



## Raymond Louis Elwood Fischer

December 5, 1935 - January 21, 2018

Raymond Louis Elwood Fischer, 82, of Hawkins, TX, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 21, 2018 in Longview, TX. He was born December 5, 1935 in Du Quoin, IL to Raymond and Margaret Fischer. Ray became an amateur (HAM) radio operator as a teenager, maintaining it until his death. When he was 20 years old, he attended a job fair and was hired on the spot to work at Cape Canaveral in the communications department. After working at Canaveral for a few years, he decided to continue his education and attended Evansville University in Evansville, IN, where he attained a Bachelors Degree in Electronic Engineering. Upon completing his degree, he enrolled in the Navy Officer Training program and while stationed at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi he met his wife of 57 years, Dorothy White Fischer. He served his country honorably for 4 ½ years in the Navy, then transitioned to Civil Service with NASA in Cleveland, OH, and then the Department of Defense in Fort Huachuca, AZ.

He and Dorothy made a home in St. David, AZ with their 4 children, Margie, Elwood, Chuck, and Laura. Ray liked shooting sports as well as reloading, and building firearms but he truly enjoyed hunting in the mountains with his sons and his friends. He supported his children and grandchildren in all their endeavors, attending many sporting events over the years. He was involved in the community, serving on the school board and teaching the NRA Hunter's Safety Course for many years.

Ray, foremost, loved his God, serving as an adult Sunday School teacher and trustee in every church his family attended. He joined Gideons International in 1977 and was active in their ministry until his death. When he retired, he and Dorothy joined the Arizona Baptist Builders Association helping congregations build churches for 10 years before joining the SOWER Ministry which assists non-profit Christian ministries. He then volunteered at the ALERT Academy for 5 years as an engineering consultant.

His family remembers him as an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed taking his family hiking, hunting and camping. His idea of camping was driving till the dirt road ran out and setting up camp. He was able to fix anything and answer almost any question. He was a conservative in the old sense, one who protects and guards things worth keeping.

Ray is survived by his wife Dorothy, daughters Margie (Tony) Martinez, Laura (Don) Jeter, sons Elwood (Allison) Fischer and Chuck (Alycia) Fischer, 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Services celebrating his life will be held at the Simmons church in Simmons, TX on Friday, January 26, 2018 with a memorial to be held at First Baptist Church, Hawkins, TX at a future date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Love, Your Texas Oncology Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Raymond Louis Elwood Fischer.*



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