

Lt. Col. Ernest Clarence Elmore

Retired Lt. Col. Ernest Clarence Elmore, U.S. Army, 77, of Damascus, died Tuesday morning, Jan. 20, 2009, at his residence. He was the husband of Mrs. Doris Lorraine Johnson Elmore, his wife of 54 years.

Born June 23, 1931, in Hertford, N.C., he was a son of Stephen Edward and Delia Lee Hedgepeth Elmore. He graduated from Deep Creek High School; and while serving in the U.S. Army, George Washington University.

Lt. Col. Elmore served 26 years in the U.S. Army with the Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Since 1975, he worked and retired from Bechtel and BECON, a Bechtel Subsidiary.

Surviving besides his wife are four children, Gregory S. and David L. Elmore, both of Damascus, Patricia L. Saba of Alpharetta, Ga., and K. Heidi Mele and husband, Ronald, of Mount Airy; four grandchildren, Mary, Nathan, Peter and Jack; as well as siblings, Stephen E. Elmore Jr. of Greensboro, N.C., and Emmett C. Elmore and wife, Jeanette, of Hertford, N.C.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Nancy L. Elmore; and amongst numerous aunts and uncles, the aunt and uncle who raised him, Herti and Lonnie Powell.

Friends may call from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at Molesworth-Williams Funeral Home, 26401 Ridge Road, Damascus. A funeral service will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. The Rev. Michael D. Anglin will officiate. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, memorials and tributes, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058.