



Elton Goodrich Cleveland was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, on October 10, 1917, to William and Ruth (Goodrich) Cleveland, the eldest of 4 children. He graduated from Watertown High School, served an apprenticeship at Scovill Manufacturing Co., and worked as a toolmaker until he retired in 1982. In 1945, he and Alva "Peggy" Becker were married. They had three children: Karen Cleveland, Cheryl Hutchinson (James), and David Cleveland.

At the age of 31, he was strongly moved to dedicate his life to serving God. Peggy soon joined him, and together they raised their children in the love of Jesus. His love for God and the Scriptures and his fellowship became the central aspect of his life. He did have several interests he enjoyed, including traveling, photography, astronomy, and trains, but he is best remembered for his piano playing, from the "big band" music of his younger days to the hymns he loved so well.

In 2002, Elton and Peggy moved from Connecticut to Fairfield, Pennsylvania, to be near their children Cheryl and David. And in 2015, after the death of his beloved wife, he went to live at Pecan Grove Assisted Living in New Waverly, Texas. He thoroughly appreciated the care and atmosphere there, and often said, "I couldn't be in a better place."

Elton was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Kenneth and Roger, his sister Gloria Post, his stepsister Nancy Fischer, and his daughter Cheryl. He is survived by his daughter Karen, his son David, his son-in-law Jim Hutchison, his grandchildren Elizabeth Wimmer, Matthew Hutchinson, Hannah Cleveland, Rachel Cross, Leah Griffin, and Sarah Cleveland, as well as nine great-grandchildren.

Elton often said, "I just want to finish well", and he constantly encouraged others to do the same. We are glad and comforted that he did, indeed, finish well.

There will be a Memorial Service at Pecan Grove on Saturday, March 15 at 11:00 AM, followed by a light lunch. The Teleconference number to listen to the service is: **(727) 731-5131**

Burial is planned for Saturday, March 22, at 11:00 AM in the Fairfield Union Cemetery in Fairfield, Pennsylvania, followed by a luncheon in the Carroll Valley Community Room nearby.