



## Elmer C. Beale

July 17, 1944 - May 7, 2025

Elmer C. Beale, 80 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. He survived a massive stroke in 2021 and spent his remaining years at home enjoying the company of his family and dogs. A celebration of Elmer's life will be held at the Little Falls VFW on Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 4-7 PM. He will be laid to rest at Roselawn Cemetery in Madison, Wisconsin on Saturday, July 12, 2025. Caring for Elmer and his family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls.

Elmer was born on July 17, 1944 to Elmer and Gladys (Clemans) Beale in Madison, Wisconsin. He graduated from Wisconsin High in 1962. He took great pride in his wrestling achievements, competing through high school and college. His accomplishments included winning the Wisconsin state championship and the Big Ten Championship, becoming an All-American, and placing 4th in the Nationals. 1967 was an important year for Elmer, as he graduated from UW—Madison with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, became a Free-Mason, and married his wife Emily Lee in Madison, Wisconsin. He entered the paper industry after graduation, working as a shift manager at the Green Bay Proctor & Gamble plant. Emily teased him that he had worked his way up from the bottom: he started on the toilet paper line and ended on facial tissue. He moved around in the industry, living in Pennsylvania, California, and Michigan, with several return stays in Wisconsin, before settling in Little Falls in 1995 to join the Hennepin Paper

Company as president. When the plant closed in 1999, he took over PicTek as a manufacturer's sales representative for the paper industry. He sold the company and officially retired in 2019. Elmer was an avid woodworker and loved making projects for friends and family. He enjoyed hunting, golfing, and playing cards, especially Five Hundred. He was a good friend who was always willing to lend a hand. A passionate Packer fan and season ticket holder, Elmer had the chilling privilege of attending the Ice Bowl in Green Bay. He supported the Vikings of his adopted home, as long as they weren't playing Green Bay.

He is survived by his loving wife Emily of 57 years; his son James, and his many nieces and nephews.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Gladys Beale; and sisters, Donna Meier, Genevieve Sanders, Lorraine Henning, Bobbie Christenson, and Joanne Bruce.

He will be missed by his family, nieces and nephews, and his close friends whom he cherished.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Little Falls VFW Post #1112  
1210 3rd Ave. NE  
Little Falls, MN 56345

# Tribute Wall



“ *Uncle Elmer was a wonderful and caring Uncle. He will be really missed by his family.*

**Dawn Christenson** - June 06, 2025 at 10:02 PM

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“ *I worked with Elmer in the late '70's in Green Bay. He was a very smart papermaker who led and managed by sound principles. He also was a caring and engaging person with a great sense of humor -- it was wonderful being around him. I will never forget a day at the lake when Elmer taught me how to water ski on a disc -- even while standing on a stool! He brought joy to those around him! My sincerest condolences to Emily and James.*

**Tom Sladek** - May 19, 2025 at 10:12 PM



“ *Brad Hilmerson lit a candle in memory of Elmer C. Beale*



**Brad Hilmerson** - May 19, 2025 at 09:34 PM

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“ *Elmer Beale served as a dedicated representative for Sawyer Industrial Plastics for many years, always bringing professionalism, warmth, and a deep knowledge of the industry. He will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of working with him, and our thoughts are with his beloved family during this time. Debbie & Bill Sawyer*

**Debbie Hardy Sawyer** - May 19, 2025 at 02:35 PM

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“ With deepest condolences, sympathy, and thoughts an prayers in the passing of Elmer Beale. Elmer was a good hearted person, always ready to lend a hand or a great guy to visit with. His smile an hello was always welcome to all who knew him. May he rest in peace with his Heavenly Father in heaven. God’s blessings to his family during these difficult times.



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Richard R. Schneider - May 08, 2025 at 06:15 PM