



# Rev. L. Junior Elam (Lebanon)

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**R**ev. Leaford Junior Elam, son of Pink and Bertha E. Chastain Elam, was born September 2, 1932, in Lebanon, Missouri. He departed this life Wednesday, November 19, 2014, in his home, in Lebanon, Missouri, at the age of eighty-two years, two months, and seventeen days.

On February 24, 1952, he was united in marriage to Rosalie R. Wright, and they shared the last sixty-two years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Jarrell Elam; and two sisters, Phyllis Elam, and Joyce Weaver Dalton.

Junior is survived by his loving wife, Rosalie, of the home; a sister, Jan Miller, and her husband, Dean, of Sandwich, Massachusetts; a brother-in-law, Jack Dalton, of Plano, Texas; a sister-in-law, Virginia Watson, and her husband, Billy Joe, of Camarillo, California; several nieces and nephews; and Jim Elam, who was raised by Junior and Rosalie, and his wife, Gail, and their son, Andrew, of Yucaipa, California; as well as a host of other relatives and many friends.

He was born and raised in the Lebanon area, and graduated from Lebanon High School in the Class of 1950. He then served his country faithfully in the United States Air Force for four years, and was in the Air Force Reserves for four more years.

During his time in the military, he was an air traffic control instructor. Once he was honorably discharged from the Air Force, he and Rosalie made their home in California, and Junior worked as a professional decorator for thirty years. He then entered into the ministry and served several Baptist churches in California, then in Webb City, Missouri, and Lebanon. He was the Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church at Oakland for several years, and then served the Second Baptist Church in Lebanon for a number of years.

Junior was raised in the Assemblies of God faith and then became Baptist when he entered the ministry. He was a member of Second Baptist Church in Lebanon.



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Through the years in the ministry, he had received many notes of appreciation and was grateful for each one. He was always willing to help those less fortunate and was on a prayer chain with Dr. Charles Stanley and Adrian Rogers. He received word from them every Monday.

In his spare time he greatly enjoyed fishing, and liked collecting model cars. He had a pastor's heart, and liked to preach and sing. His family was very dear to him and he especially enjoyed times with his brother, sisters and his nieces and nephews. Junior was a loving husband, brother, uncle, and was a kind and caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate his life and his accomplishments and know that he will be fondly remembered as a devoted family man, a loving and dedicated pastor, and a good friend to many. He will be greatly missed.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation, and left at the funeral home.



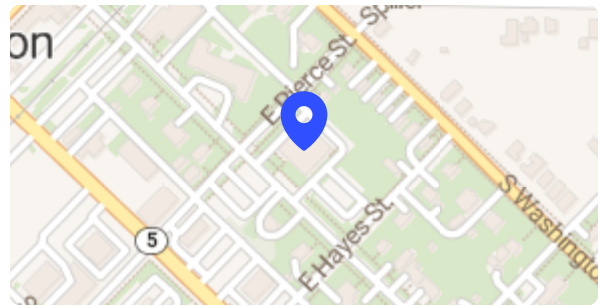
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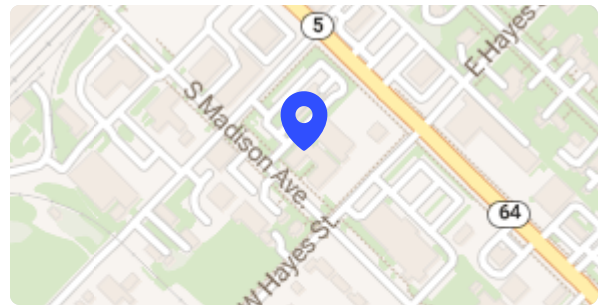
### Visitation

- Friday**, November 21, 2014
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- Holman-Howe Funeral Homes Lebanon**  
320 S. Adams Ave, Lebanon MO 65536



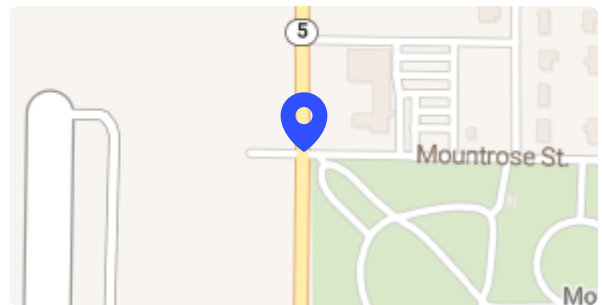
### Service

- Saturday**, November 22, 2014
- 2:00 PM CT
- Second Baptist Church**  
360 S Madison, Lebanon MO 65536



### Cemetery Details

- Mount Rose Memorial Park**  
100 Mountrose St., Lebanon MO





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DE

**Dr. James Lee Elam** posted:

Although he was not my biological dad, he was a fantastic dad and I would not be what I am or who I am without him. I REALLY REALLY miss him. Dr. James Lee Elam

March 13 at 10:45 AM

JD

**Jack Dalton** posted:

I could go on and on about the great things about Junior but most important the fact that he was a true man of God, a man that truly loved God and his family and his friends. A sad time for us left behind but I can just imagine what a wonderful reception there was waiting for him when he entered Heaven to meet face to face with the Lord and all of his family that has gone on before him. What a happy day when we can all be together again !

November 26 at 6:42 PM

VW

**Virginia Elam Watson** posted:

Lee went with my son, Brent, and me to the mortuary when my first husband, Jarrell, Lee's brother, passed away. His suggestions were a god-send at a time when we were dealing with Jarrell's sudden death on Thanksgiving day. Everyone should have the blessing of direction from a godly man in difficult times. Thank you, Lee, for your caring support.

November 21 at 4:44 PM

BC

**Beverly Chastain** lit a candle in honor of Rev. L. Junior.

I will never forget when Junior came over to our home the day after we lost our son, Bryan his second cousin. He was so comforting, his visit was a blessing. Now, He is in Heaven with his Savior, family and friends. Heaven got a sweeter the other day!

November 21 at 3:47 PM





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**Janet James Kice** lit a candle in honor of Rev. L. Junior.

Junior was such a lovely man, and a dear and special family friend. Our lives were blessed for having known him. We will always be grateful for the beautiful funeral service he officiated for our daddy, Bobby James, almost twenty years ago. God has received a precious angel. Our love and prayers to you, Rosie. Sincerely, Janet (James) and Dick Kice



November 21 at 12:04 PM



**Katie Hilton** posted:

Steve and I offer our sincere condolences to Junior's family. Katie Hilton

November 21 at 10:56 AM



**Brent Elam** posted:

Uncle Lee will be missed. He was a kind and patient man who had a heart of gold. I never heard him put anyone down or say an unkind word about anyone. What a testament to a man who practiced what he preached!

November 21 at 7:47 AM



**Virginia, Billy Joe, Brent And Angela And The Girls** sent a Splendid Orchids to the Elam (Lebanon) family.



November 21 at 6:17 AM



**Darietta (Reid) Howe** lit a candle in honor of Rev. L. Junior.



November 20 at 3:04 PM



**Darietta (Reid) Howe & Family** lit a candle in honor of Rev. L. Junior.



November 20 at 3:03 PM



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DC

**David&Marietta(Reid) Chastain** lit a candle in honor of Rev. L. Junior.

November 20 at 2:49 PM



DE

**Diane England** lit a candle in honor of Rev. L. Junior.

Dear Rosalie, Family and Friends of Junior Elam, I am so sorry for your loss. Take comfort in knowing he is now beyond The Garden Gate with his dear family members that have passed before him. You are all in my thoughts and prayers and that your memories of a better time live on.. He was a wonderful man.  
Sincerely, Diane L England , Springfield, Mo

November 20 at 6:48 AM



JW

**Jack Wagoner** posted:

So sorry to hear of the passing of Junior Elam. What a great person. My sympathy goes out to all of the family.

November 20 at 4:44 AM

DR

**Donald & Dianne Richardson** lit a candle in honor of Rev. L. Junior.

November 20 at 3:55 AM



AB

**Ann Bonacker** lit a candle in honor of Rev. L. Junior.

November 19 at 10:03 AM



JE

**John Edwards** posted:

Thinking of you,John Ed and Irene and family

November 19 at 3:33 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Rev. L. Junior by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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