



## Joe D. Elam

May 1, 1936 - December 21, 2017

Frankfort – Joe Donald Elam, age 81, passed away Thursday, December 21, 2017 in Frankfort. A Visitation will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 2017. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Mr. Elam was born in Lancaster, Kentucky on May 1, 1936 to the late Willie C. and Alla Mae Thompson Elam. He was united in marriage to his beloved wife, B Bramblett Elam, of Frankfort. His knowledge of budgeting and government operations took him from the State budget office to the City of Louisville and back to State government in Frankfort where he retired as Deputy Commissioner of Department of Information Systems. A citizen soldier, Mr. Elam obtained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army reserves. A true lover of nature, he enjoyed time spent gardening.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his sons, David Schatz (Ronda) and Douglass Schatz; nephew, Danny Elam (Susan), niece Vicki Ferguson; and three grandchildren, Connor, Ava and Walker Schatz.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **27**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joe D. Elam*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Joe was best man for Bob Curtis when he married in 1964. Joe and Bob were friends who enjoyed life through many adventures. Bob died in 1994. Friends once again together.*

**Tweet** - December 29, 2017 at 08:33 AM



“ *Joe was a good friend when we worked together in DIS. He was caring and compassionate with the folks with whom he worked, He had a great institutional knowledge of state government and was more than willing to share it. It was a privilege to know and work with Joe. He had a fantastic memory for detail. My thoughts and prayers are with Bramlett and their family at this time of grief and loss.*

**John Bridwell** - December 23, 2017 at 11:30 AM



“ *Joe was a good business friend who so often demonstrated great compassion and warmth to others with whom he worked. He had an excellent institutional memory which he shared with others in the workplace to assist in making good decisions. It was a privilege to work with him. My thoughts and prayers are for Bramlett and family.*

**John Bridwell** - December 23, 2017 at 10:09 AM