



Eldon H. Dew

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Eldon Handford Dew, son of Cecil Dew and Leila Post Dew, a resident of San Diego for 53 years, passed away July 17, 2015, at home with loved ones at his side. He was 94 years old, weeks away from his 95th birthday. Eldon was a loving brother, husband, grandfather, even a great great grandfather! Born in Glouster, Ohio, Eldon grew up on a farm and attended the local school. He left school after the 9th grade to care for his siblings after his mother unexpectedly passed away. He decided at a young age that farming wasn't for him and in his late teens, with the approval from his father, moved to Marion, Ohio, where he began work as an apprentice mechanic. He joined the Army the day after Pearl Harbor was bombed and served as Chief Warrant Officer for the 261st Ordnance Battalion. His specialty was Armament Machinist. He received the Good Conduct medal, WWII Victory medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign medal, and the American Campaign medal with 2 Stars. He served during the Battle of the Bulge under General Patton. While serving in Belgium, Eldon met Renee Honorez. She taught courses in French and Eldon was asked, by his commanding officer, to take her class to brush up on his French. As the war came to an end Renee told Eldon she couldn't live without him. They received permission to be married and soon after they were reunited in Ohio. Eldon went back to the job he left before he had entered the military. He worked at several different companies before moving to San Diego and landing a job at International Harvester, which is now Solar Turbine. He started working at Solar in 1962. His first day on the job he met Hazel Marshall and she showed him around the plant and they became co-workers and friends. In 1978/79 both Eldon and Hazel lost their beloved spouses. Co-workers at Solar started matching making but they decided they were okay doing their own thing. In 1980 they were married. The Marshall family gained another wonderful Grandfather. Eldon never had children but he was welcomed into the big Italian family. He went



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from no children to two step-daughters, their husbands, 6 grandchildren, and over the years 26 great grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren. Eldon and Hazel spent many glorious years traveling across the United States, Canada and Mexico. They loved each other dearly and enjoyed 31 years of married life. Eldon shared that the most important thing to remember in a relationship is “your partners needs are just as great as your own” and “to never leave the house without saying I love you.” Eldon shared stories with us about his youth and growing up on a farm, the joys of growing up with his siblings, whom he loved, the hardships of living through the depression, losing his mother at a young age, the love he had for his grandparents, stories about serving his country, and so much more. He was an honest man, a hard worker, compassionate. A son, brother, beloved husband to two amazing women, a cherished Grandfather. He was loved and will truly be missed. Eldon is predeseased by his parents Cecil and Leila Dew, his brothers Ellis, Eston, and Thomas, and his sister Donna Mae. He is survived by his sisters Mona Jean, Marjorie Alice, and his big Italian family. If any wants to give donations instead of flowers, they can be made to Lightbridge Hospice.



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DE

Denise Eyer posted:

Joshua, thank you for the photos. It was a special day and looking forward to see more when you have the time 😊

August 23 at 3:03 PM

DE

Denise Eyer posted:

Thank you for sharing this with us, John, and also thank you for keeping an eye on him for us.

August 19 at 9:36 AM

JS

John H. Schweitzer posted:

Eldon was a great next-door neighbor and more importantly, a great friend. Because I serve in the Marine Corps and my son loves everything military, he equally loved to hear the history of our Great Wars and was truly astonished when I told him that "Mr. Eldon served in WWII." Sammy truly felt that he was living next door to a hero and for good reason. Eldon was a gentleman and a gentle-man. He is truly missed and we think about him often. The other thing I recall is how Eldon was very meticulous about his trash bins!! He was always the first to bring 'em out and the first to take 'em back in. Because he was along in years, on some days the bins were not out in the morning (if I missed seeing them the night before) I would instantly worry. But alas, this did not happen often and I was finally assured everything was okay when I heard him start up his car and drive off!! My wife and I would talk, as if almost preparing ourselves, about the day the trash bins would not be out by Eldon's hand and thus giving us the sign that he has made his final travel plans home. Eldon, it was a pleasure to meet and know you. Thank you for the past five years. Thank you for your service, selflessness and sacrifice and for imparting your wisdom to those of us who were lucky enough to know and spend time with you. Although we were over a generation apart I am glad to know we shared commonality as brothers in arms. Rest in peace, Warrior. V/r, John H. Schweitzer Major, USMCR

August 11 at 5:48 PM

TA

Tasha posted:

Thanks for posting these! They are treasures.

August 3 at 12:45 PM



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TA

Tasha posted:

What a sweet photo! Made me cry.

August 3 at 12:45 PM

VE

Veteran posted:

Because he loves me, says the Lord, "I will rescue him. I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name."

July 30 at 5:56 AM

JC

Julianne C posted:

Eldon was an amazing great-grandfather. I will never forget all of the times we shared together. I can't even begin to pick a favorite memory or story he shared because they are all equally wonderful. He loved his great-great-grandson (my son) so very much! They shared such a special bond the last few weeks of Eldon's life. They never spoke a word to each other but you could tell they were best friends. Eldon will always have a special place in our hearts.

July 29 at 4:24 AM

DE

Denise Eyer posted:

I had the pleasure of meeting Mona Jean a few times over the years. She was a gifted seamstress and I have a piece of her quilting talent that I hang up every Christmas. Eldon gave it to me a few years after I was married and I have always loved getting it out and tying candy canes on it and hanging it on the wall. It has and will always remind me of the two of them.

July 28 at 5:54 AM

DE

Denise Eyer posted:

Love the pictures! Thanks for sharing them ❤️

July 28 at 5:49 AM



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DE

Denise Eyer posted:

That's sweet. I know that one of his army friends told him that "your partners needs are just as great as your own". I wonder if that is a poem his friend shared with him and he passed it on to Grandma?

July 28 at 5:46 AM

DE

Denise Eyer posted:

My Grandma, rest in peace, was blessed to have two amazing men in her life. My maternal Grandfather, who passed away while I was in high school, and Eldon whom she married a few years later. I have been blessed for the last 53 years with two amazing Grandfathers that I loved dearly and have taught me so much. I will miss you Eldon, more than I thought possible. Every time I have fish tacos from Rubio's I will remember our weekly lunches that we shared, the stories of your youth, and discussing politics. Goodbye for now, Buddie. I'm looking forward to meeting up with you all on the other side. Thankfully I have many Guardian Angels guiding me. 🙏

July 28 at 5:44 AM

HI

Hinton posted:

*Sorry, reaching out not OR.

July 28 at 4:49 AM

HI

Hinton posted:

I just wanted to share with you all a poem I found in my Grandma's dresser after she died. It was written on a piece of paper and Eldon put it into a card he gave to Hazel. "Love is a searching, Reaching our, Sharing. It is when another's needs Are just as important as Your own, no more, no less. Love is commitment and Responsibility, a life-style Of consistent Concern for The well being of the other And the enhancement rather Than the limitation of The partner." I do not know who wrote the poem. I think it meant a lot to Eldon. I know he loved my grandma very much and they made each others last years wonderful!

July 28 at 4:48 AM



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KW

Kim Walpole posted:

My grandma, Eldon's sister, Mona Jean, spoke so highly of her brother! She loved going to visit him and Hazel in California whenever she was able. She always had wonderful stories to share with us. Rest in peace Uncle Eldon.

July 27 at 4:05 PM

DE

Denise Eyer posted:

That was one of the best days ever!!!

July 27 at 2:00 PM

DE

Denise Eyer posted:

Thank you.

July 27 at 1:21 PM

DE

Denise Eyer posted:

Also, my cousin, Michelle, shared that poem with Eldon and he always made sure to share it with others. She will be reading it at the funeral on Thursday ❤️

July 27 at 12:09 PM

DE

Denise Eyer posted:

They certainly had a lot of fun growing up and had many great adventures.

July 27 at 12:04 PM

DE

Denise Eyer posted:

I remember that day well 😊 Eldon talked about that day several times and was so happy to meet you and to be able to talk with Eston. Great memories.

July 27 at 11:48 AM



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JE

Jennifer Eickel posted:

That is amazing.

July 27 at 11:37 AM

NN

Nicole Nichols posted:

When I visited Eldon a couple of years ago (I am a granddaughter of his brother Eston), Denise and I set up a Skype call between him and Eston. It had been over 20 years since they saw each other and they both were grinning ear to ear to see each other again and hear each other laugh. This was just a few months before my grandfather Eston passed away, so I will cherish this memory forever. Just before I left, Eldon gave me a laminated copy of his favorite poem....which coincidentally happens to be my favorite poem as well (I still have a version taped on my closet from junior high). The poem is "The Man in the Glass" and there are several different version out there. The copy Eldon gave me and the one I grew up with reads: When you get what you want in your struggle for self And the world makes you king for a day, Just go to the mirror and look at yourself And see what that man has to say. For it isn't your father or mother or wife Whose judgement upon you must pass. The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life Is the one staring back from the glass. You may be like Jack Horner and chisel a plum And think you're a wonderful guy. But the man in the glass says you're only a bum If you can't look him straight in the eye. He's the fellow to please—never mind all the rest, For he's with you clear to the end. And you passed your most dangerous, difficult test If the man in the glass is your friend. You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years And get pats on the back as you pass. But your final reward will be heartache and tears If you cheated the man in the glass. -Anonymous Love, Nicole Nichols – Belleville, WI

July 27 at 11:13 AM

NN

Nicole Nichols posted:

I remember Eldon saying "how did he get in there" referring to Grandpa Eston being in the computer:)

July 27 at 10:53 AM

JC

Joyce Chaney posted:

Eldon was a loving uncle and a beautiful person. I am a daughter of his brother, Eston and knew they cherished memories of their childhood. Love and prayers to the family. Joyce (Dew) Chaney , Newark ,Ohio

July 26 at 2:19 PM



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Denise Eyer posted:

Grandpa and Grandma Post(Eldon's grandparents. His mom's parents)

July 24 at 3:16 PM



Denise Eyer posted:

Eldon and Renee Dew on their wedding day in Belgium after WWII

July 24 at 3:13 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eldon by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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