

Janis Kozlowski: We ... I don't know if your son told you, but he sent us a bunch of pictures that he scanned – not the originals but some scanned images of your husband in the Aleutians. And he looked like a happy-go-lucky guy.

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Oh, he was. He had a sense of humor. Yes, he was a very well liked, he was. And he was really ... and he was smart, he was very good. But he wasn't a smart aleck. He wasn't a smart aleck, he was just great. He had a sense of humor.

Janis Kozlowski: That's part of the attraction, right?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Yes. Yes. I liked him for that.

Janis Kozlowski: Yeah.

Eleanor Mae Cramer: He was a lot of fun to be with. We enjoyed each other, of course.

Janis Kozlowski: When did he die?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Let's see. 19 ... I'm trying to remember. [brief pause] I know we were together in 1954 but it seems ... I can't remember just what date he ... seems like it was '60 – I don't know. I have to stop and think now.

Janis Kozlowski: He....

Eleanor Mae Cramer: He's been gone 15 or 18 years now. I've been a widow for 15 or 18 years.

Janis Kozlowski: So, he was pretty young when he died.

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Yes, he was in his 60s. I think 60 something. I thought he'd live longer than that. In fact, I was shocked when he, you know, that he didn't live longer, because he was young to die. He had heart problems.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh.

Eleanor Mae Cramer: It was a shock. So, I've been a widow for a long time. It was ... it happens. We go, when we go.

Janis Kozlowski: We don't know how long we've got. As they say, "there are no warranties or guarantees", right?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: That's true. That was true.

But I did have a happy marriage and, of course, my son loves ... my husband loved our son and we had fun with him. He was great, he was a good kid. You know, we had.... And we got along

good. We didn't have any hard, rough arguments or anything. My husband was easy going and I wasn't a trouble maker. So we had a happy marriage.

We had a worrisome one because we didn't know what was gonna happen, if we'd have enough money for this, that and the other thing. It wasn't that we didn't have anything to worry about, we did. But we were careful. Those days you didn't have a lot and I didn't have, you know, they just didn't pay high. But my husband stayed with the government for quite a while after that – after the war – he still worked for the government.