



Elmer Steven Lefler

October 21, 1934 - January 4, 2025

ROCK - Elmer Steven Lefler, 90, of Rock, passed from this earth peacefully while sleeping, on Saturday, January 4, 2025. Born October 21, 1934 in Pembroke, Virginia, he was the son of the late Clarence E. Lefler and Dorothy L. Thornton Lefler.

Elmer proudly served his country for 20 years in the U.S. Air Force. He was a true patriot who loved his country and all it stood for. He taught his children of the importance of taking a stand and casting a vote. His dedication to duty and strong work ethic carried him to the Vice Presidency of his second career. He was a strong role model for his four children and demanded hard work, good grades and honesty over everything. His love was never wavering.

He recently told of how his greatest accomplishment was knowing he was going to marry Mary the minute he first saw her, then making it happen. They were 16 and 19 years young. All marriages have their ups and downs. Their devotion to each other carried them through it all.

After being bedfast for two years and a noticeable decline, his family spent his last two days praying for peace and mercy. The Lord answered their prayers, for this they are thankful. He has finally joined Mary in Heaven and has found everlasting peace.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded by his wife of 61 years, Mary White Lefler; and his son, Steven Lefler.

He leaves behind and three daughters, Debora Beck of Rock, Denise Jefferson of Rock and Victoria Stobaugh of Crab Orchard; two sisters, Helen Stevers of Pembroke, VA and Mabel Kidd of Scottsville, VA; and was blessed in life with 9 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted at noon on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at the Castle Rock Baptist Church in Pembroke, Virginia with Pastor Gary Poff officiating.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

Castle Rock Baptist Church
201 Castle Rock Drive
Pembroke , VA 24136

Tribute Wall

WJ

“ Steve and I were stationed together in Japan in 1956 till 1957. I was only 18-19 and he kind of took me under his wing. We kept in touch all these years. We both made a career of the AF.
William E. Jump Panama City , Fl

William Jump - January 19, 2025 at 11:52 AM

DJ

“ The greatest man I have ever known! Rest in eternal peace with the love of your life!
Z sends his love and kisses!

Denise Jefferson - January 12, 2025 at 01:52 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Elmer Steven Lefler, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Air Force Veteran, Elmer Steven Lefler, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - January 11, 2025 at 11:35 AM