



Elmer John Profrock

August 12, 1931 - November 16, 2020

Elmer John Profrock, 88, of Kalkaska, passed away on November 16, 2020 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born August 12, 1931 in Effingham, IL, the son of Olivia and Elmer J. Profrock, Sr.

Elmer worked for Shell Oil Corporation-Pipeline Division for 36 years when he retired in 1992. He proudly served in the Korean War from 1952-1954: and was in the active duty reserves for the United States Army until honorably discharged in 1960. He was awarded the Good Conduct medal, the United Nations Service medal, the Defense Service medal; and the Bronze Korean Service medal.

He was a devoted member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Traverse City. He spent his early and mid-retirement days as an avid biker, touring on his Harley Davidson motorcycles.

Surviving Elmer are his sister, Margaret Fritcher and her husband Bill Fritcher, daughters in law Jennifer Profrock (wife to the late son Kenneth Profrock,) mother of Elmer's grandchildren Tam Profrock and Ella Profrock; and Sharon Profrock, wife to Elmer's late son Paul Profrock: and Jacob Profrock (son of the late Kenneth Profrock)

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents and two sons, Kenneth and Paul Profrock. May they be reunited in love once again.

A scripture reading will be held at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. Thereafter, his interment will be at St. Paul Cemetery in Altamont, IL. Due to the current Covid attendance restrictions, friends may attend via livecast. Log in to the service at www.rjfh.tv and click on Elmer's name.

Cemetery

St. Paul Cemetery

2293 US-40, Altamont, IL
Altamont, IL, 62411

Events

NOV **Scripture Service** 03:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

Comments



“ I worked with Elmer in 1989 in Kalkaska. He was an original and like so many have said he didn't want to just get a job done, he wanted to fully understand it and fix it "the right way". I appreciated his work ethic and his friendship. After many years I heard from Elmer out of the blue in Jan 2020, he brought a smile to my face and some good memories.

Bob Donnelly - December 04, 2020 at 04:06 PM



“ I was sad to hear about Elmer's passing. I had many years of knowing Elmer through Trinity Lutheran and I helped him with his lighting selections when I worked at a lighting store in Traverse City. He was such a kind hearted man and I will miss him dearly.

Deanna Russell - November 22, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ I am so sad to hear of Elmer's passing. We spoke often at church and he was always so kind. I will miss his gentle smile and chats. Keeping his family in our prayers.

Jennifer - November 19, 2020 at 08:05 PM



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Jacob Profrock - November 19, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ Dan Wallington lit a candle in memory of Elmer John Profrock



Dan Wallington - November 19, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ Elmer was the standard for all of us at Shell Pipe Line. He worked at his own pace, which often meant late into the night, but he was always ready to go again when we arrived for work in the morning. He made sure to have the best of tools/equipment and he knew how to use it.

I learned a lot from Elmer, but most important was how to lend a hand without expecting anything in return.

Elmer was a joy to know.

Dan Wallington - November 19, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ I enjoyed many conversations with Elmer at Trinity Lutheran Church and the time we shared during our men's Bible study. H was such a humble and gracious man.
Rod Peters

Rodney Peters - November 19, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ Elmer. You will always be remembered and missed by everyone that was blessed to know you. Every moment we shared I still remember and hold forever in my heart. The time we rode motorcycles together is still so vivid to me. Time only matters here on earth and I cherish those times together. Thankfully love is eternal and I love you Elmer.

Jacob Profrock - November 19, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ My prayers go out to the family. I only knew Elmer from church and for just a couple of years. I admired his soft spoken manner and it was clear he had a big heart. I always enjoyed our conversations after church and before Bible study on Sunday mornings. His delightful smile and love for the Lord will be missed. May you find peace in having had him in your lives.

Jan Johnson - November 19, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ My Sweet Elmer, I will keep close to my heart all the memories!! I will always cherish the miles we rode, the friends we shared and the love for our Harley Davidsons. Ride now forever in the wind my sweet friend I know your in the arms of our lord. I will never forget you Baaaabeeeee



Donna Bandy - November 19, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ Donna Bandy lit a candle in memory of Elmer John Profrock



Donna Bandy - November 19, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ Elmer was a Patriotic man who was a kind, giving, loving person who loved nature his dogs, hiking for 20 miles, and hunting to become one with nature and the earth. Using the peacefulness of that activity for his constant search for inner peace and the Big Book.

Elmer also had a great sense of humor and it was a must when I was with to make him laugh, giving me his side eye with that devilish twinkle in his eye acknowledging the jokes I was ripping on at family parties.

Last week when he called me we had one more chuckle when discussing age, death and how walking to the mailbox was now the biggest highlight of his day hoping that Maggie had’nt noticed! So we had our last laugh, he surely did didn’t he.....!

Elmer you were always a member of our family and may God Speed your return to Heaven.

I’ll miss you my friend.

John David Hartmann

John Hartmann - November 19, 2020 at 12:11 PM



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John Hartmann - November 19, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ Elmer was a challenge for many of us. I don't think I've ever met a harder working person in my life. Elmer was the 'git-r-dun' man if ever there was one.

Elmer, like me, tended to get a bit 'too involved' on occasion because he clearly saw opportunities to do things the 'correct way'. And he knew, without doubt, what the 'correct way' was. He did excellent work - always.

But, like I said Elmer's drive could drive you as well as he. He loved to work and do things for others. He didn't expect much; didn't demand much. Often just hanging in the background til it was time to go get things done. Then, he'd be gone. Getting things done.

Early in my time with Elmer, Elmer literally 'turned his life around'. He went from the tough old bird who could go night and day for days (not always safely) to a tough old bird with a heart and determination to do things differently, better. And, as always, Elmer did excellent work - for 30+ years til his passing the other evening.

Elmer, so many of us enjoyed and loved you as a person who learned to quit fighting life and join it, and us, for many wonderful times.

Dan & Anna Kite

Dan Kite - November 19, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ Elmer will be sorely missed by his many friends at Trinity Lutheran Church where he was faithful in attendance at the Divine Service and Bible classes. Elmer always had a kind word and a warm smile to everyone he greeted. Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord.

George & Judy Schneider

George Schneider - November 19, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ John Hartmann, Christopher Sears, Tucker and Jax
Send Condolences to Maggie Hartmann and Elmer Profrock Families

John Hartmann - November 19, 2020 at 12:51 AM



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Margaret Hartmann - November 18, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ Margaret Hartmann lit a candle in memory of Elmer John Profrock



Margaret Hartmann - November 18, 2020 at 06:44 PM



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Margaret Hartmann - November 18, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ Going to miss you my friend and companion! I know God was with you those last hours and is with you and guiding you now on your new journey. Not sure who I'll call, or talk things over with or who I'm going to call? With all my love to you, grace and hope. Maggie



Margaret Hartmann - November 18, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ Elmer and Brutus



Jennifer Clasman-Ammerman - November 18, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ My favorite memory with Elmer was hiking through the hemlock forest. He would laugh at me as I hugged all the trees. My favorite picture is the one he took when I found the oldest biggest tree to hug.



Jennifer Clasman-Ammerman - November 18, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ Elmer was a great friend for many years ! He will be missed !

Steve R - November 18, 2020 at 04:59 PM