



## George Elwood Battles

March 11, 1945 - October 5, 2021

George Elwood Battles, Ret. Warren Township Fire Chief, 76, passed away October 5, 2021. He was born March 11, 1945 in Mishawaka, IN, to the late George F. and Dorothy Battles. George was a graduate of Riley High School, South Bend and Indiana Mortuary College. He married Marilyn Ann Schmelter, and was a licensed embalmer before joining the Indianapolis Police Department in 1966, retiring in 1987. George joined the Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department in 1970, and was the Fire Chief from 1987 until 1995. After retiring from the WTFD, he joined the Marion County Sheriff's Department, Warrant Division. George was a longtime member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church and Nativity Catholic Church. He was an avid fisherman, and enjoyed camping and going on cruises with his wife. Visitation will be Monday, October 11, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at Nativity Catholic Church, 7225 Southeastern Ave. For those unable to attend, Nativity Catholic Church will be live-streaming the Mass. You can access the live stream by clicking on the following link: <https://www.nativityindy.org/> scroll down until you see the box labeled Live Stream. Click on the box and the live stream will begin a few minutes before the Mass.

George is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marilyn Battles; children, Laurie (Kenneth) Lee and Steve (Margaret) Battles; grandchildren, Megan, Justin

and Jordan Battles; sister, Joan (Tom) Barth; brother, Merl (Yaunita) Battles; sister-in-law, Patricia Battles; sister-in-law, Karen Lewis; and brother-in-law, Raymond Schmelter. A brother, Maurice Battles, preceded him in death. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
9606 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229  
(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Catholic Church  
7225 Southeastern Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46239

# Tribute Wall

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“ George and Marilyn are wonderful neighbors. Our dog, Pebbles loves all their treats and loving attention. They tend to spoil all of the neighborhood animals. We will all miss George and his friendly, kind personality. He was always a pleasure to talk with. My husband and I enjoy talking about camping with him & Marilyn. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten for having such a kind spirit. Prayers for the family.

*The Lundsford's  
(Brian, Sheri & Pebbles)*

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**Sheri Lundsford** - October 12, 2021 at 01:02 PM

JE

“ I will always have fond memories of "Uncle George & "Aunt Marilyn" - I was the flower girl in their wedding, and remember they would babysit for us kids occasionally. I have not seen the "Battles side of the family for several years, but I am sure he will be deeply missed.  
Jean Wunsch

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**JeanWunsch** - October 11, 2021 at 01:22 PM

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“ Marilyn and family Gary and I are praying for strength, comfort and peace for you. George will surely be missed. George is fishing with Keith and Paul. George has a contagious laugh and smile. We will carry him in our heart forever. God's blessings always Faye and Gary

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**Faye Newsom** - October 09, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Elwood Battles.*



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October 08, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ *Paul Smith lit a candle in memory of George Elwood Battles*



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**Paul Smith** - October 08, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ *Merl and Yaunita send our deepest prayers. Great brother and brother in law. Wonderful memories on our cruises. Sorry that we will not be able to attend. Love to all.*

*Merl and Yaunita Battles*

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**Merl** - October 07, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ *Prayers to family. Great man, outstanding police officer and wonderful individual. Worked with George on many calls and our love of being a community volunteer with Warren Twp FD. R.I.P. friend.*

*Lt. Bob Schubert M.C.S.D. Retired*

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**Robert Schubert** - October 07, 2021 at 01:08 PM

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“ *Sister, JoanBattlesBarth & Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of George Elwood Battles.*



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**Sister, JoanBattlesBarth & Family** - October 07, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Elwood Battles.*



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October 07, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Patrick Pearsey** - October 07, 2021 at 07:18 AM

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“ *Marilyn, Prayers go out to you and your family. I am so sorry to hear of the loss of George. Please accept my condolences. Sending prayers of comfort for you and your family.*

*Geneane White*

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**Geneane White** - October 06, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Elwood Battles.* ”



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October 06, 2021 at 07:11 PM