



Elmer H. Applegate

June 17, 2018

Elmer H. Applegate, age 100, of Lancaster died on Sunday, June 17, 2018 at Conestoga View in Lancaster. Born in Conyngham, Luzerne County, PA on October 7, 1917 he was the son of the late George and Emma (Novotney) Applegate.

He was a 1934 graduate of Girard College in Philadelphia. He was a veteran of WWII having been stationed in the South Pacific from 1944 to 1946 as 2nd Lieutenant/Pilot for the Army Air Force. He operated in the Air Offensive Japan and the Eastern Mandate campaigns, having received the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Service Stars, the American Theater Ribbon, the World War II Victory Medal, and an Air Medal.

Elmer retired from A.H. Hoffman Seed, Inc., Landisville in 1987 and previously worked at Seaboard Seed Company in Philadelphia. He also prepared taxes at H&R Block for 15 years. He drove friends and acquaintances to and from airports and enjoyed meeting people and their conversations.

Elmer was an avid tennis player into his 90's and enjoyed playing and dining at the Lancaster Tennis & Yacht Club. He was also a member of the Wheatland Tennis Club.

He is survived by a daughter, Nancy L. (Applegate) wife of Lance Scott; a son,

Glenn W. husband of Karen (McEntegart) Applegate; and three grandchildren, Caitlin, Kelly, and Thomas.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in his memory to Hospice & Community Care, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604 or to the Humane League of Lancaster County, 2195 Lincoln Highway E., Lancaster, PA 17602.

Tribute Wall



“ *Elmer H. Applegate*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Lance and Nancy,*

Elmer was a fun part of the Stager's lives for over 35 years. Diana and I first met Elmer through Jane Stineman's mixed doubles program on Friday nights at RCW. His partner at that time was Marlena and we became good friends and played tennis at RCW and LTYC over the years. Elmer was our regular driver to/from the Harrisburg airport every December when we flew to Sanibel Island over the Christmas/New Year holidays. Elmer used to do the taxes for our long-time LTYC waitress, Bobbie Pontz, for many years and I took over that task when he no longer was able to do them. I also helped Elmer with many of his computer problems. My daughter, Rebecca, interviewed Elmer in 1989 about his life for a school writing project and we learned more about his time at Girard and Hoffman Seed, and his WWII flying experiences.

We were sad to hear of his passing but we will always hold a special place in our hearts for his friendship over so many years.

Jim & Diana Stager

Jim Stager - July 04, 2018 at 11:57 AM

GR

“ Please accept my family’s heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in fond memories of them, and God’s promise to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth, and to rid us of death forever.

Greene's - June 26, 2018 at 10:07 AM

 Sally Hostetter

“ Nancy, it was so sad to hear of your Dad's death. You have had it rough with your Mom and now your Dad's death. I am thinking of you lots.

Sally Hostetter

Sally Hostetter - June 24, 2018 at 11:50 AM

SB

“ In Memory he was the nicest and most admired man we knew. He inspired us everyday we would play tennis with him in his 90's. He had a spin serve that we could not return he would laugh everytime we missed his serve. My Daughter Stacy an me had the great pleasure of spending time with him at Conestoga View and with his care takers Cindy and Kim. It took us sometime to find him and we are grateful that we did have that opportunity to do that. He has left foot prints in our hearts. We will always remember all of the fun times we had together. And he also was funny, he wanted his Ice Cream everyday after playing tennis. So of course we did. Elmer thanks for the Memories. Sharon Bradby.

sharon bradby - June 24, 2018 at 08:31 AM

PV

“ Nancy and Glen,
I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I always felt like your parents were my second parents when I was growing up. He was my inspiration for being active and continuing to exercise throughout my life. In high school I remember finding out that your dad was older than my dad--I had thought they were the same age. I clearly remember thinking, "Wow! That's what exercise does for you." My thoughts are with you and your family.

Pam (Clark) Vettleson

Pam Vettleson - June 23, 2018 at 11:25 AM

TH

“ Lance,

I'm addressing this to you because you are the only family member of Elmer's that I knew. You and I would talk about Elmer when I had need of BMW parts or service. I was aware of Elmer for years before I actually met him. He had a regular tennis date at the Old Hickory tennis club on the same nights that I played. I would see him and Charlie Smith wailing away and marveled at how energetically they played and how good they were for being in, what appeared to be, their late fifties. I met Elmer when my wife and I joined the Riding and Tennis club. For some reason he took a liking to me and we became buddies. I was working from my home and he was in his final couple of years with Hoffman Seed. We would get together for lunch out in Mt. Joy every few weeks. It was a nice break for me. Elmer was pretty straight forward and outspoken and there was one time when this trait became embedded in my memory. My wife and I were hosting a 14 year old German girl for the summer. She was a lively, fun, kid but had some of the arrogance that Germans have been accused of having. One day we were all at the R&T club watching a tournament and Elmer came by and we introduced him to Sabine and said that she was from Dusseldorf. Elmer, without so much as a hello, said "Oh yea, we bombed the crap out of that". It wasn't exactly tactful or polite but she did need a little dose of that.

I told him that my dad was one of the designers of the Wright cyclone engines that were used in the B-29 Superforts. He said he piloted those and that landing them was like trying to land a house. I lost track of him in recent years. I'm glad to see he made it to 100. He was quite a guy and I'll always remember him.

Tim Harkleroad

Tim Harkleroad - June 23, 2018 at 10:05 AM

SS

“ Susanne Shand lit a candle in memory of Elmer H. Applegate



susanne shand - June 23, 2018 at 08:00 AM

SS

“ Elmer shuttled our family to and from airports regularlyhe was reliable and we trusted him with our children! His active social calendar & high level of physical activity was amazing and inspirational to us!! Thank you for sure & speedy driving and great wit! The Shand Family

susanne shand - June 23, 2018 at 08:00 AM

BS

“ Nancy and Glenn, lots of good memories of Uncle Harry, who later became Uncle Elm. Telling me my gravy was lumpy every holiday dinner just to tease me, always having movie camera going at family events, watching Bulwinkle and Rocky mornings when I would spend the night and he was getting ready for work, and, when asked how old someone was he would always respond "19....."! We would have to do the math. He was and will be missed.
Love. Barbara and Richard

Barbara Armstrong Shankweiler - June 23, 2018 at 06:26 AM

PA

“ Dear Nancy and Glen, I would love to see both of you, but I am recovering from a hip replacement on Tuesday. Probably all of the Reed family will have the same memory of your dad and that is his meticulous care of your front lawn, filled by Nan’s friend Susan backing out of our driveway onto your lawn and yelling “Good morning, Mr. Applecrap !”

I always smile when I remember Elm. He was the last member of the NBH 1918 Club. The end of an era. He will be missed.

Patty Reed Aument

Patricia R. Aument - June 22, 2018 at 11:18 AM