



## Elmer Wilburn Masingill

January 19, 1922 - September 2, 2019

Elmer Wilburn Masingill, age 97, passed away on Mon. Sept. 2, 2019. He was born in Coushatta, Louisiana on Jan. 19, 1922 to Elmer Wolfson Masingill and Leona Sibley Masingill. In 1940, he enlisted in the US Army Air Corp which became the US Air Force, retiring after 28 years of service. During WWII, he was a Flight Engineer serving in Okinawa; during the Korean Conflict he served as a B-29 Flight Engineer; and he retired as a Sr. Master Sgt. in 1968 at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware during the Vietnam War. In 1943, he was married in Columbus, Mississippi to a lovely lady, whom he had met on a blind date. Freddie Mae Stephens was by his side for 66 years. He was a founding member of the First Christian Church of Bossier City, Louisiana, and together with Freddie, they taught Sunday school, participated in the choir, and hosted the youth group. They spent many years as Snowbirds in Florida, with summers spent on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. After Freddie died, he moved to Florida permanently, and began squiring a young lady of 85, Betty Striggow. They married, moved to Michigan and had a wonderful 9 years together. He told her he loved her every day, and when he married her, he inherited a whole other family who embraced him as their own. He became known as Grandpa Elmer, and he loved and was loved by them all. He is survived by his wife Betty; daughter Linda (Louis Alan) Barlow; step-children, Penny (Tom) Schettling and Debra (Daniel) Mikolowski; 3 grandchildren, Nina Lynn Carty, Danielle Mosher, and Shannon Rhae Barlow; 5 step-grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild. He was

preceded in death by his wife Freddie Mae; son James Wilburn Masingill; granddaughter Jennifer Lynn Boutiette; brothers Frank and Bentley, and sister Eloise. Memorial services will be held at 5:00 PM Fri. Sept. 6, 2019 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly Michigan with Pastor Craig England officiating and military honors by the US Air Force. Visitation will be from 4-5 PM Friday. Memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home  
101 First St.  
Holly, MI 48442  
<http://dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

## Service

SEP 6. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our deepest sympathy to all family and friends of Elmer. He was such an amazing person and will be missed by all.*

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**Mike & Arianna** - September 07, 2019 at 06:43 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Elmer Wilburn Masingill.*



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September 05, 2019 at 11:54 PM

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“ *Cleo Masingill and Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Elmer Wilburn Masingill.*



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**Cleo Masingill and Family** - September 04, 2019 at 09:38 PM

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“ *Penny, Tom, Betty and families, Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of Elmer. I had many good golf games with Elmer in Florida. He was a Prince of a man. RIP Elmer*

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**John Hammond** - September 04, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ *First met Elmer when he had a place near Zephyrhills, Florida by my parents Rudy & Bernice Schettling. He impressed me as a sweet and kind man. Later he married my sister-in-law Penny Schettling's mother Betty Striggow.*

*Prayers for Elmer's family. He lived a good life.*

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**Ellen Whitehead** - September 04, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elmer Wilburn Masingill.*



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September 04, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ *I remember Elmer fondly when I visited my parents in Florida. He and his wife Freddie lived next to my mom and dad. He was always kind and loving to Freddie and took care of her when she was ill. He continued on in Florida after her death where he met my sister-in-law Penny's mother, Betty. I remember thinking "What a wonderful match for both of them". They were very happy and they adored each other. Elmer will be missed. He was wonderful nurturing man.*

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**Rachel Sparling** - September 04, 2019 at 05:42 AM



*Nice words, Rachie.*

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**Ellen Whitehead** - September 04, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elmer Wilburn Masingill.*



September 03, 2019 at 09:51 PM



“ *Love, Hugs & Kisses Joe and Shirley Chiesa purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Elmer Wilburn Masingill.*



**Love, Hugs & Kisses Joe and Shirley Chiesa** - September 03, 2019 at 08:28 PM



“ *Shirliann And Conrad Llewandowski lit a candle in memory of Elmer Wilburn Masingill*



**Shirliann and Conrad Llewandowski** - September 03, 2019 at 07:01 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elmer Wilburn Masingill.*



September 03, 2019 at 02:53 PM