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**E**lmo Ferdinand (“E.F.”) Diedrich (known as “Dee”) died on Monday, December 17, 2007 at St. James Place in Baton Rouge. He was born April 5, 1922 in New Orleans to the late Eleanor Aouelle and George H. Diedrich of Covington, LA and was a resident of Baton Rouge for the past 30 years.

He is survived by his loving wife of over 62 years, Alida Warner Diedrich as well as his in-laws, namely, Jean Warner Schoen wife of/and Gary T. Schoen, June Gilreath Warner wife of/and Harry A. Warner and Valerie and J.P. Warner, all of Covington. His brother, George H. Diedrich, Jr. preceded him in death, but Dee is survived by his sister-in-law (George’s wife), Ouida Mai Frost Diedrich of Thibodeaux. Many nieces and nephews loved and cared for him; particularly Mark W. Schoen and his family of Baton Rouge; others include Jeffrey D. Schoen, Gary T. Schoen, Jr. and Glenn P. Warner, all of Covington, Preston W. Schoen of Mandeville, Stephen W. Schoen of Denver, CO and Ann Courtney Warner of Hammond; George H. Diedrich, III, Diane D. Badeaux, Glenn J. Diedrich, Elizabeth D. Gros all of Thibodeaux, LA and Robert J. Diedrich of Baton Rouge. “Dee-Dee”, as he was affectionately known, will be sadly missed by Mark’s three boys: Brad, Hunter and Drew Schoen, who loved him as their grandfather.

Mr. Diedrich’s 30 plus years as a Mechanical Engineer and Executive with EthylOil Corporation took him around the globe. He built and managed production facilities in California, Canada, Greece and Virginia before ending his career in Baton Rouge as a real estate consultant. A graduate of Lyon High School in Covington and Louisiana State University, he served his country as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and earned the Purple Heart while fighting in the Battle of the Bulge.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Liturgy of the Word on Saturday, December 22, 2007 at 11:00 AM from the chapel at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Ave., Covington, LA 70433. Doors will open at 10:30 AM.



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Private committal rites will be held at a later date at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens in Covington. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.



## Tribute Wall

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BB

**Bill And Fran Beck** posted:

We will miss you. We enjoyed some wonderful dinners together.

December 26 at 7:00 PM

GD

**Grover/Janie Dobbins** posted:

Our Deepest Sympathies Love, Janie & Grover Dobbins

December 25 at 7:00 PM

RD

**Ralph F Dupuy** posted:

I AM RETIRED FROM ETHYL CORP ENGR DEPT..FIRST MET DEE IN LSU CLASS ABOUT '47, THEN DURING SERVICE WITH EYHYL. I WAS AT THE GREEK PLANT DURING START UP SO HAD MUCH CONTACT WITH HIM THEN.LAST MET WITH HE & MRS 'DEE' ABOUT '93,'94 WHEN THEY ATTENDED ST JOSEPH CATHERAL IN BR . BEST WISHES TO MRS 'DEE' AND FAMILY.

December 21 at 7:00 PM

PC

**Patricia Weaver Comeaux** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Elmo was my second cousin, although I really never had a chance to know him. My Mother, Isabell Fontan and his Mother Eleanor were first cousins. I remeber the many times that we visited her and her sisters in the Covington area. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Patricia Weaver Comeaux

December 20 at 7:00 PM

SD

**Steven Downey** posted:

Yesterday I learned of Mr. Diedrich's passing. I am the third son of Robert Downey, who worked with Mr. Diedrich in Thessaloniki, Greece. My family has the fondest memories of him and his wife Alida. Their kindness and generosity and friendliness were deeply appreciated by all of us. When I returned to Baton Rouge on visits many years later, it was a great pleasure to spend time with Dee and Alida. You can be proud to have had a man of such warmth and character in your family. May he live on in your memories.

December 20 at 7:00 PM



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**Duane Downey** posted:

Dear Alida and Family, It was dreadful to hear of Dee's passing. The words 'gentleman', 'gallant', and 'generous' epitomized his character. My father worked for Ethyl Corporation in Greece, and we grew to love Dee and Alida there. When we were new and disoriented in Greece; or when a brother was badly injured and hospitalized for months; or when I needed help in college, 5,000 miles from my family, Dee and you, Alida, were always there, selflessly helping us get through life's challenges without regard to the demands on your time. At the end, you held our hands through my mother's funeral. Dee's life is a kind example to all of us of what it means to walk with Christ in this life. Now we know, Dee walks with Him in the next life forever. Best regards, Duane Downey

December 20 at 7:00 PM



**Madelon M Arceneaux** posted:

Dear Alida Dee and you have been such a part of our family. We have always loved you two- as our did our parents and Uncle Lloyd. Dee and you will always be in our hearts and wonderful memories as; those are great chapters of all our lives and ones to be cherished. Our prayers are with you and we are never too far away if you should need us. Here's to the "the good old days." Laughter and love were the key ingredients to our lifetime friendship. From our hearts to yours. H'ie and Iva's children, Celia, George and Madelon

December 19 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Elmo by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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