



Elmer O. Eid

March 26, 1929 - March 22, 2018

Elmer Oium Eid was born to Elmer Sander Eid and Lillian Catherine Oium Eid on March 26, 1929. He was raised in East Grand Forks, MN with his younger brother Benton (Tom), and sisters Annabel (Liv), and Alice (Maren) Eid. He attended public schools in East Grand Forks where he got away with nothing since his father was the principal of the high school there. As a child, he had many friends and told many tales of their adventures. One of these adventures included a girl who was attending school in East Grand Forks due to a teachers' strike in the Twin Cities. He was thrilled that she was not much of a marble player and beat her for her marbles repeatedly.

Elmer attended the University of North Dakota and majored in Business Administration. He was a member of the S?? fraternity, played trumpet in a jazz band, and partied heartily. During this time, he met Beverlee Jeanne Juneau, the same girl he had stolen marbles from years before, and married her.

After graduation from college, Elmer joined the USAF in 1952 and he and Beverlee moved to Bossier City, LA where RaChelle Ann was born in 1953. After leaving active duty, the family moved to Jamestown, ND where Eric Jon was born in 1956, and then returned to Grand Forks where Kirk joined the family in 1961.

While in North Dakota, Elmer worked for Burroughs office equipment, Deaconess Hospital, and the North Dakota Hospital Association. In 1966, the family moved to Bonners Ferry, ID where Elmer took his first administrator job at the rural hospital there. In 1968, the family moved to Pullman, WA to work at the hospital there and finally in 1973 moved to Bellingham, WA where the family stayed until Elmer's retirement from hospital work.

Elmer and Beverlee enjoyed their retirement snowbirding to Surprise, AZ. In 2001, Bev Eid died, and Elmer became a fulltime resident of the state of Arizona. Elmer enjoyed his life in Surprise and made many close friends. Together they supported one another through the inevitable illnesses and losses of aging. One of the best of these friends is a woman named Gerry Hudson who meant the whole world to Elmer. For the last twelve years of his life they traveled together, laughed, played, and enjoyed one another immensely. Gerry's presence was instrumental in assuring that the quality of Elmer's life remained high until he died.

Elmer was preceded in death by his wife Beverlee, his parents and brother Tom, two infant sons, and his grandson, Henry. He is survived by his loving partner Gerry, sisters Liv and Maren, his three children and their spouses RaChelle (Shelly) and Perry Zylstra, Eric and Gwynn Eid, and Kirk and Kirsten Eid; grandchildren Sarah and David Snider, Dustin Lorensen and Caitlin Zylstra, Kellen and Garrison Eid; and great granddaughter Sadie Jane Snider.

Dad will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and partner. His proudest legacy will always be his family. Thanks for everything Dad. Rest in Peace.

A private graveside service is planned. Memorials can be made to Church on the Street (1310 G St. Bellingham, WA 98225).

Tribute Wall

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“ It’s been 30 years since I last saw and talked with Elmer...he is not forgotten. Elmer had an office in the same building as a company I worked for on King Street and would often stop by my office to say a few words with my co-workers and myself. I remember him as a nice man with a sense of humor...he once wrote something funny about us workers on a piece of paper and stuck it on the outside of the office window as a warning to visitors. I don’t remember now exactly what was written on the paper though I believe it is hiding deep in my file cabinet...I came across it 20-25 years ago. Elmer is remembered. My condolences to his family and friends.

Irene - March 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss and please accept sincere condolences. I knew Elmer from Rotary for many years and enjoyed his friendship, business acumen and above all, his sense of humor. He was a nice man and will be missed.

Thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Greg Grant

Bellingham Washington

Greg Grant - March 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM