



Ray Edwin Elmore, Jr., passed away on Monday, May 1, 2017 as a result of a stroke. A memorial service will be conducted Friday, May 12th at 4 pm in the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel in Greenville North Carolina. Ray was born in Baltimore, MD, to Ray E. Elmore, Sr. and Mary Long Elmore on May 9, 1944. He graduated from Maryland Institute, College of Art with a B.F.A. in 1966. He furthered his education at the University of Michigan where he received a M.F.A. in 1968.

Ray would want to be remembered as a teacher. His teaching career included the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, University of New Hampshire, and East Carolina University. He was passionate about art and teaching students the basics by challenging them with problems that required thinking out of the box.

The work he produced during his long career is represented in museums, galleries, and private collections throughout the country. The 2015 retrospective of his work at the Greenville Museum of Art was one of his proudest accomplishments.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Joseph Randal Overby, IV.

Ray is survived by his wife of 50 years, Christine Harrod Elmore; son, Mark Lewis Elmore; daughter, Jennifer Elmore Clark and husband, Kenneth; beloved grandson, Caleb Clark; brothers, Richard C. Elmore and wife, Stephanie, of Baltimore, MD and Gary R. Elmore, also of Baltimore, MD. In remembrance, donations may be made to the Greenville Little League, 1416 Red Banks Rd., Greenville, NC 27858 or the Greenville Museum of Art, 802 Evans St., Greenville, NC 27834.