



## Kent R. Elliott

February 11, 1941 - March 21, 2024

### KENT R. ELLIOTT

Kent Robert Elliott, age 83, of Camdenton Missouri, passed to his eternal home from his earthly home on Thursday, March 21, 2024, after a diagnosis of metastatic lung and brain cancer in December, 2023.

Kent was born February 11, 1941 in Peoria, Illinois, the only son of Robert and Mildred Elliott. They were thrilled when he was born, though both of them had serious health issues. His father died when he was three months old, and his mother spent many months in a tuberculosis sanitarium. Until age 15, he lived with his mom and maternal grandparents in Bartonville, Illinois, and helped care for his paternal grandmother who lived across the street.

Kent was a graduate of Bartonville Grade School, Limestone Community High School, Canton Junior College and Bradley University with a BA in Business Administration. He served three years in the U.S. Army Security Agency, Bad Aibling, Germany, as a cryptographer.

On April 2, 1966, he married Mary Alice Yordy who survives. Two daughters graced this union, Amy T. (Don) Stanton of Melrose Florida and Colleen S. Elliott of Plymouth Michigan; two grandsons, Clint Audet and Porter Audet; a step-sister and her husband, Linda and Larry Adolphson of Springfield

Missouri.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a step-father, Walter J. Wichman and a grandson, Grant Robert Waitz.

As a young lad of 13 he began working at the neighborhood market where he learned meat and poultry processing, adding up customer's tickets on a paper sack, and stocking shelves. After military obligations and college, Kent was employed by Caterpillar Inc. in Peoria, Illinois where he began his career in Data Processing, then Pricing and Scheduling in Business Economics for 35 years retiring in 1999.

Kent was always interested in connecting with people, and sharing life experiences with others. He and Mary attended a Marriage Encounter, after which they joined a group of five other couples to share and learn how to navigate life experiences together. This began a personal and couple growth experience and friendships that has lasted almost 50 years. Kent's faith journey began with Baptism at age 18, and evolved through the years with his strong desire to learn what it meant to be a Christian. As a member of WLCC, he served in multiple roles including Stewardship Chair, Board Moderator, Elder and started a "Connect Class" for men. Most of all he was the best husband, father and friend to many.

Family boating and camping outings were a regular event, whether on the Illinois River, Lake Shelbyville, Lake Carlyle, or Lake of the Ozarks. After retirement, Kent and Mary moved to Lake of the Ozarks and spent more than a few winters in Florida.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at West Lake Christian Church, 936 Hwy O, Laurie Missouri with Reverend Chance McMullin officiating. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a luncheon for all

will follow in Fellowship Hall.

A second service will be held at Knapp-Johnson Funeral Home, 140 S. Detroit Ave., Morton, Illinois on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Hirstein Cemetery, Morton Township, followed by a luncheon in the hospitality room at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are suggested to West Lake Christian Church or Lake Regional Hospice, Osage Beach Missouri.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Hirstein Cemetery

Hirstein Road  
Morton, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

West Lake Christian Church  
936 Highway O  
Laurie, MO 65037

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# Tribute Wall

WF

“ Kent & I were friends in high school, joined the Army together on the buddy plan, after service we hung out together, joined the Peoria Ski Club, attended Canton Junior College, family boated the Illinois and Ozarks and did lots of fishing The four of us would share weekends in Chicago around Thanksgiving and our anniversary. After Kent & Mary moved to Missouri we would see them less frequently but remained true best buddies and felt very blessed having them as friends. It saddens our hearts knowing he is no longer among us in being but is with us in spirit. I will truly miss Kent and it hurts my heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary, Amy, Colleen & grandchildren.  
Walt & Helana.

Walter Fitton - March 27, 2024 at 04:17 PM

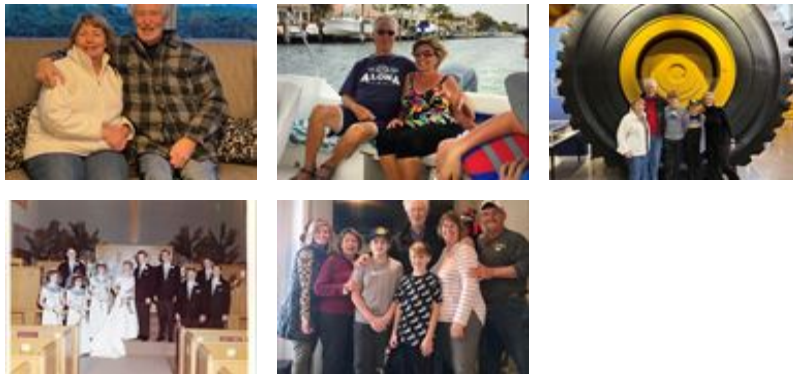
ME

Thanks Walt and Helana. Best friends forever💕💕

Mary Elliott - March 31, 2024 at 09:09 AM



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Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes - March 25, 2024 at 03:10 PM

NJ

“ Sympathy and prayers to Mary, Amy and Colleen. Kent was an incredible friend and a real example of what a loving Christian should be! His joyous giving, contagious love and wonderful smile and humor lit up the world of each who encountered him. The best Sunday School teacher we have ever had and introduced so many of us to the Living Bible as we read through it together. It makes us smile when we think of the way he could think outside the box and the fun little ways he taught things by his questions ... why do knives go in the block with sharp edge down... why not put an extra filter over the coffee grounds to keep them from splashing .. Kent will be with us daily in a new and eternal way! LOVE YOU MARY!

Norma L Johnson - March 24, 2024 at 07:50 PM

ME

Thank you Norma!

MARY ELLIOTT - April 07, 2024 at 05:59 PM

JB

“ Sorry for your loss Mary.

Jim Buckley - March 23, 2024 at 11:35 PM

ME

Thank you Jim. Think of you often, especially Nov. 17.

Mary Elliott - April 24, 2024 at 08:59 AM

AN

“ So sad to hear this news. Kent went to grade and high school with my husband.  
He was one of the nicest people I ever knew.  
Thoughts and prayers to Mary and family.  
May you rest in peace. Ann Hillig

ann - March 23, 2024 at 10:22 PM

ME

*Thank you Ann. I have a lot of memories of the 4 of us at your house because you had kids, and we were just getting started!*

**MARY ELLIOTT** - April 07, 2024 at 06:01 PM