



## Ernest "Ernie" F. Elder Jr.

September 8, 1937 - February 25, 2020

Wantage - Ernest "Ernie" F. Elder, age 82, passed away on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at his residence. Born in Wantage to the late Ernest F. Elder, Sr. and Gladys (Terwilliger) Elder, Ernie lived in the Sussex-Wantage area all of his life. He had been a self-employed dairy farmer, an avid hunter and was a lifetime honorary member of the Woods and Waters Sportsmen and Conservation Association. Ernie is survived by his wife of 54 years, Wilma (Trudgen); his son, Randy L. Elder and his wife Valerie Olm of Wantage; his daughters, Lori B. Irvin and her husband Lee of Cary, North Carolina and Sarah L. Elder of Cary, North Carolina; his sisters, Audrey Elder of Unionville, New York and Joyce Hill of Sussex; and four grandchildren, Dylan, Sawyer, RJ, and Grayson. Memorial services will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Saturday prior to the service from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to the Wantage First Aid Squad, 888 State Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey 07461. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private Cremation Services**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

FEB **29**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
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# Tribute Wall

BS

“ He was a wealth of knowledge about the farm. We spoke on many occasions and hunted together occasionally. The ever present smile and piercing blue eyes will not be forgotten.  
His spirit will be there forever. I wish I had more time with him. RIP  
Woods and Waters member

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**Bill Schreiber** - February 28, 2020 at 04:17 PM

 Patty Babcock

“ Our condolences to the family. I will miss seeing him wave as he went by.

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**Patty Babcock** - February 27, 2020 at 04:56 PM

AT

“ Ernie was a great guy filled with fun and a smile. He was always working or somehow keeping busy. He was a favorite of my dad who loved to share hunting stories. So many memories from the Wayside Farm. The 54 Chevy, baseball in front of the barn. Rest in peace Ernie. Wilma, I wish you and your family my sincerest condolences.

*Allen Terwilliger*

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**Allen Terwilliger** - February 27, 2020 at 01:27 PM

BB

“ My condolences to the family. Ernie always had a big smile & loved his farm life just as much of his family life. My Sympathy, Bruce Bihn

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**Bruce Bihn** - February 27, 2020 at 08:16 AM

DS

“ *Wilma and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Ernie. Thinking of  
you and your family during this time.  
With Sympathy and love , Denise*



Denise Sutton - February 26, 2020 at 10:19 PM

SW

“ *The Wingerter family sends prayers and our sympathy during this  
time. We share fond memories of times with Ernie and have faith  
that he is in a better place now, free of pain.*

Steve Wingerter - February 26, 2020 at 08:47 PM

KC

“ *Deepest condolences on the loss of Ernie. Will keep your family in  
my prayers.  
Kimberly Stewart Cortright*

Kimberly Cortright - February 26, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Ernest "Ernie" F. Elder Jr..*



February 26, 2020 at 08:33 PM

TP

“ *Wilma, I'm so very sorry! Will be holding you and the family in  
prayer ! Rich and Terri Peter*

terri peter - February 26, 2020 at 05:40 PM

SH

“ *Wilma I am so very sorry for your loss. My prayers go out to you and your family.*

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**SharonMead** - February 26, 2020 at 05:24 PM

HO

“ *Dear Wilma,  
Please know that we are thinking of you and holding you in our bundle of care. Ernie was a very special fellow as you know better than any of us. (From "Buckshot"--Harold Owens)*

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**Harold E. Owens** - February 26, 2020 at 04:44 PM

WH

“ *West Cary Animal Hospital purchased the Laver Reflections Spray for the family of Ernest "Ernie" F. Elder Jr..*



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**West Cary Animal Hospital** - February 26, 2020 at 02:51 PM