



## Randall Cole Elder

February 24, 1929 - November 7, 2020

Randall "Randy" Cole Elder, 91, of Seminole, formerly of Harbour Side, passed away on Saturday, 7th November, 2020.

Born in Winthrop, MA on 24th February, 1929 to Randall and Margaret Elder, his family (with siblings Grace and Peggy) moved to Florida in 1939.

Randy graduated from Fletcher High School, Jacksonville Beach in 1947; then served in the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict, returning to graduate from the University of Florida in 1957.

Randy's working career was in pharmaceutical sales; beginning with Parke Davis Company, and retiring from Mallinckrodt.

The Episcopal Church was important in Randy's life and he belonged to, and was very active in, his local parish wherever he lived; lastly at St Alban's St Pete Beach, where he had been a vestry member and senior warden.

Boating was one of Randy's many interests, and he did not hesitate to give his time to educate other boaters as member and past Commander of the Boca Ciega Power Squadron.

Other loves included foreign travel, the arts, music and singing. While at UF, Randy was a member of the Fightin' Gator Band, playing the clarinet. He also sang for more than ten years with the Heralds of Harmony in Tampa. He volunteered for many years as an usher at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center.

Randall was predeceased by his parents, and sister Grace Odom. He is survived by his loving and caring wife of 64 years, Joan McKenzie Elder; and by his sister Margaret "Peggy" Elder of Houston, TX, along with many nieces and nephews and countless friends. Randy loved a good joke, both hearing one and telling one, and his sense of humor will be keenly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Albans Episcopal Church, St Pete Beach.

# Cemetery

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## **Bay Pines National Cemetery**

10000 Bay Pines Blvd

Bay Pines, FL, 33708

# Comments

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“ A favorite picture of a beautiful couple .



**Barbara Schiewer** - November 25, 2020 at 04:03 PM

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“ Uncle Randy was a real gem! A kind caring and gentle man with a great sense of humor. We have shared a lot of good times together over the years. He will be greatly missed but memories will always be with us. Prayers and comfort for Aunt Joan to get through this difficult time and the upcoming holidays. We love you! Barb & Brandon

**Barbara Schiewer** - November 25, 2020 at 04:01 PM

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“ Although I didn't know Randy outside of church his warm and friendly smile was one of the things I will miss most. He was very interesting when I would speak to him and he had a great sense of humor. Joan, my heart goes out to you and the family, God Bless you. Carol Brown

**Carol Brown** - November 16, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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“ God bless our wonderful Randy. Please give Joan courage and strength to manage these difficult, challenging times.  
Love, Cathy Sykes

**Cathy Sykes** - November 15, 2020 at 08:27 PM

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“ Joan, please accept my sincerest condolences on the loss of your husband.  
Ann Kelly

Ann Kelly - November 11, 2020 at 11:31 PM

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“ Joan - I just learned of Randy's passing. Sending you my condolences and prayers. I posted the link to his obituary on our "Retirees - DoSS &/or Henderson Bldg" Facebook page, so your former Hillsborough County workmates and friends will know also. Hope you are doing OK during this very difficult time. Barb Kovats Tuttle



Barb Kovats Tuttle - November 11, 2020 at 08:55 PM