

## **Roger Elmore – BS 1958 Pharmacy**

Roger L. Elmore, age 76, a long time Menahga, MN area pharmacist, entered his eternal home on January 23, 2013, following a period of declining health, with his wife and family at his side at the Green Pine Acres Nursing Home in Menahga.

Roger was born on July 21, 1936 to Clyde and Edith (Beckley) Elmore in Brainerd, MN. It was in Brainerd that he attended public schools, graduating from the Brainerd High School in 1954. He then went on to attend North Dakota State University where he earned his pharmacist degree in 1958. On October 25, 1958, Roger was united in marriage to Catherine "Kay" Koering in Brainerd. This union was blessed with two sons: Gregory and Jeffrey. The young couple made their home in Brainerd where Roger worked at the Rexall Drug and Thrifty Drug Stores. Later, he and Kay moved with their boys to Onamia, MN where they started the Onamia Drug Store which they operated for several years. In 1974 they ventured to Menahga, MN where they purchased the Menahga Drug Store where they worked side by side in operating their business until their retirements in 1995. Roger's life was deeply saddened by the tragic death of his son, Gregory in 1984. He was a member of the Assumption of Our Lady Catholic Church in Menahga. Roger loved the out doors and had especially enjoyed teaching his sons all he knew about hunting, fishing and trapping. He enjoyed spending time with his family at their cabin on Potato Lake north of Park Rapids. He enjoyed playing cards with his wife and other couples each week and he was a voracious reader. Above all, Roger treasured the time he could spend with his wife and family who he loved with all his heart.

Roger will be lovingly remembered by his wife for the past 54 years, Kay; his son, Jeff (Debbie) Elmore; and daughter-in-law, Lori Elmore all of Menahga; his 4 grandchildren: Jason Elmore of Paynesville, MN, Rebecca (Adam) Nemeth of Cold Spring, MN, Jacob Elmore and Alycia (Tadd) Usher all of Menahga; his 7 precious great grandchildren; his sister-in-law, Karen (Terry) Ellsworth of Georgetown, TX; nephew, Michael (Cami) Ellsworth of Allen, TX and Beth Ellsworth of Grapevine, TX; as well as other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Gregory and his parents.

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11 AM Monday, January 28, 2013 at the Assumption of Our Lady Catholic Church in Menahga with Father Arlie Sowada celebrating. The active casket bearers will be grandsons: Jason Elmore, Jacob Elmore, Adam Nemeth, Tadd Usher; great grandson, Dakota Elmore and friends: Durwin Tomperi and David Tomperi. Honorary casket bearers will be granddaughters: Rebecca Nemeth, Alycia Usher, Great grandchildren: Kierra Elmore, Myja Nemeth, Ean Nemeth, Caden Nemeth, Tate Usher and Alexis Usher; nephew, Mike Ellsworth and niece, Beth Ellsworth. Interment will be made in the Evergreen Memorial Garden at Brainerd, MN. Following the service, a luncheon will be hosted by the Assumption of Our Lady Catholic Church. Visitation will be held from 3 PM to 5PM on Sunday, January 27, 2013 at the Cardini-Pearson Funeral Home in Menahga and for one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday.