



## Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.

October 19, 1926 - June 6, 2017

Roy Purnell Elbourn, Sr. of Rock Hall, MD, died on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at his home. He was 90.

Born on October 19, 1926, in Rock Hall, MD, he was the son of the late Thomas Elbourn, Sr. and Mabel McGinnis Elbourn. He graduated from Rock Hall High School, Class of 1944. After graduation, he married the love of his life, Oyma Betty Shepardson, and they were married for 72 years. He then enlisted in the United States Army and served during World War II and prior to the Korean War. When he was discharged from the Army, he returned home to his wife and started a family and a new job of building docks, jettys and pile driving.

Mr. Elbourn was a member of the Sgt. Preston Ashley American Legion, Post #228 in Rock Hall, and Aviator in Chestertown. He enjoyed sailing, astrology and was an avid reader.

In addition to his wife, Oyma Betty Elbourn, he is survived by six daughters, Oyma Clothier and husband Budd, Maria Nau and husband Chas, Grace Wheeler and husband John, Jane Alexander and husband Sammy, Lisa Taylor and husband Mark, and Gladys Cole and husband Pete; a baby sister, June Severe; nineteen grandchildren; forty-five great- and great-great grandchildren (and three on the way);, and many many loving nieces and

nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Roy Jr., and grandson, Brandon Cole.

Graveside services will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2017, at 1:00 pm, at St. Paul's Cemetery in Chestertown.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in his memory to the Chestertown Food Pantry, 401 High Street, Chestertown, MD 21620 or Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road  
Chestertown, MD

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Church Cemetery (Kent)  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Elsye Porter lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.*



**Elsye Porter** - June 13, 2017 at 05:00 PM



“ *Faye Sutton lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.*



**Faye Sutton** - June 10, 2017 at 04:54 PM

AG

“ To all Mr. Roy's family, extended family and friends; I have fond memories of your family from my youth, Young Roy and my brother Ray were good buddies, both enjoying their friendship together in Heaven these days, I'm sure they will both be happy to see Mr. Roy again. God Bless you and your family as you go through this difficult time. Cherish the memories and Mr. Roy's soft spoken demeanor.

Arthur Godfrey - June 10, 2017 at 11:26 AM

AS

“ I always had great respect for Roy. He was kind and very intelligent. Above all a decent man who was devoted to his family.

Anna Schnellbacher - June 09, 2017 at 04:09 PM

BB

“ Brenda A Biddle lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.



Brenda A Biddle - June 09, 2017 at 03:18 PM

BB

anything I can do just ask love to all

Brenda A Biddle - June 09, 2017 at 03:19 PM

GS

“ Gene & Terri Smith lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.



Gene & Terri Smith - June 09, 2017 at 09:51 AM

RC

*Dearest Oyma and Elbourn Girls, my deepest heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your husband and father. God bless you all and cherish the memories*

**Rhonda Corder** - June 09, 2017 at 11:06 AM

CF

“ *Connie Wilson Fithian lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.*



**Connie Wilson Fithian** - June 08, 2017 at 11:42 PM

CT

“ *Connie And Larry Taylor lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.*



**Connie and Larry Taylor** - June 08, 2017 at 06:47 PM

CT

*Thoughts and prayers for the family*

**Connie and Larry Taylor** - June 08, 2017 at 06:50 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for the entire Elbourn family, he will be missed. Love you all  
Jimmy Johnson*



**Jim Johnson** - June 08, 2017 at 05:59 PM

BN

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
What a sweet man !! 💙🙏  
Barbie Nolan



Barbara Nolan - June 08, 2017 at 05:43 PM

JE

“ Jo Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of  
Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.



Jo Ann Edwards - June 08, 2017 at 03:22 PM

JE

Many good memories of Mr. Roy and Miss Oyma and their warm  
welcome when I came to the house to see Oyma in High School. They  
were wonderful role models for us all - a great family. Jo Ann

Jo Ann Edwards - June 08, 2017 at 03:28 PM

LM

“ I would like to send my sympathies to the family. So sorry for your  
loss.

Lecia Coleman Marshner - June 08, 2017 at 01:46 PM

SD

“ Sarah Davis lit a candle in memory of Roy  
Purnell Elbourn Sr.



Sarah Davis - June 08, 2017 at 12:20 PM

DH

“ *Denise Hepbron lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.*



Denise Hepbron - June 08, 2017 at 10:22 AM

JK

“ *Jimmy & Carrie Kirby lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.*



Jimmy & Carrie Kirby - June 08, 2017 at 09:06 AM

BC

“ *Billy And Louise Clayton lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.*



Billy and Louise Clayton - June 08, 2017 at 07:56 AM

LF

“ *Linda & Walt Ellison & Betty Elburn Frey lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.*



Linda & Walt Ellison & Betty Elburn Frey - June 08, 2017 at 07:31 AM

GC

“ George And Peggy Comegys lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.



George and Peggy Comegys - June 08, 2017 at 06:43 AM

RH

“ Robin Hawthorne sent a virtual gift in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.



Robin Hawthorne - June 08, 2017 at 06:05 AM

TJ

“ Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - June 07, 2017 at 05:47 PM

MJ

“ Mark & Sandy Joiner lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.



Mark & Sandy Joiner - June 07, 2017 at 12:58 PM

SJ

*I am so very sorry to hear of Jay's passing. What a great guy he was and he will be missed and remembered by so many. It was sure a pleasure to have known him. Sandy*

**Sandy Joiner** - June 07, 2017 at 12:59 PM

SJ

*I meant Mr. Roy. Sorry, I was thinking of Jay*

**Sandy Joiner** - June 07, 2017 at 01:02 PM

LM

“ *Liz & Steve Meekins lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.*



**Liz & Steve Meekins** - June 07, 2017 at 11:20 AM

MU

“ *Mary Ellen Calloway Unruh lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.*



**Mary Ellen Calloway Unruh** - June 07, 2017 at 10:14 AM

KB

“ *Kaye Barnes lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.*



**Kaye Barnes** - June 07, 2017 at 05:56 AM



“ *Rosie Gagalski lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.*



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**Rosie Gagalski** - June 06, 2017 at 06:55 PM

DE

“ *Donna Hubbard Edwards lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.*



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**Donna Hubbard Edwards** - June 06, 2017 at 05:34 PM

DE

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of family. Mr. Roy was a wonderful and kind man and will be miss greatly. Charles & Donna Edwards*

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**Donna Hubbard Edwards** - June 06, 2017 at 05:36 PM

JM

“ *Jean Clough Mccombs lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.*



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**jean clough mcombs** - June 06, 2017 at 02:01 PM

PJ

“ *Pres & Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Roy Purnell Elbourn Sr.*



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**Pres & Sherrie Jacobs** - June 06, 2017 at 01:05 PM