



Anthony Elmer Leeker Jr.

March 19, 1928 - December 15, 2023

Anthony Elmer Leeker, Jr. was born on March 19, 1928 in St. Louis, Missouri to Myrtle and

Anthony Elmer Leeker, Sr. He had two older sisters, twins, Doris and Dorothy. Elmer graduated from South Side Catholic High School in 1946. He was active in many

activities but excelled at sports. He participated in track, baseball, football and was deemed

most valuable player in basketball. He went on to play basketball at Missouri State University.

Elmer also attended Concordia Turners, where he met Doris Peche who would later become

his wife. Doris' parents started the So Good Potato Chip Company when she was young and

Elmer eventually joined their company. After many years, he became president of the company and remained there until his retirement.

Doris and Elmer married on April 11, 1950 and had five children; Suzette, David, Bill, Leslie and

Jason. As you can only imagine, their life was filled with lots of activity, schedules, many

skinned knees, much spilled milk and tons of love, fun and happiness. Elmer was a good

husband and a very involved father from the very beginning. He enjoyed his kids immensely and was constantly teaching them something new~ from how to ride a bike, catch a fish, play a sport, use a tool or solve a math problem and everything in between. He was extremely patient, kind and loving and would also teach his children the values of honesty, respect and how to treat others. A better father you would not find.

Elmer was a friend to all~ always kind, giving and full of fun! Some of his activities included attending the Missouri Athletic Club, dance lessons with friends, bridge, fishing, hunting and golf. How he loved golf! In fact, starting at age 78, Elmer shot his age or better, every year, including four years ago at age 91.

His later years were spent with his wife, on their beloved island of Abaco, in the Bahamas, where they owned a second home.

Elmer peacefully passed at home on December 15, 2023.

He is survived by his daughter, Suzette Leeker, his son, William "Bill" Leeker (Linda), his son in law, Richard "Murph" Murphy.

Four of his grandchildren also survive him; Ryan Carlstrom (Melissa), Katie Watters, Angie Dunlap (Mark) and William "Will" Leeker.

Ten great grandchildren survived him as well; Josh and Gabe Carlstrom, Jacklyn Dickey, Samantha and Sydney Marzlo, Kaidan Watters and Winston, Ella, Maddox and Shepard Dunlap.

Elmer was preceded in death by his two sons, David and Jason Leeker, his youngest daughter,

Leslie Murphy (Murph) and his oldest grandchild, Carie Dickey.

No public viewing or service will be scheduled~ only a private family time.

In lieu of flowers, we would greatly appreciate a memorial donation to St.

Louis Shriners

Children's Hospital

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Indoor Mausoleum

7600 St Charles Rock Road
St Louis, MO 63133

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Sending deepest sympathy to the Leeker family. May you celebrate the life he lived, honor the memories he leaves behind and know that the love will stay in your hearts forever. He is in his heavenly home with all the dear ones he loved so much.*

Lisa Bartholic - January 10, 2024 at 10:40 AM

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Joan Schaller Yeckel - December 30, 2023 at 04:39 PM

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Doris and Elmer - June 1949 - in the Meramac River at the Leeker cottage the day after they announced their engagement. The Leekers invited Doris and some of her friends to spend the weekend and celebrate Graduation and their engagement.

Joan Schaller Yeckel - December 30, 2023 at 04:44 PM

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“ Cal and I send our deepest sympathy to Elmer's family. We considered him one of the finest men we knew. He was always smiling and had a good word for everyone. He was a fine business man and sportsman and even in the face of much adversity, he was always positive and uplifting. We knew Elmer and Doris for over 80 years - Doris all through Woerner School and met Elmer when he was home from college in the summer of 1948. They became engaged on Graduation night from Cleveland High School in June 1949. I was in their wedding party in April the following year. I once asked Elmer what was the secret behind his sunny disposition, he thought a moment and the said, "I work hard, I play hard and I don't have time to worry".

May his memory be a blessing to everyone.

Cal and Joan Yeckel

Joan Schaller Yeckel - December 28, 2023 at 08:26 PM

RL

“ We are very sorry to hear the passing of Elmer, who was a very good friend and cousin. We spent many great times with both Elmer and Doris. God bless them both.

Roger and Rosemary Leeker

Roger Leeker - December 25, 2023 at 11:06 AM