



# Erik Solum

MAY 17, 1931 - DEC 30, 2009



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**E**rik Solum, beloved husband and father died in Miami on Wednesday, December 30, 2009.

Erik was the son of Glenny Henriette Elfrida Myhre and Sigurd Solum and was born in

Oslo, Norway on May 17, 1931. He is sadly missed by his wife Lelieth, daughters, Mona, Hanne, and Anja, his sister Astrid, relatives and friends in Norway, the USA, Portugal, England and Jamaica. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Salvation Army or the Disabled Veterans Association in his name.



# Tribute Wall

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**Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services** shared a **Tribute Video**.



December 29 at 8:00 PM



**Lelieth Solum** posted:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY beloved Erik

May 17 at 9:59 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I miss you so much, will always miss you and cannot wait to be with you again.Love,Your loving wife,  
Lelieth##imported-begin##Lelieth Solum##imported-end##

August 17 at 6:04 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Will always miss you##imported-begin##Lelieth Solum##imported-end##

June 9 at 6:24 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I MISS YOU ERIK##imported-begin##Lelieth Solum##imported-end##

December 9 at 7:08 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Lilieth and Anja,My deepest deepest condolences,I'm so sorry to hear that my friend, your husband and father is not with us any longer.I'll miss Erik,he was a true friend.He was funny, energetic and full of life.I will miss our long conversations.I can't express my sympathy and you are in my prayers##imported-begin##Sharon Svendgård##imported-end##

January 19 at 11:42 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Lelieth, My deepest condolences to you and your family. If you all need anything, please do not hesitate to ask. God Bless... Tina

January 19 at 8:43 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Lelieth My condolences Elisabeth (previous road research lab)

January 18 at 12:57 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Kjære storebror Erik. Dear Lelieth and Anja. The family in Stavanger will express our sympathy with you on the occasion of my brother Erik's death. We are happy that we met him when he visited Norway last summer. I will miss my only brother. We grew up together on Grorud before and during the 2 World War II, along with our wonderful parents Gleny and Sigurd. It is also that Erik is now gone and I am the oldest in this part of the family. Warm greetings, Lelieth and Anja, from Astrid with children in Stavanger and Norway.

January 17 at 10:21 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Lilieth and Anja, It was so sad to get the information that Erik had passed away. We are thinking of the last time Erik visited us being in Norway, one and a half year ago. It was so nice to meet him again. We have been closest neighbours and very good friends to Erik and his family here in Norway for many years. We will miss a good friend. Astrid and Rolf

January 17 at 3:11 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Lelieth and Anja, We were so sad to hear of Erik's passing. I always felt such pride in having Erik as our Norwegian cousin. Through the years we have enjoyed wonderful visits and have stayed in touch. We treasure the memories. Our hearts go out to both of you. Love, Robin and Susan

January 16 at 11:12 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Lelieth though far away our thoughts are with you in your time of grief keep the faith do not be discouraged remember Erick wants you to be happy and strong for yourself and Anja. Erik is gone but will not be forgotten he will forever be in our thoughts.##imported-begin##Sharon , John, Carlos and Xavier Robinson##imported-end##

January 15 at 9:43 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Erik will be remembered for his love for nature, his quiet spirit and his gentle words. He will be missed by us all who knew him and love him he will forever be in our thoughts. Condolence to my cousin Lelieth and daughter Anja and the rest of the Solum family. (Winsome, David and Brian from Jamaica)##imported-begin##Winsome Kay and Family##imported-end##

January 15 at 9:23 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Over 30 years ago, I met Erik Solum, Norwegian Project Manager for the Maritime Training Institute in the Ministry of Public Utilities and Transport, in Jamaica. As Director of Marine Services, I worked closely with Erik on the project and we have been friends, ever since. We have kept in close touch over the years and our families have enjoyed many get togethers. We all now have joyous memories of our shared visits, together. Erik was a kind and gentle man with simple tastes who loved and cared deeply for his family. His passing leaves a void in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. He was a very special man and a very special friend to myself and all our family and he will live in our hearts, forever. "His life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world 'THIS WAS A MAN'" Our love and prayers are with his wife, Lilieth, Anja and the rest of his family, worldwide. From: Las, Mavis and Family##imported-begin##Las, Mavis and Family##imported-end##

January 15 at 6:01 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

FOR FRIENDSHIP IS MORE THAN SHARING GOOD TIME, IT'S BEING THERE IN TIME OF GREAT NEED. MAY YOUR SOUL REST IN PEACE.##imported-begin##clive williams, jennifer myers##imported-end##

January 14 at 6:26 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I have known Erik since we started in 1.grade in primary school and we even were in the same class until we graduated from senior high school at the age of 18-19. We were a group of good friends and we have been lucky to meet with some intervals even if Erik lived far away from Norway. It has been good reunions both for the primary school class and for those of us that continued to sen.high. We all last met Erik in 2008. Both groups have plan for the coming year when it is 60 and 65 years since graduation. and I know he wanted to take part. We will miss not having Erik with us and we will remember him. On behalf of his old schoolfriends - Guri##imported-begin##Guri Elisabeth Bramness##imported-end##

January 14 at 10:32 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

"True love he brought from whence he came,Erik stands tall amongst great names,Now he departs to where he is gone,And leaves the world with treasures second to none".Lelieth, Anja, our condolences to you. We know Erik would not want you to have sad faces. He would want you to have happy faces. Therefore, we implore you to be happy, be strong. Do not mourn a loss, but celebrate his life.We pray that God will watch over you. We love you.##imported-begin##Tony, Nadeen, Kelly, Sean, Nicky, Vaughn, Matthew##imported-end##

January 14 at 8:53 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am one of Erik's many cousins in Norway and me and my family have had a lot of contacts with Erik over many, many years, both when Erik lived in Norway and when he lived in the US. Erik also had a very close relationship with my parents. Our contacts with Erik have included visiting each other, both in Norway and in the US. A highlight in that regard was when we as a family visited Erik, Lelieth and Anja in their home in Miami in 2007. Erik had planned our stay in Miami in great detail and his efforts made the visit a great experience for us. Our two daughters, Ingvild and Kristin, enjoyed very much being together with Anja. We have posted a couple of pictures from that visit.Conversations with Erik were always very interesting and rewarding, whether we talked about engineering, industry, politics, family or the fundamental aspects of life. Erik's family in Norway meant a lot to him and we are very happy and honoured for having been part of his close relationship to his native country until he sadly passed away.We will miss Erik deeply and our deepest sympathies go to Lelieth and Anja.##imported-begin##Steinar Kvisle with family Unni Ingvild (wife) and Ingvild and Kristin (daughters)##imported-end##

January 13 at 11:52 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My wife, Ginny, and I offer our heartfelt condolences to Leleith and Anya as well as to his 3 daughters in Norway: Mona, Hanne and Ellen. We have known all of you for a long time. I first met Erik in the drafting room at NTH (Norwegian Institute of Technology) in September 1951 where his major, mechanical/maritime engineering, and my major, electrical power engineering, shared the same room. It was the beginning of our first year. We started a friendship which lasted throughout college. In 1962 I started in the aerospace industry in California and who should pull up in our driveway on a Sunday afternoon in LA, but Erik and his family. He had seen my address in the engineering society listings. We remember picnics on the beaches and we both moving back to Norway in 1964. Skimming quickly, let me say that the next 20 years in Oslo included many wonderful get-togethers and our 6 month a year residence in Florida coincided with Erik's, Leleith's and Anya's move to Miami. We were able to exchange extensive visits between Miami and here in Sarasota. And, of course, there should have been more of them. Erik was a very caring person although his sometimes brusque mannerism might make you think otherwise. He was extremely knowledgeable and well read which made him a wonderful partner for all sorts of discussions. He was also complex: he abhorred almost any kind of sporting activity - particularly spectator sports - and yet he was devoted to good exercise and training... and a healthy diet. Fortunately for me I had the luck of a lengthy phone conversation with Erik only 3 weeks before he passed away. I had no inkling of the seriousness of his stay at the hospital at that time. He was his usual cheerful and communicative self, and that is how I want to remember him. Bless you, Erik Bill Andersen##imported-begin##Wilhelm (Bill) Andersen##imported-end##

January 10 at 2:56 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Lelieth and Anja we express our deepest love for both of you. Erik was a good husband and father, his passing is very sad but time will heal the pain you both feel. Just bear in mind each day that your family loves you dearly and will always be here for you. God bless both of you.##imported-begin##Derrick, Elyssa, Demario & Kimani##imported-end##

January 13 at 5:09 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Lelieth and Anja, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. You are both strong ladies and that strength will get you through this difficult time. With love, Stephanie##imported-begin##Stephanie Berman##imported-end##

January 12 at 6:11 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

May the peace and loving arms of God be with you always.##imported-begin##Tasha Escarmant##imported-end##

January 12 at 3:53 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Condolence with our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Ingolf & Beverley Andersen##imported-end##

January 12 at 7:06 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Im sorry I can't make it I also have to attend a family member funeral on Saturday. Im sorry to hear this my prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Cassandra West##imported-end##

January 12 at 5:27 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Cristina Nina-Quispe##imported-end##

January 12 at 4:06 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Lelieth and Anja, my warmest thoughts to you in your loss.I will always remember Erik as a good friend and a teacher. I learned a lot from him, both when we worked together and also later when we met. And it went both ways, I do think that I had something to give to him too.And I hope you two know that you always will have a friend in me and that you are very welcome if you again want to visit Norway.Take care of yourself and preserve the good memories you have of Erik.Love to you bothPer-Roar##imported-begin##Per-Roar##imported-end##

January 12 at 12:34 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Lelieth and Anja, My heart goes out to you and we are sending you lots of thoughts and prayers from Hong Kong. I will never forget that day when the staff at the Seaman's Church in Miami told me that "someone" was looking for me... "Who could that be?" I thought... Well, that was Erik and we had the most fascinating conversation that day!! He knew my Dad in Norway many years ago and he told me some wonderful stories. He recognized my maiden name and the connection was there. I had lost my father 10 years earlier and it was just so heart warming to hear Erik talk!! He knew my mother as well, and my mother, Brit Grønsløth, sends her condolences as well. I had never met him before that day, but he left a very lasting impression and I always enjoyed saying hello to him at the gatherings at the Seaman's Church in Miami. We are now living in Hong Kong part of the year, but I hope to see you when I come back to Miami for the summer.. Take good care of each other and take comfort in all the wonderful memories!! Sincerely, Elisabeth Grønsløth Gould###imported-begin##Elisabeth Grønsløth Gould###imported-end##

January 11 at 3:05 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Lelieth and Family -I am so sorry about the loss of Eric. While I only met him once he was kind and friendly to me. Also, anyone who has the good sense to marry Lelieth is OK in my book! I honestly believe that if we remember our loved ones that they never really die but live on in our memories. All the best to you and your family in this difficult time. Have strength and courage.- Doug Mayer###imported-begin##Doug Mayer###imported-end##

January 11 at 1:52 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Weeping my endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning ... Lelieth, my heartfelt sympathy to you and Anja in the passing of your loved one. In time, may God wipe away your tears and leave you with fond memories of your beloved. My prayers are with you ... Gwen Gill###imported-begin##Gwendolyn Gill###imported-end##

January 11 at 1:14 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I HOPE THAT IN TIMES OF DIFFERENTIALS, MAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FIND PEACE. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND FAMILY. RICHARD M. FERGUSON CARR FOUR DEL PRADO.###imported-begin##richard###imported-end##

January 11 at 12:09 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

No amount of words can comfort you during these times but rest assured that you and Anja are in our thoughts and prayers. He is in a better place now where his MAKER is taking care of him. Irene and Family###imported-begin###Irene Luzod###imported-end##

January 11 at 11:58 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Lelieth,Please accept my sympathy on the passing of your husband Erik. May his soul rest in the arms of our Lord. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God Bless and give you the strength to cope.Sincerely,Rosemarie Fadil###imported-begin###Rosemarie M. Fadil###imported-end##

January 11 at 11:34 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Lelieth may God be with you as he has always. You are strong.###imported-begin###Robin Newson Chambers###imported-end##

January 11 at 11:33 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Lelieth,Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal,May your heart and soul find peace and comfort.Our thoughts and prayers are with you.Evelyn & Johnny###imported-begin###Evelyn & Johnny Alvino###imported-end##

January 11 at 10:27 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Please know that my prayers are with you and your family and on the other side of his journey he has found peace and comfort. God Bless You, Love Ms, Baker###imported-begin###Theresa Baker###imported-end##

January 11 at 10:22 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Leileth & Anja, I am so sorry to hear about Erik's passing. As you know, I worked with Erik and Jan Eirik Johnsen in Liverpool in the 1980s, I was their PA. It was lovely to get to meet you in Norway many years ago, and Erik always updated me on everything you both were doing. I treasured the contact that Erik kept with me since he left Liverpool. He was an honourable man and I always respected him, I so much enjoyed his letters, emails and cards, as well as the phone calls I got every now and then. I missed his usual Christmas email with the family newsletter. He was a man of the world and the world is a better place for him having lived amongst us. I share your loss and hope the pain of his passing will be eased as time goes by. I will never forget my lovely Norwegian friend, and am saddened that I will never hear his voice again. Hold on to the memories. Jean###imported-begin###Jean Catharell - Liverpool, England###imported-end##

January 11 at 9:53 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Lelieth and Anja. We will express our deepest sympathy with you on the occucation of Eriks death. He was my eldest cousin and I always loved to talk with him about the history of our family, and about his experiences from other parts of the world. We are missing him, and we want to share your loss. You will always be welcome in Norway. Yours sincerely Elisabeth, Thor, Sarah and Erle.###imported-begin###Elisabeth and Thor Sorheim###imported-end##

January 11 at 12:13 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Friends since 1959 in San Diego###imported-begin###Per & Inga Bolang###imported-end##

January 10 at 10:15 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I got to know Erik, Lelieth and Anja when we lived in Jamaica in the early nineties. He became a friend that I appreciated very much and had the greatest respect for. It was great to visit him and his family in the US and to meet with him in Norway on his last visit to his native country. I will miss his friendship and e-mails and also the phone calls he made at times. May God bless and strengthen Lelieth and Anja and his other relatives in Norway.###imported-begin###Bernt Olaf Ørsnes###imported-end##

January 10 at 2:56 AM



Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.

December 29 at 8:00 PM

TRIBUTE VIDEO

A JOURNEY  
*of*  
REMEMBRANCE

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The video thumbnail features a bright blue sky with white, fluffy clouds. The text 'A JOURNEY of REMEMBRANCE' is centered in a red, serif font, with 'of' in a smaller, cursive font. A white play button icon is overlaid on the text. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code and a black button with the text 'SCAN TO WATCH' in white.



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