



Pastor Donald Ray Elmer

August 2, 1936 - December 14, 2024

Pastor Donald Ray Elmer, age 88, of the Grand Camp Road, French Creek, died Saturday, December 14, 2024, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon. He was born on August 2, 1936, in French Creek, a son of the late Roscoe Raymond and Anna Esteline Gillum Elmer. On July 22, 1955, he was united in marriage to Emma Jean Hurst Elmer, who preceded him in death on August 24, 2006. In addition to his parents and his wife, he was also preceded in death by one daughter and son-in-law: Vicki and David Hardman; two brothers: Eldon and Margel Elmer; and one sister Shirley Ann Lampkin. He is survived by five daughters: Donna and husband Danny Reed of Tallmansville, Debora and husband Joe Malcolm of Frenchton, June and husband Roger Moran of Century, Twila and husband Herbie McClain of Frenchton, and Peggy and husband Bill Dahlheim of Buckhannon; 14 grandchildren; numerous great- and great-great grandchildren; two sisters: Marylena Russell and Irene Hyre, both of French Creek; two brothers: Edward Elmer and wife Marie of Romney and Ralph Elmer of French Creek; many nieces and nephews; and special friends Pearl and Roger Smith.

Don faithfully and prayerfully served the Ingo Community Church as pastor for many years. He was a loving husband and father who will be sorely missed.

The family will receive friends on Friday, December 20, 2024, from 4-8:00 PM, at the Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel. The funeral will be held at 10:00

AM on Saturday, December 21, 2024, at the funeral chapel with Pastor David Gillum officiating. Interment will follow in the Laurel Fork Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Fork Cemetery

French Creek, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel
940 Route 20 South Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Funeral

DEC **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary And Buster Hyre lit a candle in memory of Pastor Donald Ray Elmer*



Mary and Buster Hyre - December 21, 2024 at 03:43 PM



prayers for all

Mary and Buster Hyre - December 21, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ *We were so saddened to hear of your father's passing. He will be missed. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Sam, Sharon and Bill Elmer.*

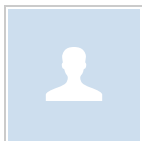
Sharon Elmer - December 19, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pastor Donald Ray Elmer.*



December 18, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pastor Donald Ray Elmer.*

December 18, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor Donald Ray Elmer.*



December 17, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ *Teresa Hardman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pastor Donald Ray Elmer.*



Teresa Hardman - December 16, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I will always remember all the good times we had at church with pastor Don. He was wonderful pastor with a heart of gold always there to help anyone he could, He will definitely be missed. Love and prayers to you all.*

Beverly Riffle - December 16, 2024 at 01:21 PM



“ *Bobby lit a candle in memory of Pastor Donald Ray Elmer*



Bobby - December 16, 2024 at 12:50 PM

BH

“ I first met Don Elmer riding my Grandad's bus up the Alton Rd. then later as a friend of his children. Don and Emma Jean welcomed me into their home as if I was one of their own. I never forgot how they made anyone they met to feel welcomed and important.

The following Bible verses would be very fitting to describe Don Elmer.

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 16:22 So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

God bless you Donald Ray Elmer. You are a man of principle, hope, strength, love & support. You and Emma Jean were teachers and yet listeners to all. You both were gentle & caring not only to your family but to friends, neighbors and everyone you met. You gave your all to anyone in need. Upshur County lost a great man and will be forever remembered & missed. What a great day it must have been to have rejoin Emma Jean once again.

Bobby & Ruth Hawkins - December 16, 2024 at 12:48 PM

RS

So sorry for your loss, but he is Heavens gain. I played music with him in church and we have been prayer partners for the last 8 years and I am going to miss him very much but I am looking forward to seeing him again someday. He was a great mechanic and a wonderful person of God.

Rodney Irvin and Sandra - December 16, 2024 at 01:59 PM

TC

Prayers for all of you that are left behind to mourn the passing of your dad, grandpa, uncle, friend, Pastor . He was loved and will be missed by many. He touched the lives of many people and left a legacy of truth and service to Jesus Christ. Heaven has gained a wonderful angel! May you find comfort and peace in the love of God!

Treasea Crites - December 21, 2024 at 09:35 AM

JJ

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I remember growing up going to church every Sunday as a young girl singing every morning with him and my sisters. As our favorite song was city of gold. I hope you are up there enjoying that beautiful city of gold. You are loved and missed. Rest Easy pastor Don.



Jessica Jenkins - December 15, 2024 at 09:47 PM



Thank you Jessica Jenkins

Debora Malcolm - December 15, 2024 at 11:16 PM

JS

“ I met Don when Roger and I visited with Pearl and her husband was still living then. I liked him first time I met him. Good man God fearing man. He is at peace now and will be missed but never forgotten .So sorry for your loss girls .

Judy Marie Smith - December 15, 2024 at 09:34 PM

OC

“ Sending out prayers for all your Family and Friends. May God comfort you all
Rest In peace Don

Orville and Karen Shaw Collins - December 15, 2024 at 07:32 PM

DP

“ So sorry for your loss hugs and prayers



Delmis and Patty - December 15, 2024 at 05:54 PM

BA

“ I grew up between Frenhton Assembly Church and Ingo Community Church. This man was very influential in my faith in Christ. He always had a smile and strength about him. No matter the struggle he seemed to make things so easy. Heaven truly gained a treasure and he's again at his sweetheart's side!

Bobbie Alkire - December 15, 2024 at 03:57 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services - December 15, 2024 at 03:39 PM

KH

so sorry to hear about dons passing

keith hughlett - January 14, 2025 at 08:00 PM