



## Elmer Ingle

January 13, 1929 - January 9, 2008

Elmer Sansom Ingle, Jr. was born on January 13, 1929 in Ft. Worth, Texas to Elmer and Imogene Head Ingle. He had an enthusiasm for flying, earning his private pilot's license at an early age and becoming a captain squadron leader in the Civil Air Patrol. He had 3 years in the Naval Air Organized Reserve. Throughout his life, Mr. Ingle enjoyed hunting, camping, fishing, and caring for his (pampered) cattle on his farm in Willis. He attended, at various times, North Texas Agricultural College (now University of Texas at Arlington), Alvin Junior College and the University of Houston. Mr. Ingle was a member of the congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Willis. He was active in many activities of the Methodist Church through the years including his service as Sunday School Superintendent, on the Commission on Missions, Pastoral Council, and the Administrative Council. Mr. Ingle retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in 1983 after 36 years in various management positions. During his employment with the telephone company, he participated in many community service opportunities including the United Way Campaign in Houston, Packmaster and District Chair of the Trinity-Natchez Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Liberty and East Texas Chambers of Commerce, the American Red Cross in Liberty as Fund Drive Chairman and Director, the Rotary Club, and as president of the Toastmasters of Austin. He continued his affiliation with the telephone company after his retirement through the Pioneers of America, where he was president of the Humanitarian Club. Mr. Ingle's service to others did not end with his

retirement. Since moving to Willis, Mr. Ingle served in fundraising activities of the United Way, as Board President of the Crisis Action Line, on the Montgomery County Grief Support Team, nine years as a mediator for the Montgomery County Dispute Resolution Center, as a volunteer for Project L.O.V.E. for the Willis Independent School District and as a volunteer at Conroe Regional Medical Center. He served for over 10 years in the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature promoting rights and services for older citizens. Mr. Ingle was a Masonic Lodge member for 57 years and was an active member of the San Jacinto Lodge 106. Mr. Ingle is survived by his wife, Verna Bellnoski Ingle; daughters Louann (wife of Kenneth Gum, of Tennessee) and Laura (wife of Patrick Doré, of Austin); stepson Clifford McPherson (and his wife Tami, of Houston); and grandchildren Ross Gum of Tennessee, Derek Gum of Tennessee, Mallory McPherson Hawley of Houston, Roxanne McPherson of Houston, and Melissa and Amelie Doré of Bordeaux, France. Visitation will be held Tuesday, January 8 from 4-6 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis. Services are scheduled for Wednesday, January 9 at 2 PM in the Chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis with Pastor Jeff Gantz officiating. Interment following service at Shepherd Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Elmer requested contributions be sent to the San Jacinto Lodge 106, the First United Methodist Church of Willis, or the charity of your choice. You are invited to leave a written tribute to the family on our website at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elmer Ingle*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Verna, I was so sorry to hear of Elmer's passing. I want to express my Sincere Sympathy to you and all of his family. He was proud of all of you and I know you will miss him greatly. My Prayers are that Our God will Sustain and Comfort you all in this time of grief.*

*Elmer was a good and respected friend and hunting companion. One of the things I learned about him during our few years of freindship was that he was a kind, compassionate and caring man that cared about his family and friends. We spent many hours around the campfire telling hunting stories, discussing our families, our common interests and solving the worlds problems; all memories that I will cherish until I greet him again in Heaven and we'll again discuss that big Buck we were always looking for.*

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**George Dorsett** - January 10, 2008 at 11:43 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about Elmer. He was one of the nicest men I've ever known. Such a kind and caring man. He will always have a special place in my heart. He will be missed by so many. I love you Verna. Take care of you.*

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**Patty** - January 09, 2008 at 07:48 PM

MS

“ Verna- I am so saddened to hear of Elmer's passing. I have been thinking of you and Elmer the last couple of weeks and I now know why you were on my heart. Seeing the two of you together always put a smile on my face because the love you two shared was so evident. If there is anything I can do, now or in the future please let me know. You and Elmer as well as all of the CRMC volunteers are constantly in my heart and in my prayers. I will always remember Elmer's smile, laugh and the way his eyes lit up when he and I spoke about you and his passion for helping others through volunteering in the ICU/CCU waiting room. He was such a gentle man and will be greatly missed by those he truly touched.  
~Meredith

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**Meredith Sharp** - January 09, 2008 at 09:55 AM

RV

“ Verna,  
I am so saddened to hear about Elmer. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family right now. He was always such a sweet, kind man. I know that God will be with you throughout all of this. I am so blessed to have known the both of you.

*Please keep in touch and take care of yourself.*

*Much love,  
Roni*

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**Roni Vawter** - January 09, 2008 at 08:31 AM

FG

“ Verna -

*I guess we all knew a while back that this day was coming, but oh, I'm so saddened to hear it actually arrived. I thought about you two all weekend - I couldn't get you off my mind. Now, I guess I know why!*

*You know of course, how very special all of my CRMC Volunteers were/are to me - but you and Elmer made the most wonderful couple Verna - and I will treasure all of our times for the rest of my life.*

*I'm with you in thoughts and prayers every day - and if there is anything I can do to help you through the months and years ahead, please don't ever hesitate to ask.*

*My love to you. I'll miss your sweet, gentle husband. Take Care Verna. XOF.*

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**Fritz Guthrie** - January 08, 2008 at 05:59 PM

CH

“ Verna,

*I am so sorry for your loss..It is truly a loss for all of us. Elmer was such a great man and a joy to work with at CRMC..When he worked the back desk we knew the visitors & patients were well taken care of..*

*Take care of yourself and know that he is in a better place..We won't forget him..Call me if I can help you in any way..You are a special lady.*

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**Claudia Huye** - January 08, 2008 at 04:04 PM

DM

“ *Elmer was truly one of the nicest people I have ever known. We will all miss him very very much. With deepest sympathy,*

*Love*

*Danna, Carolyn & Michael Koons*

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**Danna Koons McClung** - January 07, 2008 at 03:21 PM