



# Elmer Arnold Birkett

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**E**lmer Arnold Birkett – Died Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Halifax Health Hospice in Ormond Beach

Florida. He was born on Apr 20<sup>th</sup>, 1931, in Washington DC and was 91 years old when he died.

He is survived by his wife (of 63 years) G Bernice (Lord), sister Elizabeth P Hefner, son Craig

(Yan) and Clayton (Jennifer) Birkett, daughter Cynthia (Aaron) Hoogerwerf, 6 grandchildren, and

1 great grandchild. He was preceded in death by siblings Ernest Birkett, Eleanor Knight, William, and David.

Arnold grew up on a little farm in Suitland Maryland. At age 15 his father bought a farm in Culpeper Virginia where he attended school and worked with his brothers for a year. The next year they moved back to Forestville, Maryland. After high school he enlisted in the Navy and was sent to Adak Alaska and then to Subic Bay Philippines. During the Navy service he served as a Seabee and learned construction. After the Navy he enrolled in Emmaus Bible School in Oak Park, Illinois where he met his future wife, Gretta Bernice Lord. He then joined his brother Ernie to work in Birkett & Birkett Builders for 4 years. In 1963 he built a house in Port Tobacco Maryland where he lived for about 30 years. In Port Tobacco he and Bernice raised 3 children (Craig, Clayton, and Cynthia). They attended the First Baptist Church of La Plata. After Port Tobacco he lived in Florida, New Bern, NC, and Silver Spring MD. For the last 10 years, he and Bernice have been living in Palm Coast Florida near his daughter Cynthia.

Arnold was a general contractor for 40 years and built many residential houses throughout southern Maryland, which he frequently pointed out to his children and friends. As he got older, he also served as an interim pastor at churches in southern Maryland for several years.



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In his retirement years he bought an RV and traveled with Bernice throughout the country for several years while also taking up scuba diving in the Caribbean.

“For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

The funeral service will be held on Thursday August 11, 2022 at 10:30am at the First Baptist Church of Palm Coast, FL. The interment will be held on August 29, 2022 at 1:00pm at the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Suitland, MD. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations in Elmer's honor are encouraged to:

1. Christian Missions in Many Lands

[https://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?  
bay=my.donations.makedonation&ein=132688413&](https://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=my.donations.makedonation&ein=132688413&)

2. Alzheimer's Foundation of America

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# Events


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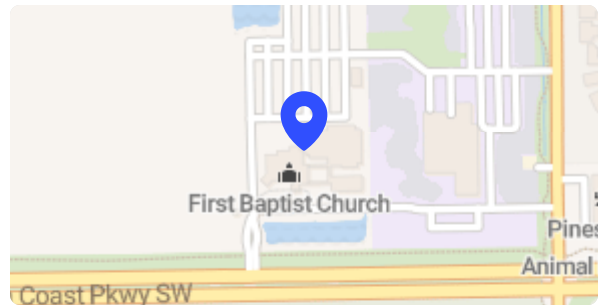
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## Funeral Service


 **Thursday**, August 11, 2022

 10:30 AM ET


 **First Baptist Church of Palm Coast**  
6050 Palm Coast Parkway N.W., Palm Coast FL  
32137

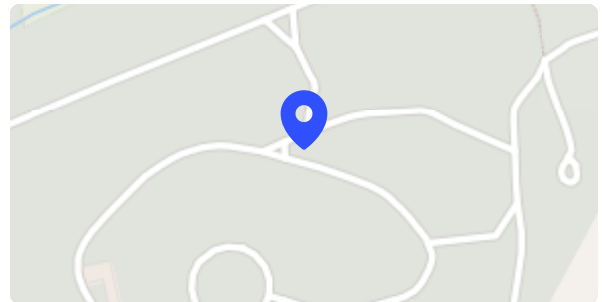


## Graveside Service

 **Monday**, August 29, 2022

 1:00 PM ET

 **Cedar Hill Cemetery**  
4111 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suitland MD 20746





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Birkett family.



August 9 at 8:56 PM



**Clay** shared 4 photos to the **Life Photos** album.



August 9 at 8:44 AM



# Media

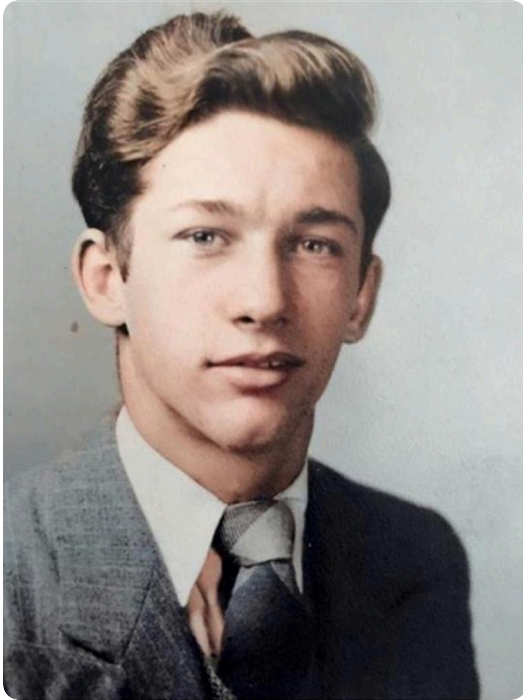
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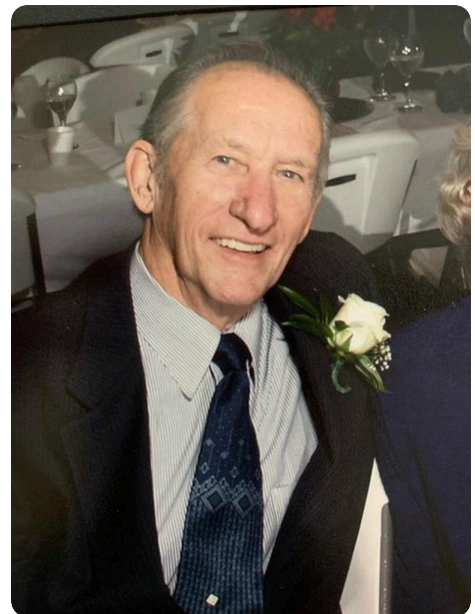
High School



1986



1989



2005



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

Join us in honoring Elmer by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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