



Robert Elting

September 18, 1940 - July 10, 2025

Elting, Robert William, 84, passed away July 10, 2025. Born September 1940. I'm gone, but don't feel sorry for me. I am in a better place. I lived a great life, did all I could with the time I had.

Born to loving parents, Robert and Vin Elting; A direct descendant to one of the oldest families in the United States. Born a force of nature. Proud to be a Marine. Driven to succeed in business, from starting a successful retail plant company, being co-owner of the area's largest chain of feed stores: The Feed Depot., to one of Florida's first licensed auctioneers and owner of the south's largest weekly antique auction, R.W. Elting Action Auctioneers. Later, with Darrell Bailey, the best business partner a man could have, we ran a weekly auction in Zephyrhills, FL. Enjoyed being a mentor, teacher and judge to many in the horse community as well as teaching the value of antique collectables, firearms, jewelry and my favorite glass shade lamps.

Married a few times to some of the best women there are but it was always my faults that got in the way. Finally met the best, a person who could put up with me, my wife Kristy Elting. I'm not sure what I did to deserve her; I loved you very much. My children, Valerie Elting Patterson and Robert Allen Elting, I never said this enough; I loved both of you deeply and was very proud of you. My two grandchildren, Taylor Patterson and Robert Allen Elting Jr.; Remember, Honor is much more important than money. My three brothers and

sister, who tried very hard to drive me crazy (and hope I somewhat succeeded) Geoffery Elting, Philip Elting, Stephen Elting, my sister Catherine Elting and nephew Drake Elting.

A celebration of life will be held at East Thonotosassa Baptist Church, 12735 Knights Griffin Road, Thonotosassa, Florida 33592, on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 2pm.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Haven Hospice Chiefland Care Center.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Bob and my late husband, Jim Thomas and I were best friends at Plant High School in Tampa. We used to double date, lot of movies, swim parties and many good times. I was in his 1st wedding to Linda Benchoff. Bob was a special young man with a wonderful family. He touched many hearts and will be missed by all the people that knew him. Memories are forever, they never die. RIP

Susan Whiteside Thomas - July 25, 2025 at 08:49 AM

RI

“ Bob and I grew up together, attending Madison Junior High and Plant High School and proudly serving with the U. S. Marine Corps. We worked together for many years with Dun & Bradstreet in Tampa. I will miss my dear friend and faithful friend.

Ronald L Isham - July 23, 2025 at 08:46 PM

AM

“ I did not know Mr. Elting personally, but I attended many of his auctions and bought many fine things from him. You were a great educator. I also met and added many wonderful people to my life from attending these auctions. Rest in Peace.

Anneliese Meier - July 21, 2025 at 03:44 PM

DR

“ Bob and I were in the 1958 graduating class at Plant High. It was a big school and we weren't close, but immediately recalled him when reading his self-written obituary in the Tampa Bay Times. Good to know his life was lived fully in all the ways that count. He really must have enjoyed the honeymoon experience.

Dave Rose - July 21, 2025 at 12:36 PM

Jl

“ This man was always straight up with me, we did a ton of business together and I always appreciated any advice given by him. He was like a family member to me and I must say he lived a very good life! We met over 50 years ago which seems like yesterday! You will be missed my friend!

Julian Graham III - July 17, 2025 at 08:53 PM

PL

“ I worked with Bob since 1994, sending prayers to the family and his wife Kristy.

Pam Lanier - July 17, 2025 at 01:53 PM

PB

“ A special friend has left us. You will be missed deeply. To your entire family we send our condolences. Our prayers are with you all.

Patricia Bodnar - July 17, 2025 at 10:55 AM