



## Elmer W. Pyke

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Elmer "Tree Man" Pyke, 85, of Solvay and formerly of Camillus passed on to heaven on Friday at home, surrounded by his family. Born in Watertown the son of Walter and Florence (Coville) Pyke, he worked in the tree industry for many years before starting his own business called Elmer Pyke Tree Specialist which he ran for 30 years before retirement in 1992. Elmer was certified as a NYS Landscape Contractor, an Arborist, a Nursery and pesticide applicator. He wrote articles for "Tree Care Industry Magazine". Elmer was predeceased by his first wife Iona Amy (Deacons) in 1993 after 41 years of marriage. He is survived by wife Angeline Crimi-Pyke, sons Douglas and Raymond (Jean) Pyke, daughters Sandra (Daniel) Hmiel, Kathy (George) Holden, and Melinda Pyke; a brother Wesley; two sisters Ilean B. Deacons and Thelma Kogut, 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild who were his greatest joy in life. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, February 9th at 4PM at Amboy Belle Isle United Church, 6190 Airport Road, Syracuse, NY 13209 where contributions may also be made. Burial will be held at a later date in Greenlawn Cemetery. Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus. Please visit his online memorial at [www.elmerpyke.com](http://www.elmerpyke.com)