

# February 23, 2025

## Sympathies

**Byron Elmer Sheffield, Jr. (November 19, 1938 – February 18, 2025)**



Byron Elmer Sheffield, Jr., 86, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away February 18, 2025, after a long and lengthy battle with cancer.

Elmer was born November 19, 1938, in Damascus, Georgia, and shortly after moved to Tallahassee, Florida with his family.

Elmer attended Florida High School, where he played baseball, football and marched in the band. After graduation, he attended FSU and worked at his father's auto repair shop. In March 1959, he realized what he wanted out of life was to marry his childhood sweetheart, Margie Lolley. They remained married until her death in April 2024. Elmer was a member of the Lake Bradford Baptist Church.

Elmer loved sports, which included water skiing, racing speed boats, driving go carts and building and racing drag cars. In 2022, he was inducted into the Southeastern Drag Racing Hall of Fame.

In 1968, Elmer started his career as a square dance caller, and within a few years, he was calling all over the world. He was invited by a major music producer, Red Boots Recording, to record "Good Morning Country Rain", which started his music career. In 1968, he launched his own recording studio, known as Elmer Sheffield Productions (ESP). In 1968, he also became the caller for the Capital Twirlers and continued calling until December 2022. In 1972, Elmer took over Sheffield Auto & Truck Body Shop and continued to own it until November 2021. He served as Chairman of Caller Lab from 2011-2012. Elmer loved life and lived it to the fullest.

Elmer is survived by a brother, a sister, sister-in-law, three granddaughters, two grandsons, two great granddaughters, and one great grandson. He is also survived by a daughter-in-law, a son-in-law, and best friend and caregiver.

Elmer was predeceased by the love of his life for 65 years, Margie Sheffield, one son, one daughter, his mother his father, his brother, his grandmothers and grandfathers.

Elmer will truly be missed by all.

A visitation for Byron will be held Tuesday, February 25, 2025 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Culley's Meadow Wood Funeral Home, 700 Timberlane Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32312, followed by a funeral service at 2:00 PM.

If you would like to send cards, the address is The Family of Elmer Sheffield, 3765 Lakeview Drive, Tallahassee 32310.