



Fred Elias

April 4, 1923 - February 28, 2018

Fred Elias, age 94, of Holland, passed away on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at Vista Springs Holland Meadows.

Fred was retired from Textron, where he worked for 31 years in sales and as export manager. He was a Freemason, a Shriner, and a Scottish Rite Meritorious Service Award recipient. Fred was loved by his family and his many friends in Holland and elsewhere.

Fred was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie Elias, in 2008.

Fred is survived by his son, Kent E. (Yvonne M.) Shafer of Bloomfield Hills, MI; grandson, Christian R.E. (Jessica) Shafer of Bloomington, MN; great granddaughters, Daphne and Charlotte Shafer; nieces, Cathy Schaefer of Bristol, IN, and Betty (Paul) Green of Rochester, MI; nephews, Robert Farmer of Orange Co., CA, Bill (Judith) Farmer of Scotts, MI, and Will James of Sacramento, CA. In accordance with his wishes, no services are planned.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fred Elias*

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“ *"I as so sorry to hear of the passing of my friend whom I met while booking his travel over the years. RIP my friend. You were a true angel on earth and now in angel in Heaven."*

Tina Robinson - May 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RB

“Dear Kent and Yvonne, Fred and I were friends. I work at Hobby Lobby and he would come to to visit me. I would always love to see him and had such fun with him. He spoke so highly you the two of you. The last three times I saw Fred was at his home after his car accident. He hadn't been in for awhile and I became worried about him. After work I drove to his house and was delighted to see him come to the door. We visited for an hour and I told him about our recent vacation to Italy. The next time I saw him he visited me at Hobby Lobby and came by taxi. It was the first time I saw him use a walker. He was always so spry and snappy. It broke my heart. Through tears in his eyes he kept telling me he needed a car. He couldn't keep stranded in his house. He needed to be able to get out and go to the stores to see his friends. I thought not having a car was killing him. The next time I saw him was a week later when I picked him up at his home and took him to look at some used cars. There was a perfect silver Taurus for \$2300! But he had his eye on a BLACK Chevy for \$13K. He wanted a black car and he liked that Chevy. We took the dealership info and I drove him back home. All the way he talked about that black Chevy and promised he would not drive it outside Holland! He kept thanking me for taking him to look at cars! Even tho I didn't think he would ever buy another car, it made him so happy that I would take him to look. That was the last time I saw him. When I heard he had passed away I was so happy I could make one of his last days a happy one. I loved Fred. He was my friend and I will miss him.”

Rhonda Beukema - March 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EC

“Fred was such a fine gentleman. I really appreciated his kindness and patience with me in our golf league back in the nineties. My sympathy goes out to his family and friends.”

Edward Chmura - March 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“I'm Perry Klasky's wife and I met Fred and Marjorie when several of their fishing trips were chartered out of Holland. We reside in Holland and joined the group of all the fisherman and spouses when they went out for dinner the night before their outing. We would have drinks with them at their home, then proceed to dinner. They were lovely people and made you feel so comfortable. Fred was always joking and telling stories amusing us all. I know my husband Perry enjoyed the trip to Canada that he took. Both Fred and Marjorie will be missed. I'm sorry for your loss.”

Mary Jaworski - March 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AS

“I still feel blessed to have met such a wonderful man. Fred was truly a genuine man. I was always so happy to see him when he would come to the bank to get his things in order. The games, jokes, little gifts, and his conversations were unlike anyone I knew. He always stopped and brought this ray of sunshine with him each and every time. I have and probably will never meet such a kind and caring person. He is now with his dear Marjorie where he belongs. Although this is a great loss, I will truly miss you and will still think of you often.”

Anabel Scheffler - March 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RU

“Dear Mr & Mrs Kent Shafer, We lost a very special man. To me, Fred was the last living REAL friend I had. We met at Micromatic Hone/Excello after he was transferred from Michigan Tool. I worked with him for years and he worked for me for years. I was the one who transferred him to Indiana. Later on, he & Marge became close personal friends with Ruth & I. I was fortunate that he invited me into his group of fishing buddies and we often fished together at Ogoki. Ruth & I spent many evenings battling each other over a Euchre table. Fred was a near, dear & loyal friend who had many, many friends and not one enemy in the world. The world has lost a wonderful man. We share our prayers & grief with you.”

Ruth - March 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PK

“My Dad told me of Fred's exploits on their fishing trips to Canada when I was a youngster. Many years later I joined my Dad, Fred, and several of their friends on a week long fishing trip to Canada. That is when I met Fred and found out first hand what a special person he was. One of a kind!”

Perry Klasky - March 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BK

“Fred was my husband Art's fishing buddy. His visits to our home were always a joy to us. A mutual friend, Ron Riedl, passed away not too long ago as well. I offer my condolences. I am 90 years old, and I missed talking to Fred this past year.”

Betty Klasky - March 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MC

“I met Fred and Majorie at one of Ron Stein's famous soiree after Christmas parties. They were such a lovely couple. Majorie the elegant lady and Fred the ultimate gentleman. I have very fond memories of them both although we didn't spend a lot of time together, but then even though it was brief I feel blessed to have known such a dear man.”

Mary Ann Chmura - March 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LA

“To Fred's Son & Family:
We will miss your Dad. He was a great neighbor and friend.
Thinking of you as you walk through the memories.
Larry & Bonnie Johnson”

Larry - March 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“Kent, It was a real pleasure to know Fred. You could not help but love him. He could be such a card. Fred and I would always go head to head on that one Sat in Nov when Michigan would play that team from the state to our south. Steve and I are sending our prayers to you and your family. We and all of the Holland Elks will miss Fred.”

Jan and Steve Bailey - March 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CB

“Fred was my Dad's best friend. He was like an uncle to me and such a wonderful character in the lives of my kids. They truly broke the mold after Fred was created!”

Catherine Behringer - March 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM