

LTC (Ret) James C. Elliott

July 5, 1924 - January 29, 2003



Funeral for retired Lt. Col. James C. Elliott, 78, Lawton, will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. Lt. Col. Elliott died Wednesday, January 29, 2003, in Lawton. Burial with military honors will be at Post Cemetery, Fort Sill.

He was born July 5, 1924, at Jacksonville, Ill. He grew up in Chillicothe and St. Joseph, Mo., and graduated from high school in St. Joseph. He attended college in Deep Springs, Calif., and enlisted in the Army in 1943. He was a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He retired from the Army at Fort Sill on May 31, 1973. He married Cynthia R. Heller on March 15, 1973, in Dallas.

His military awards include the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Korea, Distinguished Unit Citation, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Commendation Medal, World War II Victory Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany) (Japan), Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Service Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal with first Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 device, Army Commendation Medal with six overseas service bars and the Meritorious Service Medal. After his retirement from the Army, he worked for Baca Grande Resort Land sales in Colorado and Angel Fire, N.M. He then worked 17 years in the real estate business in Lawton. At the time of his death he was employed with Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, as a business development specialist in the Oklahoma Small Business Development Center. He was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Fort Sill Officer's Retired Council.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Steven Jamele, Sanbornton, N.H.; a son and daughter-in-law, James C. and Nancy Elliott III, Meers; a sister, Dorothy "Cissy" Mead, Scottsdale, Ariz.; five grandchildren: Robert, Cheryl and Brian DeKorte; James C. Elliott IV; and Patricia Elliott; and a great-grandson, Joshua DeKorte.

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