

# Robert Harvey Elder

## U.S. Navy WWII Pilot - South Pacific



**Robert Harvey Elmore**  
U.S. Navy Lt. Commander  
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Robert H. Elmore was born September 7, 1922 in Coffeen, Illinois, the son of Ernest and Mary Eva Harvey Elmore. He graduated from Hillsboro High School with the class of 1939. Robert joined the Navy in 1942 and served as a Navy carrier pilot in the South Pacific. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant Commander and retired in 1969.

Robert served in the U.S. Naval Air Reserves at Glenview Naval Air Station. He married Betty R. Luce in 1945 in Honolulu, Hawaii. After a 23-year career in the U.S. Navy, Robert returned to Farmersville, IL and engaged in farming. He also worked at the Freeman Coal Company. He served as president of the United Mine Workers of America local and retired in 1987.

Robert H. Elmore died on February 6, 2005 in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is survived by his wife Betty, two sons, Robert G. and Thomas R. and a daugh-

ter, Barbara J. Pearson. He is buried at Rovey Cemetery, Farmersville, Illinois.

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