



Edward Arthur Elsberry

October 27, 1937 - August 21, 2013

Edward Arthur Elsberry was born on October 27th, 1937 in Pembine Wisconsin. After graduating from high school in Marshalltown Iowa, Ed joined the Air Force where he was introduced to a technical education that blessed his professional career and the second gift was a new faith. Ed was introduced to the missionaries while he was in the Air Force and quickly joined “the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints”. He shared his faith with his family and friends and continued the missionary spirit for the rest of his life.

Abundant energy has also been a part of Ed his whole life. He could out work and out last almost anyone and do it with grace and without complaint. He could work tedious stubborn problems for hours on end with focus and excitement and find satisfaction on the resolution of the issue. He always explained that the impossible takes a little longer. Cool under pressure has been a hallmark of Ed’s personality and has been a blessing to him both personally and professionally. As a result, Ed has had an outstanding professional career that has taken him on a journey around the world. In 20 years he completed 132 national or international expeditions for the National Center of Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder Colorado . There he designed instruments, and installed and managed weather data. He drove the tops of the Rocky Mountains in the winter in a huge Snow Cat.

He was a storm chaser through the plain states gathering enough data for

several doctoral candidates to complete their degrees. Tornados are classed as 'F". The F stands for the scientist he worked with Ted Fagita. He also worked throughout the equatorial trough, Central America, the far east, the Philipeans , islands in the pacific, Alaska and places still unknown.

He then started a new satellite receiver company known as ISSI (International Satellite Systems Inc.). Satellite technology was in its infancy. He successfully installed the first satellite feed for the Manhattan Cable Company at 23rd and Lexington, in New York for all the boroughs. Hi company, ISSI, brought the first satellite feed to India for the Indian Summer Olympics. There he installed Indira Gandhi's first color television at her home while guarded by Seiks with machine guns. He was affectionately known by Ministers of the Indian government as "Mr. Eddy". No matter where he went or who he met, he left a lasting impression of goodness, kindness, competence, and friendship.

Ed then shifted professional gears, as the satellite industry was consolidating, and put his energies into aerospace, where he ran a number of successful rocket systems programs for Orbital Sciences. He had top clearance from the U.S. Department of Defense so he could provide leadership for international projects. His organizational strengths were known in his industry and Ed distinguished himself as one of the great project leaders at Orbital Sciences.

Ed has always been a man of faith and expressed his beliefs through his service. Ed or Brother Elsberry will always be known for his selflessness as he has touched the lives of countless people. His genuine concern for others and his cheerful countenance has endeared him to everyone that he met. His passion and excitement for sharing an idea or a story was nothing short of infectious. His presence lifted us all and brought out the best in all of us.

Grandpa, Brother Elsberry, Mechanic, Storm Chaser, President Elsberry, Engineer, Entrepreneur, Husband, Sweetest Man, Friend and just regular old

Dad. He left a legacy of decency and goodness and we will miss him dearly as family patriarch and counselor.

Ed Elsberry is survived by his wife RitaRae Hall Elsberry and his children Ken Elsberry, wife Susan; Kevin Elsberry his wife Inna and children Britteny, Kiley, Blake and Artium; His daughter Shari and her daughters Peyton and Page; Ed's son David Ellsberry.

His step children are W. Donovan Hall and his wife Val and children Jeremy, Kahnon, Shimara and Mason; Dan Hall; Marci Hall and her children, Liberty Ann Chandonia and Gabriel Chandonia; Randy Hall; Craig Hall; Mitch Hall; Phillip Hall and his wife Iryna and their children Faith, Phillip J. and Summer Rae.

Cemetery Details

Riverton

1500 W 13200 S
Riverton, UT

Previous Events

Family Viewing

AUG 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Stone Ridge LDS Ward
12070 S. Laurel Chase Drive
Riverton, UT 84065

Family Viewing

AUG 29. 9:30 AM - 10:40 AM (MT)

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12070 S. Laurel Chase Drive
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Funeral Service

AUG 29. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Arthur Elsberry*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *What a truly great man. His example of hard work and kindness will never be forgotten. He had such a warm nature and always radiated kindness to us. A man of great accomplishment who always had time to help others. I fondly remember the many hours he spent helping Sam learn how to fix our car. Just one of the many things he taught us. He was so willing to share his knowledge and ability to the betterment of others. As the recipient of Ed's kindness so many many times, I am grateful for the privilege and honor I had to know such a great man. His example will live on in my mind and in my heart.*

Both Ed and Rita Rae are shining examples to me in the way they loved and cared for each other and the way they loved and cared for their family. Sam and I have said many times that we hope to pattern our lives this way and adopt many of the same traditions that we witnessed being shared. We always share the sentiment that we were so blessed to live in the Elsberry's basement. As a young newlywed couple, we couldn't have had better examples.

I share in your grief Rita Rae, and pray that you will receive comfort as you mourn the loss of your sweetheart. I can't imagine the sorrow you must feel. We love you both so dearly.

Sam and Sarah Harman

Sarah Harman - September 05, 2013 at 04:54 AM

KL

“ Rita Rae, I cannot express my deepest sorrow of Ed's passing. What a wonderful, sweet, caring man. So giving, always thinking of others. I cannot think of any two people who have been such wonderful examples of kindness, charity and love. I love you both so much, I pray that your heart may be at peace at this time. And know that Ed will continue to do his best service on the other side of the veil. Please know that we love you and Ed very, very much. He will be greatly missed. Please don't hesitate to call for anything.

*Kim and Brian Lillie
Riverton, Ut*

kim lillie - August 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

AM

“ So sorry to hear of your dear Ed's passing. I know how great your love for each other was ... and is. His light has not gone out. It is marking a new dawn, in God's heaven.
*Love & Prayers,
Arlene Murphy*



Arlene Murphy - August 28, 2013 at 08:24 PM

AM

“ *Arlene Murphy lit a candle in memory of
Edward Arthur Elsberry*



Arlene Murphy - August 28, 2013 at 08:17 PM



“ *What a wonderfully accomplished man your Ed was - but then, he picked you - perhaps one of his greatest decisions. To know a love like you and Ed have - what a gift! I love you RitaRae and I now feel blessed to know Ed because of your beautifully written memorial.*
Love, Ruthie

Ruth Donaghy - August 28, 2013 at 07:16 PM

DL

“ *I love Ed's enthusiasm and positive attitude. I know that it hasn't diminished because he's on the other side of the veil. I loved how he showed his love for his wife and to his wife at all times. As long as I knew him, he lived his life according to article of faith 13. He will truly be missed.*

Deb Lamborn - August 28, 2013 at 12:54 PM

CC

“ *Grandpa Ed is such a wonderful person. He welcomed me to the family with open arms and a heart full of love to share. He always made me feel important and he always expressed how proud he was of me in my accomplishments. He has a heart of gold and is such a genuine person. I was fortunate enough to have him a part of my life. He will be dearly missed by many. I know my family will miss him greatly. I know he is in a better place with his Lord and Saviour watching over all of those he loves and cares about.*

*Love,
Christy Chandonia*

Christy Chandonia - August 28, 2013 at 12:49 PM

CF

“ *Chuck Sandgren and your Essilor family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Edward Arthur Elsberry.*



Chuck Sandgren and your Essilor family - August 28, 2013 at 10:30 AM

JS

“ *We knew Ed way-back-when in Marshalltown, Iowa. We were all a lot younger then, and helped build (or paint in my case) the Marshalltown Ward building. Ed always full of smiles and love for everyone. He loved the gospel and shared it with anyone who would care to listen. I remember he loved my chocolate cake because, he said, it was "heavy," and he loved "heavy" cakes. Not too great a compliment for some cooks!*

We share a lot of happy memories about those times when we were all struggling with work and young families, and we will share those memories again in another time and another, better place.

*Our sympathy goes out to you and the family at this difficult time.
Joyce Schroepel, Lindon, Utah*

Joyce Schroepel - August 27, 2013 at 11:43 AM

JR

“ *Jim Rabbitt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward Arthur Elsberry.*



Jim Rabbitt - August 27, 2013 at 11:06 AM



Barbara
Ferguson

“ *Dear Rita Rae,
So Sorry to hear of Ed's passing. I am so glad I was able to visit
with him a few weeks ago and put a smile on his face by grooming
his "sweet baby girl pup"! I enjoyed doing it for both of you. I have
kept you in my prayers.
Love,
Barbara (Danielle's Mom*

Barbara Ferguson - August 26, 2013 at 08:45 PM

NE

“ *Norma Elsberry sent a virtual gift in memory of
Edward Arthur Elsberry*



Norma Elsberry - August 26, 2013 at 06:38 PM

NE

“ *rita rae, its so sad to hear that uncle ed had passed away. he will be
greatly missed. it was so much fun being at your house in may and
enjoying the familys visit even thought it was a short visit. it was so
good visiting with you and uncle ed as well. we will never forget you.
love ya lots. love melanie elsberry.*

Norma Elsberry - August 26, 2013 at 06:20 PM

SB

“ Dear Rita Rae,
We were saddened to hear of Ed's passing. He is an amazing man;
we have been blessed to know him. You and your family are in our
prayers.

Love,
Dean and Sarah Barney

Sarah Barney - August 26, 2013 at 03:22 PM

CB

“ RitaRae,

Annie and I are saddened by the loss of our friend Ed, and can
imagine how much you must miss him. He was always so kind and
gracious with us. We appreciate so much you and Ed blessing our
lives in so many ways.

Love,

Clark and Annie Burt

Clark Burt - August 26, 2013 at 01:39 PM

GE

“ Dear RitaRae

I was so saddened to read of the passing of your beloved husband,
Ed. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family. Love,
Gloria Evans and Family

Gloria Evans - August 25, 2013 at 09:58 PM

KE

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Kevin Elsberr - August 25, 2013 at 06:45 PM

TP

“ *Dear Rita Rae, I am so sad that I won't be able to be with you at the Funeral...I would love to meet the rest of the family that I haven't met...Dan and I love the two of you dearly and you will be constantly in our thoughts and Prayers. You are so strong and I know you will be ok until you are reunited with your sweetheart...I know God will bless you and your family. Ed has been such an inspiration to me and I can hear his voice now as he would greet me. He always sounded so happy and his happiness was contagious, you couldn't help but be better when Ed was around. Love Terrie and Dan*

terrie pendleton - August 25, 2013 at 05:57 PM

EJ

“ *Dear Ritarae,
My love and sympathy to you at this sad time. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.
With love,*

Elaine Jack - August 25, 2013 at 02:43 PM

NE

“ *Norma Elsberry lit a candle in memory of Edward Arthur Elsberry*



Norma Elsberry - August 24, 2013 at 02:56 PM

NE

“ *Ed was such a good person. He was always willing to share the gospel with anyone he met. Ed had such a wonderful attitude about life. He was a caring person. The first time I met Ed, he was so outgoing and accepted me into the Elsberry family with a loving heart. He will be missed, but never forgotten.*

Love, his sister-in-law, Norma Elsberry

Norma Elsberry - August 24, 2013 at 07:01 AM

S

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Serenity Funeral Home - August 23, 2013 at 05:42 PM

WL

We knew Ed when we all lived in Marshalltown. He always found joy in life. When we were building the chapel you could always count on him being there. Loved his love of the Savior and his williness to share his testimony.

wayne and joann linke - August 29, 2013 at 09:45 AM

DE

My father was my Hero, not just because he was my Dad but because of the incredible example he was in all aspects of life. Unbelievable work ethic. He loved helping others. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. He loved everyone and could become friends with anyone. My dad would never give up on any project. Nothing is impossible, it just takes more time" Anything worth doing is worth doing right" Usually while working on a very difficult project " nothing is ever straight forward"

His patience, good nature, kindness, love and praise were the best mortal example I have witnessed. He reminds me more of our savior than any other man I have met. I will always be in awe of your awesome charity and love for all those you knew. You are the most difficult act to follow. But an act I would be proud to even come close to. So many memories and they were all positive, fun and awe inspiring. I love you Dad with all my soul. You are sorely missed. I know you are serving away at the feet of our creator. He picked up the perfect servant. What a compliment. Forever my hero. I love you Dad.

David Elsberry - December 27, 2021 at 03:27 PM