



Elmore, Larry Michael 'Mike'

1941-2023

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Larry Michael "Mike" Elmore was born in Mertens to Harley and Eva Elmore on July 17, 1941. He died following complications from Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Aug. 29, 2023, in Grapevine. His family moved to Decatur when he was five. There he made lifelong friends. He played basketball during his four years in high school and graduated as valedictorian from Decatur High School in 1959. He went on to graduate from Arlington State College cum laude in 1963. He married Carole Hamilton of Wichita Falls June 13, 1964. Early on, he worked for Hamilton Bryan as one of the general managers. He and Carole then ran Elmore's TV and Appliance in the 70s. He then bought and enjoyed running C and H Pawn until he retired in 2006. He was a member of the Maskat Shrine, a captain of the Cadillac Convee Patrol, and a member and leader of the Jesters. In 2007, the couple moved to Colleyville. Mike and Carole enjoyed traveling and were lucky enough to visit five continents and most European countries during his lifetime. However, of all his travels, his favorite place was Crested

Butte, Colorado, where the two built a second home and enjoyed summers and autumns with special friends for many years. He loved sports. He was a season ticket holder of the Dallas Cowboys and was able to see two World Series baseball games with the Texas Rangers competing. (He is still upset about the losses!) He also loved striper fishing with his grandsons. He leaves his wife of 59 years, Carole, of Colleyville; a son, Jeffrey Elmore and wife, Ashley of Colleyville; a daughter, Jennifer Elmore of Denver and three grandchildren, Jack, Eva and Gavin Elmore of Colleyville; a brother, Dwight Elmore of McKinney; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ron and Beth Hamilton of Wichita Falls and many nieces and nephews. His DHS class of 1959 has remained an important part of his life. Those classmates remain in his heart forever, especially his best friends and traveling companions, Reg and Sandra Hill.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date, and his ashes will be scattered in his favorite spot in Crested Butte, Colorado. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to a special friend's charitable stomach cancer organization, Stupid Strong, www.stupidstrong.org or PO Box 475, Colleyville TX 76034.