



## Elmer M Amsden

April 17, 1942 - February 5, 2022

Elmer Milton Amsden was born in Iowa City, IA on April 17, 1942. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at age 17 with his mother's consent. Upon completion of his service he married his high school sweetheart, Paula Siefken. They resided in Waterloo, IA while Elmer worked in the paint shop of John Deere farm equipment. Two children were born in Waterloo, Jeff and Shari.

The young family pulled up roots and moved to McMinnville, OR where two more children were born, Elizabeth and Christopher. Elmer worked several jobs in the area focusing on sales of parts for cars, farm equipment and semi trucks and trailers. His last job was probably his favorite - selling irrigation parts to farmers in St. Paul, OR. Elmer was a natural at this job, memorizing part numbers and finding the right parts before other sales people could look up the numbers in the parts books. Paula died in 2002.

Elmer married Sandy Lambert in 2005 in a nursing home in Charles City, IA where his mother was a resident. The couple initially made their home in McMinnville until 2010 when they retired to Newport, OR. Elmer was active as a volunteer at McMinnville hospital and continued volunteering at the Newport hospital. He also was a past member of the Police Volunteers. He has been active in his church, holding various positions and was a member of the Deacon Board when he died. He was an HOA board member at Pacific Homes Beach Club and was active on committees.

Elmer was loved for his genuine caring attitude. He would help anybody who needed it and was always cheerful and funny. He loved to joke around with people and had a quick wit. Elmer will be missed by many people including his loving wife, Sandy and her daughters Hope (Arlee) Barker of Lake Stevens, WA and Jama Lambert of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; his children Jeff (Cathy) of Brookings, OR and Shari, Chris (Maggie), and Beth Spencer all of McMinnville; as well as numerous grand and great-grand children.

Services will be held at Newport First Baptist Church, 208 N.W. 6th St., Newport, OR on March 5th at 2:00 p.m.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I've only seen this just today November 13, 2023.  
While exploring Genealogy on Ancestry.com, I questioned why I had no birth date for Elmer and stumbled onto this obituary.  
I am saddened to learn of his passing.  
One of my earliest memories of Elmer he had visited our family in Grand Prairie, Texas with his parents...my Grandparents. I might have been in the 4th grade.  
Most recently he was visiting my Mother, his sister...again in Texas. So, three maybe four times in my life that I had an opportunity get to know my Uncle Elmer were very positive experiences and left me grieving his loss today.  
I am certain he was a great husband, father, grandfather and family man.  
My very belated condolences...

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**Mitchell Pettitt** - November 13, 2023 at 06:07 PM

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“ I met Elmer and Sandy at St John in Charles City, I noticed both usually in the summer time, I Sunday after greeting each other at church we started talking and in time we became friends and got together at least once every year when they visited Iowa every year. So glad I met Elmer and Sandy what a sweet couple , Elmer seemed quiet but you listened when he talked and he had a good sense humor . You will be missed. Heaven gained an Angel . I believe you will watch over Sandy and family. Prayers for healing and peace to Sandy and family.

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**Kirsten Dietrich** - February 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM



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February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM