Ed Elliott CCol, FSDC

Ed Elliott died in hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina on Friday, 16th January, 2015. He was 85 years old and was being treated for pneumonia. Ed was born into an Irish-American family in Peabody, Boston Massachusetts, and he had a strong interest in British issues particularly since meeting and marrying his wife Margaret, who worked for Marks and Spencer and lived in Blackpool.

In his early career in the American textile industry, Ed developed an expertise in bleaching and preparation processes, particularly in continuous open width equipment as commonly used in USA.

However he became most well known as the senior sales engineer with machinery agents Ford, Elliott and White (who later became Ford, Elliott and Trimble on the retirement of John White). The company, based in Charlotte, NC is the USA sales agency for Morrison Textile Machinery who are internationally known for the manufacture of equipment for Indigo Dyeing, bleaching, mercerising, continuous finishing and Sanforising/shrinkage systems.

Ed Elliott was a larger than life people person who remembered every detail of the people he made contact with, be they suppliers or customers and all others. In the 1970s his company became the sales agent for ICS-Texicon in USA, particularly for the Autoweigh colour kitchens and Autofoam systems which were manufactured in England. This very successful relationship flourished in no small part due to Ed Elliott's ability to bridge the cultures on both sides of the Atlantic. The respect and rapport with all his customers was Ed's greatest strength. The links with UK led to becoming a member of SDC (a "Rest of th e World" member as Edward claimed) and obtaining his CCol (and FSDC) in the early 1990s. He was very proud of the accolade which sat well alongside professional engineering qualifications from various USA states. He was also a member of AATCC and often "pulled the strings" so that the British "cousins" were invited to speak at AATCC meetings and conferences.

Edward and Margaret have two children, Catherine and Chris who live and work in USA. It is a privilege to have been an associate, colleague and friend of Ed Elliott for some 40 years and he will be long remembered for his outstanding loyalty.

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