



Elmer Shepherd Biles

May 19, 1926 - June 19, 2016

Elmer Shepherd Biles, 90 of Indian Head, Maryland, died on June 19, 2016 at University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata, Maryland. He was born in Baltimore on May 19, 1926 to the late Elmer Joseph and Louise Schmitt Biles. He was predeceased by his wife, Evelyn Kirner Biles.

Elmer served in the U.S. Army during World War II, graduated Valparaiso University in 1949, worked for the Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head, Maryland and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Suitland, Maryland. He was past president of the Alice Ferguson Foundation Accokeek, Maryland, awarded many honors for performing service to his community, gave history lectures and was amongst those who established Chapman State Park in northwestern Charles County.

He is survived by his son, John Edward Biles, daughter-in-law Patricia Valdes Biles, granddaughters, Isabella Evelyn Biles and Charlotte Marias Shepherd Biles.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 10AM at Grace Lutheran Church, 10928 Indian Head Highway, Ft. Washington, MD 20744. Interment will be private. Arrangements by Raymond Funeral Service in La Plata, Maryland.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, Maryland 20607 or Grace Lutheran Church, 10928 Indian Head Highway, Ft. Washington, Maryland 20744.

Tribute Wall



“ *Elmer Shepherd Biles*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Elmer Shepherd Biles*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *I thank our Gracious Father for the kindness Mr. Biles showed me. He was one of my sponsors while I attended seminary in St. Louis. He was always sure to write me and with my letters back and forth with him I learned a lot about how kind and giving he was (as well as the history of Maryland!) He was always a blessing to hear from and I thank the Lord that I will get to meet him someday and say thank you in person. To Christ be the glory, forever and ever!*

Tyson Bentz - November 11, 2016 at 02:15 PM



“ *Loving husband, devoted follower, passionate ecologist, avid historian and a wonderful Grandfather. I'll miss your charts and lectures but know your quest for knowledge and compassionate faith will live on here in yours and Evelyn's names.*

Chet Marshall

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“ *"Well done, good and faithful servant." His devotion to church and Evelyn is what I will always remember. Our long discussions about politics and religion kept us in communication for hours. I will miss you my dear friend.*

~Sharon Samuels, Greencastle PA

Sharon Samuels - June 22, 2016 at 09:15 AM

JG

“ *This is a sad day for me, but reminds me that it was an honor to know him. Mr. Biles was a force to be reckoned with. He was tough on me, but I enjoyed it. He was truly passionate about the causes he represented, and he never backed down. I learned a lot from him, both in knowledge on specific issues and in personal character. I'm sure he thought he was a thorn in my side, but he grew to be someone I was very fond of. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten for his character and contributions.*

-Jason Groth, Charles County Government

Jason Groth - June 22, 2016 at 08:01 AM

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Anna Coughlin - June 21, 2016 at 04:44 PM

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Elmer was one of my heroes. His knowledge of Charles County's natural resources was astounding! He was a true champion for Charles County and was one of the few county residents who had the best interests of the county and its citizens at heart. A truly great man who will be sorely missed. May God bless his family.

Cheryl E. Thomas - June 22, 2016 at 09:27 AM

CB

Elmer was such a great family man. I always looked up to him, not just because he was taller than me. He did a great job in keeping track of our family heritage (thank you)! I will never forget all the family reunions he arranged for me when I came over to visit my Dad. Without him I would have never met all my relatives. I loved his calm behaviour and his great knowledge. He was a fine great man.

Clifford Brewbaker , Berlin Germany

Clifford Brewbaker - June 22, 2016 at 11:00 PM