



## Leslie "Les" C. Elmore

August 14, 1944 - October 14, 2023

Leslie "Les" C. Elmore, 79, of Indianapolis and formerly of Monrovia, passed peacefully from this life in the early morning hours of Saturday, October 14, 2023, while in the care of Life's Journey of Avon and surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Indianapolis on August 14, 1944, to the late Leslie Raymond and Lura Luvina (Johnson) Elmore.

Growing up in Indianapolis, Les often traveled to his grandparents' farm in Kentucky learning the value of hard work by slinging hay and working the tobacco fields. He attended Decatur Central High School with the class of 1966, before honoring his father by proudly joining the United States Army. Serving his country during the Vietnam War, Les was spared the horrors of action since he was the only living son. An excellent marksman, he was asked to re-enlist to become a sniper. He declined but found ways of using his sharp shooting skills in other realms of life.

His first marriage to Silvia produced two upstanding sons, Howard and Tim, and the family enjoyed camping, fishing, and hunting in their free time. As life went on, and people change, Les and Silvia parted ways. It was then he met the second and last woman he would marry, Roberta. The two met at a bingo hall and it was love at first sight for him. The happy couple were united in marriage on October 16, 1994, in the same place they met, blending their families of his two sons and her three girls, Tammy, Sherry, and Alicia.

A supervisor for Balkamp, Les dedicated 40 years of service to the company, happily retiring in 2011 so he could enjoy the things he liked best; antiquing, shopping flea markets, working on cars, playing bingo, and mainly bowling in his league at Western Bowl. He adored convertibles, helped anyone in need, especially blondes and old people. Finally finding his dream home in 2012, he and Bobi settled nicely into the neighborhood where he and fellow neighbors pitched in to beautify the place every spring.

Frequently stubborn, and forever funny Les had quite the snarky sense of humor and was known for bad grandpa jokes. A truly gentle soul, which earned him the nickname "sweetie boy" by Bobi, he never had a bad word to say about anyone. As the ravages of Alzheimer's took their toll on his mind, his last great accomplishment was walking Tammy down the aisle last month. It was the last thing he was able to do. He will be deeply and forever missed by all who had the pleasure to know him.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Alicia Dillion.

He leaves behind his devoted wife, Roberta "Bobi" (Burk) Elmore of Indianapolis; children, Howard Elmore (Penny) of Speedwell, KY, Tim Elmore (Kathy) of Indianapolis, Tammy Hughes (George) of Indianapolis, and Sherry Brewer (Steve) of Avon; only sister Mary Luvina Miller of Bowling Green, KY; former wife, Silvia Elmore of Indianapolis; 37 grandchildren and great grandchildren; along with his best friend and fur baby, Rosie.

Cremation Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Family and Friends are invited to gather on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at the Hazelwood Christian Church, 9947 S County Rd 0, Clayton, IN 46118, from Noon until a Celebration of Life Memorial Service at

1:00pm, with Military Honors beginning at 12:30pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to either the Alzheimer's Association 50 E 91st St. Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46209-4830, or to Life's Journey of Avon, 10241 E County Rd 100 N, Indianapolis, IN 46234. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in his memory, please visit his tribute page at [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Memorial Service

NOV 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Hazelwood Christian Church  
9947 S. County Road 0  
Clayton, IN 46118

## Visitation

NOV 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Military Honors

NOV 4. 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Joseph R Hofmeister lit a candle in memory of Leslie "Les" C. Elmore*



Joseph R Hofmeister - October 30, 2023 at 11:30 AM

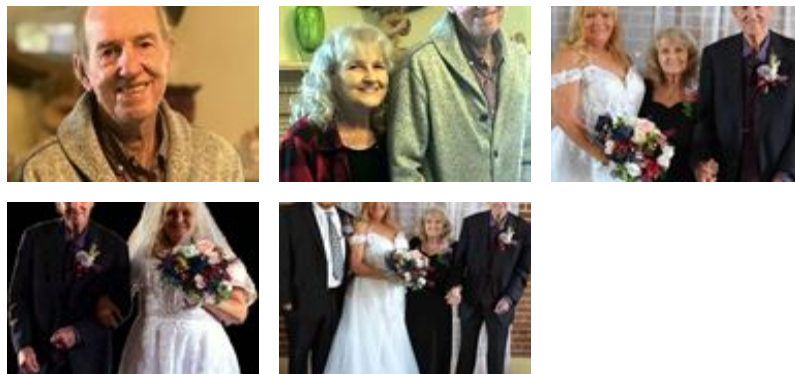
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*Remembering all our good times at the bowling alley. Sorry for your loss*

Joseph R Hofmeister - October 30, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ *54 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - October 23, 2023 at 11:32 AM

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“ *Les had a beautiful and gentle spirit. He was always willing to step in and help me through the years. Les was loved and will be missed. I am so blessed to have had him in my life.*

Amy Loss - October 21, 2023 at 07:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leslie "Les" C. Elmore.*



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October 17, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *I miss you daddy! I'm so glad you were able to walk me down the aisle and give me away! It's definitely my favorite memory! I will treasure that memory forever! I love you!*

*Your daughter  
Tammy Hughes*



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**Tammy Hughes** - October 17, 2023 at 10:05 AM