



JoAnn Elford

March 19, 1963 - November 17, 2019

JoAnn (Pullano) Elford, 56, peacefully passed away into God's care at 10:45pm on Sunday, November 17, 2019, succumbing to cancer while on vacaton in Florida. She was a loving and caring wife and mother who always put her family first.

JoAnn was born on March, 19, 1963, in Taunton, Massachusetts, to Joseph V. Pullano and Beverly J. Pullano. She grew up in Lakeville, Massachusetts, and met her future husband, Charles H. Elford, MSgt, USAF, Retired, formerly of East Freetown, Massachusetts, while they both attended Apponequet Regional High School. They were married on March 26, 1983, and have lived in the Omaha, Nebraska, metro area since January, 1992.

She was a military spouse, a florist, and also worked many years for a family-run, seasonal Halloween theme park in the fall. She loved spending time with her children and granddaughter, making flower arrangements, gardening, her dog, Cedar, the family cats, and vacationing in Florida at Disney World and at various beaches there.

JoAnn is survived by her husband of 36 years, Charles(Chuck); daughters Deveney M. Von Elling and Morgan B. Wyatt; sons Austin J. Elford and Charles C. Elford; granddaughter Aelita E. Elford; sister Donna Sczerbinski and husband, Paul; sister Sheryl Furlan and husband, Frank; brother Bruce

Pullano; brother Robert Pullano; and brother Donald Pullano and wife, Nikki. She is preceded in death by both parents and brother, William Moen.

JoAnn's wishes were to be cremated, have her ashes scattered on a beach in Florida, and have no memorial service.

Cremation services and online obituary provided by DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - Maitland Chapel, 9001 N Orlando Ave, Maitland FL 32751, 407-695-2273, <https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in JoAnn's name to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 800-805-5856, https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=header-btn-donate-now.

Tribute Wall

CE

“ *To my sweetheart, JoAnn,*

Today, I marked the day that would have been our 40th wedding anniversary by going to Chalco and laying flowers by your tree and playing our special songs.

You were my first true love and the mother of our children.

Please rest in peace in God's grace, with Cedar and Smoke by your side, until we are together again.

I will always and forever love you, JoAnn.

A.O.M.M.

Chuck

Sunday, March 26, 2023



Charles Elford - March 26, 2023 at 10:42 PM

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Charles Elford - March 26, 2023 at 10:41 PM

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I love you nana

Aelita - May 16, 2023 at 01:22 PM

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“ *To my sweetheart, JoAnn,*

Today, I celebrated your 60th birthday.

This afternoon, I went to Chalco and laid flowers by your tree and played our special songs.

This evening, the family and I went to Village Inn for dinner. I had breakfast for dinner as we enjoyed doing together. Afterwards, we went back to the house to enjoy a special birthday cake.

Please rest in peace in God's grace, with Cedar and Smoke by your side, until we are together again.

I will always and forever love you, JoAnn.

A.O.M.M.

Chuck

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Charles Elford - March 26, 2023 at 10:32 PM



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Charles Elford - March 26, 2023 at 10:27 PM

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Charles Elford - March 26, 2023 at 10:26 PM

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“ To my sweetheart, JoAnn,

It was three years ago today that you were taken into God's care in heaven.

This afternoon, I went to Chalco and laid flowers by your tree and played our special song.

This evening, Deveney, Morgan & Cade, Alie, and I went to Village Inn and had breakfast for dinner as you enjoyed doing. Afterwards, we went back to the house to enjoy a special cake. Austin and Chas were not able to join us.

Today marked my closure of your passing. I have honored you the best I could over the past three years. I no longer want to be alone and unhappy. I am moving on in my life with someone new and I hope I have your blessing and understanding. You were my first love and the mother of our children. Nothing will ever change that. I will always and forever love and remember you, JoAnn.

Please rest in peace in God's grace, with Cedar and Smoke by your side, until we are together again.

A.O.M.M.

Chuck

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Charles Elford - November 18, 2022 at 12:46 AM

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Charles Elford - November 18, 2022 at 12:29 AM

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Charles Elford - November 18, 2022 at 12:29 AM

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Charles Elford - November 18, 2022 at 12:27 AM

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“ To my sweetheart, JoAnn,

Today is the 1-year anniversary of my laying your ashes to rest on Lovers Key beach in southwest Florida.



This morning, at 11:17am, I visited the site of where I laid Cedar's and a small token of your ashes to rest last week. Upon my arrival to the site, to my surprise, I found the halves of a seashell very near it (a sign from above?). As you loved the ocean and collecting seashells, I placed the shell at the base of the tree along with a white lily I had saved from the special flower arrangement for the 1-year anniversary of the day you went heaven. I also laid two of my favorite flowers alongside the lily, then said a few words and played our special song.

I miss you so very much and wish you were here with me.

Please rest in peace in God's grace, with Cedar by your side, until we are together again.

I will always and forever love you, JoAnn.

A.O.M.M.

Chuck

November 29, 2020

Charles Elford - November 30, 2020 at 12:13 AM

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Charles Elford - November 30, 2020 at 12:09 AM

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Charles Elford - November 30, 2020 at 12:08 AM

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Charles Elford - November 30, 2020 at 12:08 AM

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“ To my sweetheart, JoAnn,

A year ago today, my life was changed forever as you were taken into God's care in heaven.



This morning, at 11:17am, with reference to the date you went to heaven (11/17), I laid Cedars ashes to rest, along with a small amount of yours, at Chalco Hills Recreation Area, fulfilling the last of your final three wishes.

I celebrated your life today with pictures, special flowers, meals, cake, wine, and music. I had a candlelight dinner with the special 2-wick candle you gave me. At 10:45pm, the time God took you into his care, I had a glass of our favorite wine as I listened to some of our special songs.

My life is truly not the same without you and I miss not having you by my side so very much. There is not a moment that goes by that I do not wish you were back here with me.

Please rest in peace in God's grace, with Cedar by your side, until we are together again.

I will always and forever love you, JoAnn.

A.O.M.M.

Chuck

November 17, 2020

Charles Elford - November 18, 2020 at 12:44 AM

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Charles Elford - November 18, 2020 at 12:44 AM

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Charles Elford - November 18, 2020 at 12:43 AM

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“ Sunday, November 17, 2019,
The 3rd Sunday of November,
10:45pm.

I will always and forever love you, JoAnn.

A.O.M.M.

Chuck



Charles Elford - November 16, 2020 at 12:47 AM

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Charles Elford - November 16, 2020 at 12:45 AM

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“ To my sweetheart, JoAnn,

It's been four months since you left my side and went to heaven. Tonight, I celebrated our 37th wedding anniversary. I bought some of your favorite flowers, lilies, but yellow instead of white, to represent Texas, where we were married. I made one of your favorite dinners and ate alone by the light of the special candle you bought me as a gift. Later in the evening, at 10:45pm, I had a glass of our wine and played some special songs.



I miss you so very much and wish you were here with me. My life is truly not the same without you.

Please rest in peace in God's grace until we are together again.

I will always and forever love you, JoAnn.

A.O.M.M.

Chuck

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Charles Elford - March 27, 2020 at 12:54 AM

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Charles Elford - March 27, 2020 at 12:41 AM

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Charles Elford - March 27, 2020 at 12:41 AM

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Charles Elford - March 27, 2020 at 12:40 AM

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“ March, 2020

19th - JoAnn's 57th birthday.

26th - Our 37th wedding anniversary.

I will always and forever love you, JoAnn.

A.O.M.M.

Chuck

Sunday, March 01, 2020



Charles Elford - March 04, 2020 at 09:54 AM

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“ Cedar
Fox Red Labrador Retriever
February 18, 2007 - January 9, 2020



Charles Elford - January 18, 2020 at 11:15 PM

CE

“ To my sweetheart, JoAnn,

It was two months ago today that you left my side and was taken into God's loving care. I miss you so very much and wish you were here with me. My life is truly not the same without you.



Cedar is now with you, to rest and lay beside you and keep you company.

Please rest in peace in God's grace until we're together again.

I will always and forever love you, JoAnn.

A.O.M.M.

Chuck

Friday, January 17, 2020

Charles Elford - January 18, 2020 at 01:28 AM

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“ To my sweetheart, JoAnn,

This morning at 10:35am, Cedar was taken into God's care to rest and lay next to you.

Please rest in peace in God's grace until we're together again.

I will always and forever love you, JoAnn.

A.O.M.M.

Chuck

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Charles Elford - January 10, 2020 at 12:48 AM



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“ To my sweetheart, JoAnn,

Today, I start a new year for the first time without you by my side. My life has not been the same without you. I miss you so very much and wish you were here with me.

Please rest in peace in God's grace until we're together again.

I will always and forever love you, JoAnn.

A.O.M.M.

Chuck

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Charles Elford - January 02, 2020 at 12:55 AM



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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Charles Elford - December 26, 2019 at 03:45 AM

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“ To my sweetheart, JoAnn,

Today was the first ever Christmas that we were not together. It was day filled with great sadness and sorrow. I miss you so very much and wish you were here with me.

I hung a special ornament on the tree for you and a bouquet of white lilies that I bought in your memory on Sunday opened today.

Please rest in peace in God's grace until we're together again.

I will always and forever love you, JoAnn.

A.O.M.M.

Chuck

Wednesday, December 25, 2019



Charles Elford - December 26, 2019 at 03:40 AM

CE

“ *To my sweetheart, JoAnn,*

It was a month ago today that you left my side and was taken into God's loving care. I miss you so very much and wish you were here with me. My life is truly not the same without you.

Please rest in peace in God's grace until we're together again.

I will always and forever love you, JoAnn.

A.O.M.M.

Chuck

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Charles Elford - December 18, 2019 at 12:12 AM



CE

“ *Friday, November 29, 2019.*

Per her wishes, JoAnn's ashes were scattered today at a special beach in Southwest Florida.

I scattered her ashes at 11:17am, referencing the day she passed away (11/17).

Chuck

Charles Elford - November 29, 2019 at 03:55 PM

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“ Mother,

There won't be a day that passes that something doesn't remind me of you, and how much I am going to miss you. Campfires, beaches, sea shells, and more...things will never be the same without you. Your smile and laugh will always echo in my mind and heart. I hope you know how much we all loved you and will continue to love you. You may be gone, but you will never be forgotten. You are the Lighthouse that guides our way, ever shining bright in our lives. I know you'll watch over us every day, and we will meet again soon.

I love you with everything I am, your son,

Austin

Austin - November 22, 2019 at 06:50 PM

CE

“ To my sweetheart, JoAnn.

You left my side much too early in life. You are in God's good care now. May you rest in peace until we are together again. I miss my "Joey" and life will not be the same without you. I will always and forever love you, JoAnn. A.O.M.M. Chuck



Chuck Elford - November 21, 2019 at 07:20 PM