



## Ernest James Showfety

July 30, 1926 - October 19, 2021

Ernest Showfety (aka Ernie, Babe and Papa P) was born July 1926, the youngest of 8 children of Khalil and Yassmine Koury Showfety. He passed away quietly at Beacon Place on October 19, 2021 at 95 years of age, 3 weeks after suffering a stroke.

Ernest was preceded in death by his wife, Elvee, who died in 1982. He is also preceded in death by his eldest daughter, Anita, in 2018. These were indeed the two darkest days of his long and otherwise happy life. He is survived by his brother, Albert (Evelyn) and family of Hickory; sister-in-law, Mary of Maryfield/High Point; his daughter, Theresa, of his Greensboro home and his son, Ernie, wife Rachel, and granddaughter, Emma-Li of Asheville.

Barely finishing high school before he joined the Navy in the Philippine arena, he lucked up as WWII culminated shortly after arriving there, and safely returned to the US. A few years later, he met Elvee in downtown Greensboro where they both worked, she at Jefferson Standard and he at Wright's Clothing, where several of his brothers and close friends found work after the war. They soon married, in 1952, and Elvee became a stay-at-home mom (though with multiple medical issues) and Ernest remained in men's dress apparel until he finally retired at 73.

Elvee and Ernest went on to have three children, first Anita in 1954; Ernie II in 1958; and Theresa in 1961. But despite Ernest's persistent efforts at the best medical care for Elvee, her condition worsened over her post-childbearing years, and she succumbed to heart failure in 1982.

For the post-retirement 22 years of his life, Ernest remained the lighthearted jokester, optimist and expanded further a huge cadre of friends developed by he and Elvee, through golf, the gym, and an active life. He was always a man of simple pleasures and took the greatest enjoyment in being outside and enjoying his yard and front porch and socializing with anyone (though especially the girls!). His best friend, Harold (Scott) picked him up two or three times a week for his jaunt to the gym and a willing ear. Here he worked his muscles, his heart, but mostly his jaw and mouth! These were his favorite trips in his later years.

After a private burial, Ernest's life will be celebrated Thursday, October 28th, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. in a short service at Forbis and Dick North Elm Chapel, followed immediately

by a wake at the same location.

Online condolences may be made at <http://www.forbisanddick.com>.

# Events

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**OCT 28** **A Celebration of Life and Remembrance** 12:30PM - 01:30PM

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Forbis & Dick Funeral Service - North Elm Chapel  
1118 N. Elm Street, Greensboro, NC, US, 27401

**OCT 28** **Reception of Friends** 01:30PM - 03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Mr. Showfety was a pleasure to see at the pharmacy. I enjoyed our laughs and conversations, we always bonded on our birthday month since mine was the 1st and his was the 30th. I will truly miss him and his laugh! It was a pleasure serving him for the 7 years I've been here! -Teresa Rosado (CVS)

**Teresa Rosado** - November 01, 2021 at 05:59 PM

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“ i first met Ernie through my father. he worked at Jefferson and shopped regularly at Wrights Clothing and always dealt with Ernie.  
i then worked at Wright during Christmas seasons while in high school and college and met all of the Showfety men there.  
the first thing i remember about Earnest was that he always was smiling and happy and seemed to love his work at Wrights.

he was quite a gentleman and i am sorry for your loss but i envy the many years you had with him.

Van Gunter

**Van Gunter II** - October 30, 2021 at 10:15 AM

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“ I had the privilege of working with Ernie, Emo & Joe at Barry Manufacturing & was also Anita's neighbor on Revere Dr & surprised to realize she was Ernie's daughter around the time Anita & husband moved. Ernie always had a smile & kind hearted... always talking about golfing buddies & reminiscing of Elvee. I am very honored working with these Legends.

**sherry Bundy Royal** - October 30, 2021 at 02:38 AM

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“ Uncle Ernie was deeply loved by Edward K. Showfety and his family(Mary Showfety wife, Sons Charles, Kevin, Fred, and daughter June). We saw him on regular visits to Greensboro while we were young, and saw the love he shared with our family. His warm smile, and friendly hanshakes and hugs, drew us to him to hear his stories, and questions about our lives. He modeled the extended family love that helped us know our roots. your nephew, Kevin Showfety

**kevin showfety** - October 28, 2021 at 12:23 PM

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“ We loved Ernie. We knew him from the gym. When he walked into the gym,, it made our day. He always gave us a good laugh. His sense of humor until the end was always there. We will miss him greatly. Our thought and prayers are with his family. Lynne and Bob Schwab

**Lynne & Bob Schwab** - October 28, 2021 at 11:19 AM