



## Eldon W. Strong

January 11, 1953 - March 22, 2025

Eldon Strong, age 72, of Crown Point, IN, passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2025. Eldon is survived by his loving wife, Pauline (Keck); daughters, Jennifer (TJ) Whitfield of Clearwater, KS, Brandy (Dennis) Wynkoop of Lowell, IN; sister, Paula Bitzer of Sarasota, FL; brother, Tom Strong of Crown Point, IN; step-son, William Keck; granddaughters, Kayla, Ella and Kara; grandson, Gavin; nephews: Evan (Sandy) Ross, Rob Ross, Steven (Tami) Tayler, Nate (Melissa) Strong, Vincent Strong, Carlos Strong and Jason (Marcus) Bitzer.

Eldon was preceded in death by his parents, James and Margaret Strong; brothers, Charlie and Dan Strong; and sister, Jamey Ross.

Eldon was a lifelong resident of Crown Point, and his life was dedicated to public service. After graduation from Crown Point High School, he enlisted in the USMC. After Honorable Discharge he joined the Crown Point Police Department where he served for 35 years reaching the ranks of Deputy Police Chief and Detective Commander. The majority of Eldon's police career he served in the police departments Detective Bureau. Eldon also served 20 years in elected office having served a four-year term on the Center Township (Trustee) Board, 10 years as Center Township Trustee and 6 years on the Lake County Council representing the Lake County 7th District. In total, Eldon served 57 years in government services.

Eldon was a Charter Member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 176, a member of the American Legion Post 20, Gary Sportsman Club, Crown Point Moose Lodge, Lake County Agricultural Society, Crown Point Old Homestead Organization, Lake County Soil & Water and Water Conservation District, and the National Rifle Association. Eldon was also a past member of the Crown Point Lions Club and the Cedar Lake Historical Society. Both Eldon and Pauline were members of the First United Methodist Church of Crown Point.

Eldon enjoyed his family. He had many friends during his life and enjoyed spending time with them having a beer at one of the local businesses, visiting with them at one of their homes or riding his Harley motorcycle with them. Eldon coached and umpired many years for the Crown Point Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball organizations and he was a lifelong fan of the Chicago White Sox. Eldon also enjoyed fishing and shared many trips with his wife Pauline and many friends over the years.

Family and friends may gather at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN, on Sunday, March 30, 2025, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Rev. Mark Wilkins officiating. A funeral service will be held on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point. Inurnment at Historic Maplewood Cemetery, Crown Point, IN. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Maplewood Historic Cemetery

347 Maple Ln  
Crown Point, IN 46307

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **30**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
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## Funeral Service

MAR **31**. 11:00 AM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall

RJ

“ Rob and Trish (Whitfield) Jacquet purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Eldon W. Strong.



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**Rob and Trish (Whitfield) Jacquet** - March 31, 2025 at 02:27 PM

DZ

“ Eldon and I got to know each other in the late eighties when we drove down to the police academy for a specialized training course. I got to know him over the years and we always had a pleasant conversation. You are now safe in God's hands and may you rest in peace.

*Dennis Zagrocki - Retired Chief of Police  
Schererville Police Department*

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**Dennis Zagrocki** - March 30, 2025 at 09:38 PM

JK

“ Remembering the days of police work with Eldon. He was a good man and will be missed. Rest in peace my friend. Retired Merrillville Police Sergeant John Kralik

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**John Kralik** - March 30, 2025 at 06:49 PM

CL

“ Cathy L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eldon W. Strong.

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**Cathy L.** - March 29, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eldon W. Strong.*



March 28, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ *Sara N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eldon W. Strong.*

**Sara N.** - March 28, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ *To the family and friends, so sorry for your loss. Rest Easy Hero .*

*Randy Gumkowski (INPGR)*



**Randy Gumkowski** - March 27, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ *Eldon & Pauline were fantastic neighbors of mine & jims*

**Lita bower** - March 26, 2025 at 07:51 PM

PM

“ Peace to Eldon and his family. I met first Eldon when he was a CP policeman and when he worked Security at St. Anthony Hospital ( along with his cohorts Charlie Franko and Mike Higgins). They always brought joy to those of us employed at the hospital. Over the years Eldon never passed by on the street or at event without stopping saying to say hello and bring a smile. He was always a gentleman with dignity and kindness to all. May those traits live on with to all whose lives he touched.

Pat and Darryl Miller - March 26, 2025 at 01:59 PM

VS

“ R.I.P you will be missed

Vikki Stolarz - March 26, 2025 at 11:40 AM

MT

“ Eldon was the best of the best. His participation in Republican events was always appreciated, especially parking for the fair. He is missed.



Mary Tanis - March 26, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eldon W. Strong.

March 26, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eldon W. Strong.* ”



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March 26, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ *Eldon, one of the best men we have ever known. Very proud to have been his friend. Thankful he is pain free. May he dance with the angels. Thanks for the memories, we will hold them in our hearts forever.* ”

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**Rick & Connie** - March 25, 2025 at 10:14 PM



“ *Christine Doffin (Chrissy) lit a candle in memory of Eldon W. Strong* ”



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**Christine Doffin (Chrissy)** - March 25, 2025 at 05:58 AM



“ *Bernadette Duda lit a candle in memory of Eldon W. Strong* ”



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**Bernadette Duda** - March 24, 2025 at 02:38 PM