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Joseph A. Elias died in San Francisco on Wednesday, September 4 of Parkinson disease, complicated by diabetes. He was 45.

Born and raised in Detroit, Elias was a graduate of Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods and earned a Bachelor and Masters degree from the University of Detroit-Mercy. He had worked in the personnel department of the Chrysler Corporation at both the Lynch Road Assembly Plant and at Chrysler World Headquarters in Highland Park. He left Chrysler for a job with Digit Corporation in Chicago. Since 1979 he has lived in San Francisco and worked for a management consulting firm.

Elias maintained close relations with many friends in Detroit and often visited the city. His favorite hangout was the Woodward bar where his ready laugh and often terrible jokes were his trademark.

Elias is survived by a sister, one nephew, and many friends in Detroit and in San Francisco. His partner Charles Fiebig and a sister preceded him in death.

A Celebration of Life Mass for Joseph A. Elias will be held at the Sweetest Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 4440 Russell Street, Detroit on Sunday, October 27 at 3:00 p.m. Memorials should be made to Sweetest Heart of Mary Church.

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