

A. Earl Mays

March 13, 2017

A. Earl Mays, 86, of Lancaster, passed away on Monday evening, March 13, 2017 at Luther Acres, Lititz, PA where he had been a guest since December 2016. Born in Londonderry Township, Bedford County, PA, he was the son of the late John Ray and Anna May Sturtz Mays. Earl was the husband of Joan E. Bloom Mays; together they celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on June 26, 2016.

Earl graduated from the Potomac State College of West Virginia University and the University of Pittsburgh. A 1956 graduate of Dickinson School of Law, he worked as Associate General Council for Armstrong Cork Co. and then Armstrong World Industries for 33 years until he retired on January 1, 1996. He served with the U.S. Army Reserves. A member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Landisville, he served as an usher, teller and communion assistant at the church. He was also a member of the Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations; the Lancaster County Chapter and the PA Society of The Sons of the Revolution. He was honored for being a 50 year member of the Lancaster County Bar Association. After his retirement, Earl enjoyed taking care of his farm, reading, photography, antiquing, and was an avid Civil and World War II history buff. Earl also loved to dance with the US Amateur Ballroom Dancing Association, polka dancing with the Dutchland Polkateers and square dancing with the Do Pas O Square Dancers.

Earl will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Joan, his children: Alan E. Mays,

companion of Fay Youngmark of Middletown, PA, Nancy E., (Phillip) Newmoyer of Collegeville, PA and Amy E., (Brian) Jackson of Mechanicsburg, PA, his three grandchildren; Rachel, Rebecca and Riley Jackson, and several nieces and nephews, including, Ross, Mary Margaret and Lisa. He was preceded in death by his siblings: Edna Mays, Curtis M. and his wife Ethel Mays, Ray Mays and Avalene, and her husband, Russell Evans.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to Celebrate his Life at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 85 Brandt Blvd., Landisville, PA on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. JMe Lowden officiating. Interment will be held at Maytown Union Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. If desired, memorials may be sent in Earl's memory to the church or to the scholarship fund at Penn State University, Dickinson School of Law, 150 S. College St., Carlisle, PA 17013. The family wishes to thank the staff at Lancaster General Hospital and Luther Acres for their kindness and care of Earl.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
85 Brandt Blvd
Landisville, pa 17538

Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
85 Brandt Boulevard
Landisville, PA 17538

Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of A. Earl Mays*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - March 17, 2017 at 02:17 PM



“ *A. Earl Mays*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I just found out that Mr. Mays died. I used to work at Armstrong in the Legal Department back in the early 80's and he was one of my favorite people to work for--he always had a smile for everyone. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Joan (Grab) Kauffman

Joan Kauffman - June 01, 2017 at 07:43 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of loss.*

Wishing you peace, Your sister Donna and Tom (and Virginia family)

Donna Bloom Stiles - March 20, 2017 at 07:41 PM

JH

“ Over 35 years ago and just out of college, I worked with Mr. Mays at Armstrong. I have always remembered him as a thoughtful, kind and intelligent man. My condolences to the Mays family.
Joyce Hertz

Joyce Hertz - March 19, 2017 at 10:11 AM

LK

“ *Joan and Family - As you may recall, Earl and I worked together at Armstrong for many years. Upon hearing of his passing, I notified a number of people whom I knew would want to know. I thought you might like to see their responses. Earl was an admired and well-loved man. It was my honor and pleasure to have known him.*
Larry Keating

From Larry Keating— Dear Friends: Sad news. The one and only Earl Mays has passed. In my life, there are remarkable people, and Earl was one of them. He was a good man.

The responses:

Larry: Thanks for letting me know the sad news. Earl was a thoroughly decent and kind man. I enjoyed knowing him and working with him.

*William P. Skinner
Covington & Burling LLP
Washington, DC 20001-4956*

*Thanks Larry. Yup. Good man.
Robert B. Anderson
Maron Marvel Bradley Anderson & Tardy LLC
Wilmington, DE 19801*

Larry, thank you for telling me. I couldn't agree more. Earl, on every level, was a special man. I am very sad to hear the news. I miss the old days -- there are no relationships like that one anymore.

*Scott D. Gilbert
gilberts@gotofirm.com
Washington, DC 20005*

Larry: Thanks for letting me know. I completely agree—the ultimate

prince.
Robert Nelson Saylor
University of Virginia Law Professor

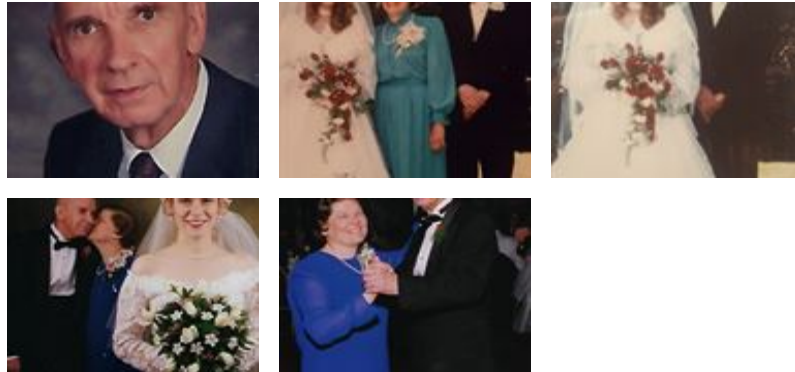
Larry: Yes that is sad. Earl was a fine and gracious man, and great to work with in every respect.

John E. Heintz
Blank Rome LLP
Washington, DC 20006

Larry Keating - March 17, 2017 at 05:23 PM



“ 58 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - March 17, 2017 at 10:04 AM

SF

“ *Steve, Kelly, Jr & Family purchased the Pretty Ple*
ase for the family of A. Earl Mays.



Steve, Kelly, Jr & Family - March 17, 2017 at 09:03 AM

RS

“ Ross & Adele Mays Mary & Herb Schad purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of A. Earl Mays.



Ross & Adele Mays Mary & Herb Schad - March 16, 2017 at 04:00 PM

SK

“ Dear Joan and Family -
So sorry to hear of the passing of Earl. I will always remember how kind and intelligent he was.
Please accept Jerry's and my condolences. We will be unable to attend his funeral as Jerry broke his hip 3 1/2 weeks ago. He is doing fine and is at home. We will be keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Sue (Slifco) and Jerry Klotz

Sue Klotz - March 16, 2017 at 03:31 PM

BC

“ Dear Joan and Family,

I am so sorry to hear of Earl's passing. He was a wonderful man. We send our deepest sympathy to all of you.

I will be unable to attend the service on Saturday, as we are out of town, but please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Bonnie and Russ Corle

Bonnie Corle - March 16, 2017 at 03:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of A. Earl Mays.*



March 16, 2017 at 10:51 AM



“ *Joan, Amy and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Earl was always very kind to me when we worked together at Armstrong. He was such a gentleman and always worked very hard, but he had a great sense of humor and was funny too.*

I will be away from Lancaster this weekend so I will not be able to see you but I will be thinking about you and sending my prayers your way. God bless you and my deepest condolences.

*Sincerely,
Connie Smoker*

Connie Smoker - March 16, 2017 at 09:46 AM