



## Elmer Edward Sonnenberg

April 19, 1929 - December 2, 2020

Elmer Sonnenberg, 91, of Ephrata, Washington, passed away Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Lake Ridge Skilled Nursing Home in Moses Lake, Washington. Elmer was born in Norden, North Dakota in 1929 to Edward and Theresia Sonnenberg. While performing with his band in Kulm, North Dakota, he met the future love of his life, Elsie. They were best friends for five years, and married in 1949. They were never very far apart, and enjoyed doing everything together, including traveling to foreign countries, trips with their motorhome, and dancing.

He played numerous instruments and enjoyed entertaining the residents and staff, playing his harmonica, at the nursing home.

Elmer was taught a strong work ethic by his parents. He owned Elmer's Shop Rite in Ephrata for 25 years. He was a big supporter of the Food Bank, as well as the Boy Scouts of America. He also took great pride in his yard and won Yard of the Month Club. He was a lifetime member of the Moses Lake Elks, and a member of the Ephrata Eagles.

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven siblings, and one adored grandson, Benjamin. Elmer is survived by his wife, Elsie; daughter, Marcy Blackmore; and sons Clyde and Dean (Diane) Sonnenberg. He is also survived by his special grandchildren: Kimberly, Marci (Keane), great-grandchildren Brady and Lexi; and greatgrandson Reeve. There are no goodbyes for us, for as long as there are memories. He is forever in our hearts. Due to circumstances beyond our control, a private

graveside service for family members only will be held.  
Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at  
[www.nicolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicolesfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are under the  
care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, WA.

# Cemetery Details

## **Ephrata City Cemetery**

333 E St. S.W.  
Ephrata, WA

# Tribute Wall

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Linda Nelson - March 05, 2021 at 05:23 PM

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“ *Mr. Sonnenberg hired me to bag groceries back in the mid '70's at Jack's Bargain Barn. He later bought the grocery store and renamed it Elmer's Shoprite. He was kind, considerate, professional. I have fond memories of Mr. Sonnenberg as my first "boss".*

Shelley (Arbuckle) Slininger - December 13, 2020 at 01:49 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear about Uncle Elmer. Jodi and I send our prayers and condolences to the entire family. So many good memories growing up during Christmas and get together. A kind and good man. I found this photo of a time long ago with my parents and their parents.*



Kevin Klettke - December 11, 2020 at 07:27 PM

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*Can you tell me who is in this picture. Grampa Sam Klettke is holding a little girl. Gramma Mary Klettke is by one pillar, but I do not know who the rest are. Can you please help me so I can pass this on to my son. Thank you so much.*

Clara Klettke - March 05, 2021 at 05:16 PM



*Starting on the left: Elmer & Elsie Sonnenberg (holding a child),  
Esther and Emil Klettke, Grandma Mary, ?-little girl-?, Grandpa  
Sam with ? little girl. Great family!*

*Lena Lentz Hardt*

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**Lena Lentz Hardt** - December 02, 2021 at 05:51 PM