



Mr. Joseph Franklin Elkins

August 20, 1935 - November 8, 2015

Joseph Franklin “Joe” Elkins of Roswell, Georgia passed away at his home on Sunday November 8th. His wife, Mary Sidney and several of their children and grandchildren were at his side. He passed away after several years struggle with congestive heart failure and chronic infections.

Joe was born on August 20, 1935 at Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta. He was the son of Pearce and Mary (Wells) Elkins. Joe served in the Marine Corps during the Korean Crisis. After his military service, he completed a B.S. in Physics at the University of Georgia. Joe then went to work for Western Electric. In 1971, he left Western Electric and became an independent insurance agent with Mutual of New York Life Insurance (MONY) then with the Progressive Insurance Company.

He was a family man and an active member of his community, including the Roswell Jaycees, Roswell High School Band parent organization (first “lifetime” member), Roswell Presbyterian Church, and Special Olympics of Georgia.

18 years ago, in 1997, Joe received the amazing gift of a heart transplant at Emory University Hospital.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary Sidney (Baldwin) Elkins; their 6

children:

Becky Elkins Berry (Alpharetta, GA), Suzy Elkins Crowe (Alpharetta, GA), Jeannie Elkins (Miller) Ownby (Clayton, NC), Randy Elkins (Atlanta, GA), Jody Elkins Shafer (Chipley, FL), and Andrew Elkins (Rome, GA), and their 7 grandchildren: Jere Miller, Sam Crowe, Kennedy Berry, Zane Shafer, Zoë Shafer, Pearce Elkins, and Claire Elkins.

A memorial service for Joseph Franklin Elkins will be held on Sat., Nov. 14, 2:00 pm at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory (www.northsidechapel.com) 12050 Crabapple Rd, Roswell, GA 30075. Visitation at the funeral home will be Fri. from 2:00 - 5:00 pm and Sat. from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Family and friends will gather at Becky's house after the service (4135 Big Creek Overlook Alpharetta).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to either STAR House Foundation (www.starhousefoundation.org) or Johns Creek United Methodist Church Pipe Organ Fund (<http://www.johnscreekumc.org/Giving/Opus-480D.aspx>).

Cemetery Details

Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Rd
Roswell, GA 30075

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

NOV 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

NOV 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Joseph Franklin Elkins*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I first met Joe and Mary Sidney in 1969 when I became the band and orchestra director at Roswell High School. Over the next eight years, I was blessed by their friendship and by the opportunity to teach their first three children--Becky, Suzy, and Jeannie. Each time the band traveled, I could count on the two Elkins Volkswagen vans to carry equipment and follow the busses. Memories of the Elkins family's talent, service, and leadership will always be dear to me.*

Paul Mann - December 10, 2015 at 04:06 PM



“ *When I came to Roswell in 1972 as a right-out-of-college band director, Joe was one of the first people I met, because I had one of his children in my band. As time passed I had taught 5 of his six children. They were all a chip off the ole block...courtesy, manners, and knew to succeed in music, or anything it took work and a commitment. No teacher could have wanted more supportive parents than Joe and Mary Sidney. They were on all band trips, be it as chaperone, equipment manager, or general advice on how to get a job done...including medical advice for sunburn, skinned knees or maybe an occasional emergency field repair on an instrument. Over the years we have stayed in touch through email and phone about old friends, his kids and war stories from our band days together, or just meeting for lunch at his favorite little sandwich shop. I'm sure going to miss all that...don't you just wish Heaven had a website?*

Ellis Cannon - November 22, 2015 at 10:42 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Franklin Elkins.*



November 12, 2015 at 04:26 PM



“ *Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more that a thought apart. For as long as there is a memory, they'll live on in our hearts. - Author Unknown*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family,
Doris*

Doris Upshur - November 11, 2015 at 04:51 PM



“ *Such a wonderful experience to be with Joe and Mary Sidney at Joe's 80th birthday just a couple of months ago. He was so excited and glad to see everybody! I sure will miss his Brunswick stew at the family reunions. Love to all his family.*



Susan Wells - November 11, 2015 at 01:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Franklin Elkins.*



November 10, 2015 at 01:59 PM



“ *Joe was a friend of the Mason family for so many years, I'm not sure when it started. My parents and Mary Sidney and Joe were involved in school projects together all through our days at RHS . His children and my brother Matt and I grew up together in Roswell when everyone knew everyone. Mary Sidney was working at North Roswell Elementary when I went there in 1982 and Joe was always helping with after school activities to raise money and help children. Joe was a great friend to all parts of Roswell in so many ways, from insurance to schools to his church work. He loved his children very much and was a wonderful father and then grandfather. He taught all of them some great lessons throughout their lives. He was a great role model to all those who had heart problems of any kind. He went through so much and came out smiling. He will be missed by many more than any of us could ever know, because he gave so much to so many!!! We all know he is in a better place with no pain and he will be waiting for Mary Sidney and his children and his grandchildren. Katie Mason Cargle*

Katie Mason Cargle - November 09, 2015 at 09:48 PM

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“ *Reba Holland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Franklin Elkins*



Reba Holland - November 09, 2015 at 08:32 PM