



Elgin Gene Fry

October 15, 1934 - August 26, 2024

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Father, husband, and friend Elgin Fry, 89, of Morrisville NC, died on August 26, 2024.

He was born in Thomas, OK in 1934 to Ernest and Vera Fry, on an active family farm. He graduated valedictorian from Independence School before moving to Stillwater to attend Oklahoma A&M, now Oklahoma State University. Elgin participated in ROTC all four years in college and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant upon graduation. He served in active duty for two years starting in December 1956. He served in Germany as a 1st Lieutenant tank commander in an Artillery unit. He was in the US Army Reserves working as a Quartermaster until his retirement on May 9, 1988 as a full Colonel.

Elgin met the love of his life, Elaine in 1958 at church. Elaine made him wait a year while she traveled to Japan with her parents, Hugh and Dorothy Erskine. Excited to start their new lives together, the two were married November 19, 1960 at National City Christian Church in Washington DC.

Elgin worked at the US Department of Agriculture and then transitioned to the Environmental Protection Agency, in Washington DC. During his time at the

EPA, he was in charge of developing the first computer center. At the same time, he also enjoyed running our family farm in Warrenton VA.

Elgin retired from the EPA in 1985 as a GS-15. That same year, he got his real estate license, and sold houses first in VA and then in NC when Elgin and Elaine moved to Holly Springs, NC in 1995. He worked as a Realtor until 2011 when he decided to finally relax and focus on golf and feeding squirrels. Everyone who knew Elgin knew how much he loved golfing, especially with his son Mike.

Until the pandemic, Elgin and Elaine were active members of Covenant Christian Church in Cary, NC.

Elgin and Elaine had four children, Kimberley, Sharon, Michael, and Diana. Elgin will always be remembered as a sweet husband, a devoted and loving father, a competitive game player, and a loyal friend. We couldn't have asked for a better father, and will miss him every day. His memory will live on in the hearts of all those who knew him.

Elgin was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Walter and Lyle, and his sister Mary. He is survived by his wife of almost 64 years, Elaine; brothers Jack and Fred; his four children Kim (Richard), Sharon (Donald), Mike (Clelia), and Diana (Rob); twelve grandchildren (Andrew, Suzie, Sara, Steven, Madeline, Isabella, Caitlin, Alex, Edward, Thomas, Jacob, and Laney); and three great-grandchildren (Teddy, Rosie, and Annie).

There will be a celebration of Elgin's life on Sunday, September 22 at 3pm at Preston Pointe Retirement Community in Morrisville NC.

Cemetery Details

Wake Memorial Park

7002 Green Hope School Road
Cary, NC 27519

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **22**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Preston Pointe Retirement Community
1995 NW Cary Parkway
Morrisville, NC 27560
<https://prestonpointe.com/>

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *A wonderful man who raised a wonderful family and made spectacular peanut butter pancakes. I'm grateful to have known him.*

Michelle Pellatt - September 03, 2024 at 10:52 AM

SS

“ *Dad, you were the best father a girl could ever ask for. It will be wonderful when I can get one of your great hugs in heaven!! I will love you forever.*
Sharon

Sharon Fry Strickland - September 03, 2024 at 10:05 AM