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Ernest Edmond St. Louis

Oct. 25, 1927 - March 21, 2024

Ernest Edmond St. Louis, Jr. of Morganton, NC died peacefully at AMOREM March 21, 2024. He was born on October 25, 1927, in Central Falls, Rhode Island, the son of Ernest E. St. Louis, Sr. and Yvonne Bergeron St. Louis.

In his earlier years Ernie was a Boy Scout whose guidance by his father, was awarded Eagle Scout, being the youngest to earn that accreditation in Rhode Island at that time. He was very active with sports in High School in both Football and Track and Field, where he established a Rhode Island High School record with a high jump of 6 foot, 4 inches.

He graduated from Rhode Island State University in 1950 with a B.S. Cum Laude in Chemistry. He was President of the Junior Class (1948-1949) and served as a Lab Assistant both his Junior and Senior Years. He was a Cryptologist while in the United States Army and received an Honorable Discharge as a Captain in the United States Army Reserve in 1964.

After College, he joined Chemical Sun Company as a Research Chemist and New Product Technical Advisor. Always driven, he started Valchem in Langley, SC in 1956 for United Merchants and Manufacturers Textile Company. In 1964 with his Partner, Bill Iannone, he established Checkmate Chemical Company in Greenville, SC. After

two years, this successful company was sold to GAF, an International Corporation. He then relocated in Morganton, NC with his family and started Astro Industries. This company developed new products such as AstroFlockTight NS, an adhesive for flocking Nylon fiber to Fabric which was used by Lazy Boy for its Breathable Suede Chairs. Formica Resin Modifications were developed as well as a waterproofing resin

for the corrugated box industry. Astro Industries was sold to Borden Chemical Company in 1990 and is now the Hexion Corporation.

He was an active member of St. Charles Borromeo in Morganton, NC. He was a member of The Lion's Club in Pawtucket, RI; The Knights of Columbus in Aiken, SC; The Elks and Kiwanis Club in Morganton. As an avid golfer he belonged to Seven Devils, The Blowing Rock Country Club and Mimosa Hills Country Club. He was an active member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Morganton.

He enjoyed spending free time at his Mountain House at Seven Devils, NC and after retirement his home at Fripp Island with family and friends. He loved to travel not just for work but for pleasure. He and his late wife, Joan provided a yearly Beach Trip to Fripp Island, SC for the entire family to attend, some coming from as far away as Missouri and Tennessee. When that rental house was outgrown, a bigger house was provided so that all the family could continue to vacation under one roof. This beach trip allowed the entire family to gather and create memories forming a strong family bond that continues to this day.

Ernie was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 50 years Joan; his parents Ernest and Yvonne St. Louis, Sr.: Brother Roland St. Louis and sister Germaine St. Louis; Stepson Michael Myles, daughter-in-law Judy Myles and great-grandson Quentin Robinson.

He will be missed by his children: Doug St. Louis (Jackie); Jim Myles (Alice); Dan St. Louis (Sandra); Karen Young; Toni Deal (Kirk). Pepere's Grandchildren include: Michelle Brown (PJ); Kelly Gibson; Bryan Myles (Dandy); Kevin Myles; Jonathan Myles (Noelle); Matthew St. Louis (Beth); David St. Louis (Hilary); James Myles; Ben St. Louis (Birgit); Steven St. Louis (Ashley); Jennifer Chang (Rick); Maggie Pannenbacker (Ben); Patrick Jenkins and Heather Deal. G-Pere's Great Grandchildren are: Josh Gibson; Lucy Robinson; Bailey Robinson; Michael Myles; Eli Myles; Gideon

Myles; Livingston St. Louis; Griffin St. Louis; Elliot St. Louis; Grace Myles; Jimmy Myles; Mia St. Louis; Claire St. Louis; Anzleigh St. Louis; Daphne Chang; Arthur Chang; Owen Conner; Liam Pannenbacker; Ellis Pannenbacker; Sage Jenkins; Brantley Moss and Freya Potts. Great-Great Grandchild Lillian Robinson.

Jean Beucus whose loving care and friendship always put a smile on Ernie's face.

We would like to thank all the Caregivers from Bayada, whose company and care enabled Ernie to stay comfortably in his home and to AMOREM Hospice in Valdese for his final days.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Sossoman Funeral Home on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 11 to 1 with a Military Ceremony at 12:45 p.m. In lieu of Flowers, memorials can be sent to AMOREM in Valdese, NC or a Charity of your choice.

Ernie lived life to the fullest and we will all miss his big smile, storytelling, warmth, generousness, engaging voice and gregarious attitude.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

It was an honor to take care of Ernie .He taught me so much.We laughed ,and sang and sometimes we fussed.I did a lot of nagging too . I will nevet forget him ,his sweet smile,his booming voice. I would also like to thank the family ,for their kindness and support. May God bless you all.

–Virginia Bailey



Enjoy your journey Ernie - you have definitely earned it. We will always remember that “smile” at the hospital. RSP

–Dan & Sandra Clemmons

Danny we are so sorry to hear of your dad’s passing! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your sweet family! Love, the Sacchetti Family

–The Sacchetti Family

To all of the St.Louis family, and Jean my prayers are with you. Had many great times with Ernie and Joannie. Wonderful person. Will miss him dearly.

–Jim Belote

Susan and I were so saddened to learn of Ernie's passing. I treasured the day that I met Ernie and became part of Astro Industries. Ernie was so generous to his

employees and treated us as his second family. Active in his community with his time and support for the United Way, his church, and civic organizations. Customers, suppliers, and even competitors appreciated his style and success. Above all of his successes, he treasured his family the most! Our thoughts and prayers to the family.

–George Andrea

I have always thought about my family growing up and as I got older I understood how much they meant to me. Peper'e always made me appreciate life and gave us so much to be grateful for all the time. He showed me that I was loved everyday. I will always be grateful for having him in my life as my grandfather!

–Kelly Gibson



I’m so glad the family has all the wonderful memories of such a special person. Peace be with you all.

–Lauri Stilwell



Dan, I'm so sorry to learn of Ernie's passing. What a sweet man. I always loved our talks. What a wonderful family legacy he leaves behind. God bless you and the entire St. Louis Clan during this sad time. I'll be keeping you close in thoughts and prayers. Linda

–Linda York



Steven, I was very sorry to learn of your grandad's passing. You and the family will be in my prayers. Please convey the same to you dad and mom. Love, Debbie



—Debbie Britt



Ernie you were the best part of my job, I'm truly glad I've got to spend the past two years with you and caring for you in the best possible way. Thank you for always giving me a smile and I'd give you a smile back. We miss you and you'll forever be in our hearts and I will never forget you Ernie. Thank you for truly making my job worth while. As always I'll drive safe and be careful on the roads as you would always tell me and I'll see you one day untill then hold me a spot and save me an ice cream on a stick my friend.

—Akila (key)

I am very blessed to have known Ernie and his family for nearly 50 years growing up. He was well loved and thought of by everyone he knew and those acquainted with him. He was a stellar gentleman, fine human being with class and style as he wore his bow tie and his warm grin. The man loved to travel and sell. May God bless the driver of the car two miles in front of Ernie as he barreled down to catch and pass him on a highway as he traveled to his destination. Ernie, God bless your soul I will miss you greatly and go get em. Amen.

—A John Beucus V

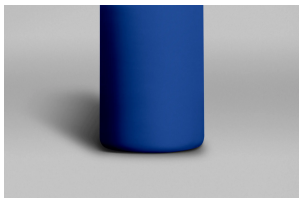


You are so missed Ernie I am absolutely blessed to have known you and care for you for the passed 2 years working for bayada. Many good days and many memories with you. I will never forget.

—Ashly Toyom



Ernie will be greatly missed, he was a wonderful man! Rest



easy and fly high.

–Hannah

I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Ernie St. Louis. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. Ernie was a remarkable individual, and his absence will be felt profoundly by all who knew him. Ernie's warmth, kindness, and unwavering support touched the lives of many. His legacy of compassion and generosity will forever be remembered. While words may offer little solace in moments of grief, may you find comfort in the cherished memories you shared with him. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you navigate through this period of mourning.

–Christopher Poteet

This obituary is so full. What a blessed man to have all that success, and even more so: SO many descendants. Outstanding long life! Blessings to all of the family my Uncle Ernie left behind. Your faithfulness is clear in this writing about his life. Peace and love, Cousin Cathi

–Cathi Warfle Wallwork