



## Donald Hawley Elwell Jr.

July 9, 1937 - June 12, 2023

Donald Hawley Elwell, Jr., 85, of Roswell, NM, passed away on June 12, 2023, in El Paso, TX. Please take a moment to share a kind thought or memory with Donald's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

He was born July 9, 1937, in St. Paul, MN, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Elwell, Sr. Don grew up in Minnesota, graduated high school, then attended Hamlin University in St. Paul, MN. He began dating his wife-to-be, Barbara, after college. The two married on October 17, 1959, in Lindstrom, MN. During the following years, Don worked in the banking business and he and Barbara had two children, Peggy, and Darrel. The family then moved to Santa Ana, CA, where Don worked in sales at Elwell Farms. He then became a business partner with a friend, which prompted him to move his family to Denver, CO. During the following 10 years in Denver, Don took an interest in real estate and became a real estate broker.

After an early career in Denver, in the real estate business, Don and his family moved to Roswell, NM, where he opened his own real estate business. While continuing to work as a real estate broker, he became a general contractor and opened Elwell Construction Company. He continued working at these businesses for roughly the next 50 years and was quite successful in his endeavors. For the first 20 years of his career in construction in Roswell, he focused on residential properties, then the last 20+ years, Don focused on

building commercial properties for various state entities across New Mexico.

During this time, his children married and had children of their own. Don enjoyed watching his grandchildren grow and would attend their various activities in Roswell, as well as across the country as they got older.

Don was an active member of the Roswell community. He and his wife have been long time members of First United Methodist Church in Roswell, NM, where Don served on various church boards and committees. He also served on various bank boards and was an active member of the Roswell Sertoma Club and Roswell Elks Lodge #969.

He enjoyed investing in the stock market and would spend his free time reading investment magazines and annual reports. Don also enjoyed gardening, cooking, and watching sports and the news.

Don was preceded in death by his daughter, Peggy Elwell; parents: Donald and Ruth Elwell; stepmother, Betty Elwell; brother, Ned Elwell; father- and mother-in-law: Walter and Irene Westlund; brother-in-law, Kermit Westlund; and sister-in-law Gloria Westlund.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Barbara Westlund Elwell; son, Darrel Elwell; grandchildren: Kalinda (Jeremi) Dunn, Kali Kundomal, Konnor (Jordan) Kundomal, Matthew Elwell, Nicholas Elwell, Jackson Elwell, and Akhilesh Kundomal; sister, Holly (Dave) Nelson; half-sisters: Lisa (David) Watson and Christine Elwell, and their children; brother-in-law, Warren Westlund and his family (Debbie, Danny, Denise, Duane); and Yash Kundomal.

Honorary pallbearers will be Troy and Terressa Yancey, Alfonso Martinez, Ray Jones, and Todd and Linda Waggoner.

At the request of the deceased, there will be no public funeral service. Arrangements will be under the direction of Anderson Bethany Funeral Home in Roswell, NM. His remains will be placed in the columbarium at the First United Methodist Church in Roswell, NM.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial donations be made to the Cowboy Bell Scholarship Fund at First United Methodist Church or any charity of your choosing.

Donald's tribute was lovingly written by his family.

# Tribute Wall



“ I am sorry to have just heard, but Don Elwell was a good man and friend to me and my wife Cindy. His knowledge and encouragement to me will always be a source of strength. Prayers for the entire family. 🙏🙏🙏

Jeff Smith - September 21, 2023 at 03:57 PM

JD

“ Mr. Elwell will be greatly missed. One of my favorite examples of hard work, determination and fair play. Rest in peace Mr. Elwell. Sending prayers on behalf of Mrs. Elwell and the family.

James Dunn - June 29, 2023 at 09:12 AM

MM

“ My condolences to the Elwell family and friends. I worked for UPS in Albuquerque and Mr. Elwell's company was one of our matenence service provider for Roswell. He and his staff were always wonderful and helpful. He will be missed.

MARILYN KAY MCPHERSON - June 26, 2023 at 09:02 PM

SB

“ We had always heard that couples have a hard time while learning to agree on building a home. NOT with Mr. Elwell...he was just remarkable! He made our experience such a delight! We knew the first time we met with him, he was the one!!! Rest in peace Mr. Elwell! You will ALWAYS have a special place in our heart. Not just for being a great Architect and Contractor but also, being a friend throughout the entire process!!! Steve and Donna Bramblett

Steve and Donna Bramblett - June 23, 2023 at 08:25 PM

MR

“ *Mr.Elwell you were such a Kind gentleman, it was a pleasure to know you, my prayers to the family.  
God Bless you all,  
Maritza J Roberts*

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**Maritza J Roberts** - June 21, 2023 at 10:11 PM

CG

“ *Don was a straight forward guy and took pride in his work I was honored to have known him my Condolences to the family Rest in Peace Don*

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**CHRISTOPHER GRAHAM** - June 21, 2023 at 08:17 PM

BP

“ *Don was a straight shooter! He and I butt heads many times over the years but we liked and respected each other! He will be missed. Prayers for his family*

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**Bonnie Puntch** - June 20, 2023 at 06:49 PM