



## Eli J. Ionoff

March 17, 1964 - April 3, 2011

Eli J. Ionoff of Ellettsville, Indiana, died April 3, 2011 with his family by his side at age 47. Mr. Ionoff was born and raised in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania by Eli Ionoff and Elizabeth (Wylam) Ionoff on March 17, 1964. Mr. Ionoff spent 22 years in the United States Army through which he met and married his wife of 26 years in May 1985. He completed his Masters of Arts in Management from Webster University in 2005. He spent his military career traveling throughout Europe and the U.S. with his wife and daughter until retiring in 2006 when he moved to Ellettsville, Indiana. Once retired, he worked for the Monroe County Health Dept. and the Regional office for Veteran's Affairs as a Budget Analyst/Project Specialist. In his spare time, he enjoyed riding his motorcycle, fishing and boating with family, golfing, and dancing with his lovely wife. Mr. Ionoff was a devoted husband, loving father, and kind hearted person who always put others before himself. Mr. Ionoff is survived by his father Eli Ionoff; sisters Amy and Christine Ionoff; wife Laretta (Jones) Ionoff; and daughter Maegen Ionoff. Funeral services for Mr. Ionoff will be held this Sunday April 10, 2011 at 2:00PM at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37. Visitation will be held the same day, Sunday April 10, 2011, from 12 Noon until the time of the service at 2:00PM also at Allen Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org) and memorial contributions in his name can be made to the American Heart/Stroke Association online.



# Tribute Wall

BW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Lonoff family during this difficult time. I was a classmate of Eli's and I will always remember his smiling face and all of the good times we had in school. I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Barb Weaver CV Class of 82*

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**Barb Curll Weaver** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

TA

“ *Eli was such a gentleman with the kindest of hearts. Always smiling and a kind word for all. He always spoke of his wife with love and respect and his daughter with love and pride. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this terrible time.*

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**Tami Mattox** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

BR

“ *Thank you, Eli, for your service to our nation during the wane of the Cold War, and in the complicated years that followed. You left our world in better shape than when you entered, and left an example of service for all to aspire to. God be with you, and with your family.*

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**Bob & Robin Branch** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

MA

“ Some of the best times at the health department were when Eli was working there. It was a short time that I shared office space with him, but he has remained one of my favorite guys. He will always be "Elly" to the girls who worked with him then. He was such a lovable person. Of course in working with you, Laretta, I still felt in touch with him. Our hearts are so sorrowful about this and it seems impossible that he is gone. Thinking about you and your family each day. With love, Mary

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**Mary Lowery** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

PE

“ It's so hard to understand why our loved ones are taken from us; may you find some comfort in knowing you were a part of a well-lived life. Hold tight to the memories.  
With sympathy  
Penny

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**penny caudill** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

MI

“ I worked with Eli at the VA Regional Office moving every piece of furniture there was. I still think sometime you'll come in on a Monday morning with a big smile and a hug for everyone. I'll miss ya...

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**Michael Grabman** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

LO

“ To the entire Lonoff family from the Jacksons and Faloneys. We are so sorry for your loss. We have been praying for all of you and hope that you can find comfort in the memories you shared with your beloved Eli. As a family that has experienced a similar loss we know the pain that comes from this loss and trust that you draw strength from each other. Love is the best healing source.

Our love,

The Jacksons and Faloneys

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**Lori Jackson-Faloney** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

JA

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Laretta & all the family during these most difficult days. Eli's spirit is free at last, but it is so hard for those who are left behind, there are not words to express the sense of loss. Please know that you are not alone, that our hearts go out to you.

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**Jane Walter** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

JO

“ Eli was a very special person. He was the "2010 Employee of the Year" at the VA Regional Office - a testament to his contribution as an employee. Perhaps more importantly, he was a kind and generous person who was well liked by everyone he worked with. I considered him a friend as well as a colleague, even though he always addressed me as "Mr. Myers". That was his way. I know he respected me as I respected him. He earned that respect by treating every thing he did and everyone he came in contact with as important. He truly was a very special person. I will miss him, but will continue to think of him someone I was privileged to have known.

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**John Myers** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

AP

“ I am a classmate CVHS82 of Eli's as well as knowing Chris from our dancing career with Stuckey's. I am truly sorry to hear of Eli's passing. He sat behind me through middle and highschool what a wonderful person he was. Please know he will be remembered by his classmates. Best Regards

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**Annette Ifkovits Putt** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

RO

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Ionoff family. Eli was a great classmate and always had a smile on his face. Memories I will cherish forever. God Bless

*Robin Mumma  
CV Class of 82*

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**Robin Mumma** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

CA

“ Laretta and Megan, I am speechless, and so very sorry about your loss. I know we did not keep in touch very well after being stationed together in Germany, but I have always had such fond memories of our friendship! I will keep you both in my thoughts and prayers! Eli was a great man and he will be missed! Carole Falucho

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**Carole Falucho** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

CT

“ On behalf of the Cumberland Valley Class of 1982 we would like to express our condolences to Eli's wife and daughter and all of his friends and family. We may have lost touch with each other but our memories of the good times our Class had will live on forever in our hearts. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Rest in Peace Eli, until we all meet each other again.

*Cumberland Valley Class of 1982*

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**Chris McGarry Thumma** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

JC

“ My sincerest condolences to Eli's family. I'd known Eli since we went to Good Hope Middle School together, and I had only recently caught back up with him again. I will always remember him as a good, fun guy. He will be missed by all.

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**Jenny Nauss Conway** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

EL

“ Laretta, you and Maegen and the rest of your family have been in my prayers daily. My deepest and most heartfelt condolences go out to you.

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**Elizabeth McGlothlin** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

CA

“ I work with Eli in Support Service Division at Dept of Veterans Affairs. He is a kind man. My prayers go out to the family and I'm truly sorry for the loss.

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**Carol Douglas** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

CF

“ We had the pleasure of working with Eli on several of our contracts. He was a great guy. We will miss him. We are truly sorry for your loss and will be thinking of you and your daughter during this difficult time.

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**C-CAT, Inc. Kristi, Mark, Scott, and entire C-CAT family** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

PE

“ I was in Eli's class when he began work as a Veterans Service Representative and remember him fondly. I am sorry to hear he passed away. We had a good class and I am glad I at least got to meet him and learn with him during our Challenge training at the Detroit VA Regional Office.

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**Penny Passenger** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

EA

“ My prayers go out to the family. I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Earnett Nolden** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

MA

“ We are sooo sorry to hear about Eli, it makes us so sad. He was a great person and friend....always happy and smiling! The Lord blessed us when he put us in your path in Germany way back when. Take comfort in knowing that Eli is resting peacefully now. May God be with you and Maegan and comfort you in only the way that he can.

*You are all in our thoughts and prayers....we love you!*

*Max, Amanda, Haley and Hannah*

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**Max and Amanda Riddle** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM