



Elmer Harold Atchley, Jr.

January 13, 1932 - February 26, 2025

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"Whitey"

Age 93 yrs 44 days

Of Stockton, California passed into Glory 2/26/25

He was born to Leora Ruth Atchley (Snyder) and Elmer Harold Atchley, Sr. on 1/13/32

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Helen Elrena (Welch) Atchley of 71 years, his younger brother Stan Atchley and son-in-law Lazarus Christorforides.

He is survived by his four daughters, Brenda Veit, Connie Martinez, Anna Christoforides and Kathy Annis (Doug); 13 grandchildren and the blessing of multiple great-grandchildren.

Many have asked how he came to be known as Whitey, he was a toe head toddler and a Jr. as he grew and told stories, the reason for that name was attributed to other stories as well.

Dad was most comfortable when someone else was in the room with him. He enjoyed entertaining with stories of his early years as a boxer, lumberjack, and how he met my mom, the love of his life. He would often tell of other adventures we had as a family canoeing and camping, skiing, both snow and water and how he and my mom loved the Caymans for their scuba diving.

His first job was with the railroads and then he started working for General Mills in Lodi California in transportation. They transferred him and his family to Tacoma Washington, and then back to Lodi California. His final transfer with General Mills was to MN where he advanced in the company to General Manager of Transportation, all while becoming a lawyer and having a young family. As a lawyer it afforded him the opportunity when he moved back to California with his wife, who was a paralegal, to open their own law business.

He was a Native Son of the Golden West. Though he lived in multiple states, he always claimed California as home. He will always be a California Boy.

May his memory be eternal

Funeral Monday, March 3rd at 1:00 PM (visitation 12-1 PM) at Washburn-McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel; 7625 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN.
Interment 3:00 PM at Roselawn Cemetery, Roseville, MN.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

803 West Larpenteur Avenue
Roseville, MN 55113

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Funeral Service

MAR 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAR 3. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

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