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"Gifted Jazz Pianist"

Elvin F. Myers, 83 years, of Sylvania, passed away Monday, December 1, 2008 in his home.

The widower of Mary Jane "Korky" Myers who passed away in January 1983 he is survived by his daughter, Tracy Myers, San Diego, CA. sons, Mark (Julie) Myers of San Diego and Tom Myers (Suzan Reusch), Toledo, granddaughter, Rosalie Myers and sister, Gerrie (Andy) Scott. He will also be deeply missed by his companion of 24 years, Carol Avery.

Playing piano as a child, he began his music career as a drummer. He had a band at DeVilbiss High School. He joined the Army after high school eventually joining the 80th Army Ground Forces Band.

In 1947 he formed a four-piece group, The El Myers Quartet that played nightclubs and private parties. His group continued playing in the greater Toledo area until El's last professional performance in 1998 at the Toledo Club.

In the Fall of 1951 he started the photography-audio visual business of Walbridge and Bellg Productions, where he was president until his retirement in 1995.

Although photography was his business, music was his love. In his early years as a pianist and vocalist (1948) he joined the prestigious Vivien Garry Trio, a nationally known jazz group. He played in a number of highly respected jazz clubs including The Royal Roost near Times Square, NYC where famous jazz artists like Charlie Parker and Miles Davis entertained.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., from 2-8pm on Thursday December 4, 2008. Funeral Services will begin in the mortuary at 9:15am on Friday, December 5, 2008, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph's Church, Sylvania at 10am. Interment Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may take the form of contributions to the Hospice of Northwest Ohio.