



## Donald "Don" E. Elmore

February 10, 1942 - January 20, 2023

Donald "Don" E. Elmore, 80, of Natick, MA, formerly of Murphysboro, IL, passed away peacefully in the presence of his family in the ICU of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston in the early morning of January 20, 2023.

Don was born February 10, 1942 to Claude "Bussie" Elmore and Lucille (McElmurry) Elmore in Murphysboro, IL. He married his wife of 52 years, Patricia "Patti" Borgsmiller Elmore, in 1970 and they have one son, Donald "Don" E. Elmore, Jr.

After graduating from Murphysboro High School, Don earned a B.A. (1964) from Southern Illinois University in history and a J.D. (1967) from the University of Illinois. After working positions in legal publishing and as an Assistant State's Attorney for Jackson County he joined the Wolff and Jones law practice in Murphysboro, IL as a partner until his retirement in 2008. Don was actively engaged in the civic life of his hometown and the Southern Illinois community. He served as President of the Murphysboro Chamber of Commerce, Murphysboro Park District Board Attorney for 34 years, Jackson County Community Mental Health Center Board Attorney and later member of the board. A man of quiet and steadfast faith and active parishioner of St. Andrew Church in Murphysboro, Don was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus who loved experiencing various manifestations of religious practices in his travels. Until the day of his passing, Don was intellectually

vigorous and enjoyed sharing his love of diverse books and music. Starting from his time as a visiting student at New Mexico Highlands University, he loved to travel and enjoyed long walks, exploring historical sites and trying new cuisines. He was devoted to his family and tirelessly supported his wife, son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren in their personal and professional endeavors. He was a nurturing and engaged parent, and in retirement he found joy in spending time with his grandchildren, whether playing a game, telling a story or attending one of their performances. He will be remembered as a thoughtful and compassionate man who was a good listener with a witty sense of humor.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Janice Elmore Howe. He is survived by his beloved wife, Patti; his son, Don, and his wife, Julia C. Prentice, of Dedham, MA; and grandchildren, Corinne Prentice Elmore and Adlai Prentice Elmore, of Dedham, MA.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Andrew Church in Murphysboro, IL on Monday, February 20 at 11 AM with a visitation immediately preceding at 10 AM at the church.

A reception following the burial at the church cemetery will be in the KC Hall. In addition, a celebration of life reception will be held at Nouvelle in Natick, MA at a later date.

Memorials may be made to St. Andrew School in Murphysboro (723 Mulberry St., Murphysboro, IL 62966) or the Borgsmiller-Elmore Doctoral Endowment Award at Southern Illinois University Foundation (Colyer Hall, 1235 Douglas Drive, Mail Code 6805, Carbondale, IL 62901).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Andrew Catholic Cemetery

Illinois Ave.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Andrew Catholic Church  
724 Mulberry St.  
Murphysboro, IL

## Funeral Mass

FEB 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Andrew Catholic Church  
724 Mulberry St.  
Murphysboro, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ Donald "Don" E. Elmore

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Sincere condolences to Patti and the Elmore family. Very sorry to hear of his passing. Don was a quiet but excellent attorney for our Murphysboro Park District for 34 years. I believe he served in that position because he loved it, certainly not for the pay he received. He sometimes received a very modest yearly stipend and it was not unusual that he would need to be reminded about that. As far as I know, the only remuneration he actually ever requested was for the board to pay for his attendance at the annual Park District Legal Conference in Springfield. God bless you and thank you for your counsel and friendship Don. You will be missed by your loving family and your many friends in Murphysboro. Don Brewer

Don Brewer - January 30, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ I 1st met Don in the 5th grade @ Lincoln Grade School! We became good buddies and did many things together! He was always humble & kind! I am sorry that he has passed & my thoughts and prayers are with Patti & their entire family Amen 🙏

Bob Hall - January 27, 2023 at 01:37 PM