



## Mr. Donald Mead Elrod

February 12, 1945 - August 19, 2021

Donald Mead Elrod passed away August 19, 2021, at his home in Arab. He was born on February 12, 1945, in Albertville, Alabama to Irby Lee and Ludie Mead Elrod. He met his wife, Judy, while attending high school and they were married January 22, 1966, and had celebrated 55 years of marriage.

Don is survived by his wife, Judy Berry Elrod; a son, Russell and his wife Andrea; two granddaughters, Hensley and Aubrey; his brother Bob and his wife Patricia; sister-in-law, Carol Berry Cole; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his beloved son, Chris.

He graduated from Arab High School in 1963 and from the University of Alabama in 1967 with a degree in Industrial Management.

Don spent his adult life in the trucking industry. He was the co-owner of Arab Cartage and Express until his retirement in 2016.

He was a lifetime member of Arab First Baptist Church.

Don was a ham radio operator and spent many enjoyable hours on his radio talking to people all over the world. In his travels, he loved to meet in person some of the people he had talked with on his radio. KE4YHY will be missed by many of his ham radio buddies.

Visitation will be Saturday, August 21, at Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Arab. The funeral will be at the Arab First Baptist Church on Sunday, August 22, at 2:00 with the Reverends David Kizziah, Nicky James, and Ben James officiating. He will lie in state at the church from 1:00 until time for the service. Burial will be in Brookwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: Ross James, Andrew James, Ben James, Clay Scofield, Jeff Stewart, and Curt Reed.

Memorial donations may be made to the Chris Elrod Memorial Scholarship at BancorpSouth.

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, Directing.

# Cemetery Details

## Brookwood Cemetery

2059 Old Guntersville Road  
Arab, AL 35016

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel  
1340 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016  
(256) 586-4100

## Lie-In-State

AUG 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Arab First Baptist Church  
502 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016

## Service

AUG 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

Arab First Baptist Church  
502 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016



# Tribute Wall

ST

“ Sean Tully lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Mead Elrod



---

Sean Tully - August 26, 2021 at 04:52 PM

CT

“ Judy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember, years and years ago, when The Elrods had the egg weighing and processing business in down town Arab. Ailene Light, my mother-in-law, worked for him many, many years. She thought so much of the entire ELrod Family and all of there help. She was raising 7 children and needed a job. She was so thankful they hired her. Throughout school, life in Arab, we all became very good friends of Don. Don had that calming demeanor and was so down to earth. Heaven has just received a wonderful angel. Judy, you and your family will see him again in Heaven. What a rejoicing that will be. I will Pray, God will give you and your family Peace and Comfort during these times. Time doesn't heal a broken heart, time only makes Don's passing more bearable. My Deepest Sympathy extends to all Don's family.



Carolyn Thrower

---

carolyn thrower - August 21, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Mead Elrod.*



---

August 21, 2021 at 08:03 AM



“ *To a great classmate for many years at Arab High! So thankful Don and Judy were responsible for putting together our nice reunions over the years! You will be missed—the best to Judy and family!!!*



---

**janice saylor sayman** - August 20, 2021 at 08:32 PM



“ *Nalani Clements McNary lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Mead Elrod*



---

**Nalani Clements McNary** - August 20, 2021 at 06:20 PM



“ *don was a good person to work for, enjoyed working with him for 10 years, sorry for your loss ,judy and russell*

---

**Ronald W Dunivant** - August 20, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Mead Elrod.*



---

August 20, 2021 at 03:53 PM