mr. Elder was one of the pilots of the 507 Fighter Group during WWII. This was the only P-47 flight group in the Pacific to be honored with the Distinguished Unit Citation.

Vance was preceded in death by his parents as well as his first wife, Jean Elder and second wife, Kathryn Tippet Elder.

Mr. Elder is survived by his wife, Onita Copeland Elder, and children; Cynthia Pecarovich, Nancy Schwan, Tom Elder, Rick Elder, and Vance R. Elder. He also leaves 9 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-

grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Springdale.

Memorials may be made to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 2898 S. 48th St., Springdale, Arkansas 72762 or Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, Arkansas 72762.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
2898 S. 48th St.
Springdale, AR 72762

Tribute Wall



“ *Vance N. (Noel) Elder*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working for and with Vance. He was a great Engineer and a real gentleman. He mentored so many of us regarding our work and was always available to listen and share ideas. He really set an example on how to be a professional. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity and trust that Vance and his brother John bestowed upon me. This great nation is also indebted to Vance for his service.*

Thank you sincerely Vance and may God rest your soul,

Rick Barrows

Rick Barrows - June 21, 2019 at 08:02 PM



“ *Served on many church committees with Vance. Always kind and thoughtful of others. Will miss you. Prayers and hugs your family.*

Sonja Bennett - June 21, 2019 at 04:20 PM

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“ *Vance was more than a Dad to us. He evolved into a good friend with whom we shared many memorable experiences. Our family is very glad we moved to NWA from Kansas in 1995 as this proximity allowed for some very simple joys such as a lunch together, going for a boat ride or "wetting a line" on Beaver Lake.*

*Thank you for your service to our country...
Than you for life!*

Rick Elder - June 20, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vance N. (Noel) Elder.*



June 19, 2019 at 10:46 AM

KG

“ *I worked for Mr Vance at ABC Plumbing while in college at the UA. I always admired him. Peace to his memory
Kenny Goff*

Kenny Goff - June 16, 2019 at 09:52 PM

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“ I worked for Vance for several years at Multi Craft until he sold out. He was a fine man and always at the top of his game. I always admired Vance and talked with him regularly when he came back by the shop. He once told me about going into a air museum in Florida. Low and behold they had the plane he flew in WW2. They didn't believe him that it was his plane. When he got home he dug out a picture and sent it to them!! Guess he got the last word on that. Thanks for being in my life Vance. Good memories always.
Dempsey Lewis

Dempsey Lewis - June 16, 2019 at 04:37 PM