



## Dr. Elmer B. Schoenbachler

June 16, 1931 - February 16, 2022

Dr. Elmer B. Schoenbachler, 90, of Louisville, passed away on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at his home surrounded by his loving family after a short illness.

Elmer attended Fern Creek High School, was an Air Force veteran, and a graduate of the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Julia; and siblings, Mary Jo, Charles, Caroline, Aloysius, Corine, and William.

Elmer is survived by his beloved wife, Nickie (nee Kathryn Jane Greene); children, Lynn Smith, Nancy Brooks (Michael), Sarah Conti (Chris), Ben Schoenbachler (Amy), and Karen Schoenbachler (Ted Coe); grandchildren, Hannah, Grant, and Claire Smith, Kathryn, Margaret, and Allison Brooks, Tate Conti, and Peter, Woody, and Michael Schoenbachler; sisters, Martha Whitworth and Alice McCall; sisters-in-law, Bette Zeller and JoAnn Greene; and being a devout Catholic, more nieces and nephews "than you can shake a stick at" whom he loved and by whom he was loved.

He was a devoted family physician in Jeffersontown and spent his spare time building a family retreat on the river in Westport, which was a source of enjoyment for his many loved ones. He will be greatly missed.

Visitation for Doc will be from 2-8 PM on Sunday, February 20, 2022, at Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home, 3800 Bardstown Road. Funeral Mass will be at 10 AM on Monday, February 21 at St. Raphael the Archangel, 2141 Lancashire Avenue.

Condolences may be shared at [Ratterman.com](http://Ratterman.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Edward Cemetery

Billtown Road  
Louisville, KY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **20**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home - Bardstown Road  
3800 Bardstown Road  
Louisville, KY 40218  
<https://www.Ratterman.com>

## Funeral Mass

FEB **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Raphael Catholic Church  
2141 Lancashire Ave.  
Louisville, KY

# Tribute Wall

BF

“ Nickie and Family Sonny and I are saddened by Elmer's passing. He will be in our prayers and our memory always. God Bless you and your family. Bettie and Sonny and family. (your country cousin).

Bettie & Sonny Francis - February 21 at 06:56 AM

MW

“ I have always felt lucky to have Elmer and Nickie as my neighbors for the past 22 years. He will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathy to Nickie and entire family. He always had a smile and something nice to say when we talked. I will miss him.

Blessings,  
Mary Ann

MARY ANN WERLING - February 20 at 06:28 PM

LP

“ The "Barlow" family sends our deepest sympathies. Doc took care of our entire family. I remember every time I went to his office with whatever ailment, as soon as he opened that door with that voice and smile, I suddenly forgot what was wrong with me! Prayers to the entire family.

Lou Anne Barlow Priddy

Lou Anne Priddy - February 20 at 06:50 AM

LM

“ Laurie Whitworth Mulroony lit a candle in memory of Dr. Elmer B. Schoenbachler



laurie Whitworth Mulroony - February 19 at 12:46 PM

LM

“ I feel such great loss. He was my Godfather, uncle, doctor and I feel so blessed to have had this man in my life. He was such an influence on my family and my life. He taught me how to water ski, and to love boating, the water and the outdoors, as our big, close- nit extended family always camped at his Westport, Ky retreat on the Ohio River. Uncle Elmer made a huge impact on me, the family and community as a respected Family Physician who fought for the rights of life in all forms.

Yes, I will miss this wonderful man and we all have been so blessed to have had him in our lives!!! Nickie, Lynn, Nancy, Sarah, Ben, Karen and grandchildren, may God give you peace and find a way to grieve your loss and keep him forever with you in your hearts. Love you! Laurie, Ed and family

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**laurie Whitworth Mulroony** - February 19 at 12:44 PM

ES

“ What a great Uncle and thoughtful Man. Elmer is my Godfather. Pat and I think the world of Elmer and Nickie. What great role models of what a marriage should be.

Elmer , Pat and I will never forget the fun times at Westport. He always took up for Pat on what is wrong with me!!!

Elmer is one you cannot replace. Elmer and my Dad were a pair. Stubborn and great to be around. I thought they were twins.

Nickie and kids, you are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless ya'll for sharing this kind, gentle and loving man. We will never forget Elmer.

Long live the Schoenbacjhler family. My tears are flowing with joy for knowing Elmer.

God Bless and Seek comfort in the the Comfort of God!

Love you all,  
Eddie, Pat, Shawn and Kenzie

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**Eddie Schoenbachler** - February 19 at 10:47 AM

ES

“ Eddie Schoenbachler lit a candle in memory of Dr. Elmer B. Schoenbachler



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**Eddie Schoenbachler** - February 19 at 10:35 AM

SS

“ Sending my thoughts and prayers for Nickie and family. Dr Schoenbachler was our family Dr when I was growing up, he also delivered both of my kids. There will never be such a kind compassionate caring Dr as Elmer.

Sharron Smiley - February 18 at 12:36 PM

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Alice Scharrer - February 18 at 09:59 AM

AS

Uncle Elmer will always be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was such a KIND man! I loved seeing him enjoy life with his family at his river site. I will also remember Uncle Elmer coming to the rescue for me at Grandma Greene's when I fell and hit my head on the porch. Elmer took Mom, Dad, Uncle John and I to his office and proceeded to stitch me up with 16 stitches! Heaven gained another ANGEL!

Alice Scharrer - February 18 at 10:04 AM

SG

“ I have childhood memories of the BIG, GENTLE, KIND MAN. My doctor, E.B. Schoenbachler...who always made sure that every shot in the rear-end never hurt. My lifelong uncle, who loved to entertain all of his family and friends. A good hearted man. A "high class" river rat who loved entertaining on the river. As Grandma Greene would say: GOD LOVE HIM. The LORD giveth and the LORD taketh away. He wanted his angel back. 🙏❤️

Shannon Greene (niece)

Shannon Greene - February 18 at 08:59 AM

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“ What an amazing man/Uncle. Many memories of great family outings sent down generation after generation! It will always stick out in my memories of how he marched against abortion. And all the wonderful babies he delivered who will remember Pig Roasts, family reunions and many good times out at the river. May GOD hold each family member close during these hard times in your life. Love each and every one of you!”

Julie epley (niece) - February 17 at 08:11 PM



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Kathy Fleischer - February 17 at 06:19 PM



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Kathy Fleischer - February 17 at 06:18 PM



“ God sends angels to live here on earth and takes them home to be with him. Blessing to Nickie and family.



Jeanie Embry - February 17 at 05:58 PM



Nickie and Loving Family, Elmer was so important and beloved to our family. Being Aunt Corrine Brother he was family to us. And he treated us like family. From Ju Ju, Mom, Dad, myself, my kids Amy and Jay. I could not have made it with out his help. What a angel on earth. And you were right by his side. much love Debbie Heim Wallace and Family

Debbie Heim Wallace - February 17 at 06:39 PM



“ it's been a while since i've been back to louisville but very distinctly remember the grand times when the schoenbachler clan gathered at pig roasts, picnics and christmas... and always remember the good looking one elmer!!

sending prayers and condolences.

ruth and bob runyan and our kids who also have many fond memories there.

ruth runyan - February 17 at 03:22 PM

NB

*Thank you Ruth!*

**Nancy Brooks** - February 17 at 05:27 PM

KB

“*Nickie and family, we are so very sorry for your loss of Doc. He was an absolutely amazing man and made such an incredible impact on all of our lives. "Well done my good and faithful servant!"*

**Kathy Brohm** - February 17 at 02:35 PM

NB

*Thank you Kathy, we appreciate your kind words.*

**Nancy Brooks** - February 17 at 05:26 PM

JM

“*Nikki and your family are in our prayers. What a wonderful man. One of the kindest people you could ever meet. Best doctor in the world. May God grant you peace. 🙏* Joe & Betty Mattingly

**Joe & Betty Mattingly** - February 17 at 02:33 PM