



Merle D. Elkin

August 26, 1934 - March 2, 2019

Merle D. Elkin was born on August 26, 1934 in Smicksburg, PA to David and A. Florence Justice Elkin. He went to be with his Lord on March 2, 2019 in The Villages, FL. He was a graduate of Dayton Joint High School, Dayton, PA in 1952. Following graduation, he worked at the Ravenna Arsenal in Ravenna, OH. He served in the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1958, based in Stuttgart Germany with the United States Army Seventh Corp.

He met the love of his life, Bernice Marshall Elkin in 1958 and they were married on August 12, 1960. They remained happily married for 59 years. After being honorably discharged, he attended both The Pennsylvania State University and Indiana University of Pennsylvania earning his bachelor's degree in Education. He later attended Saint Bonaventure University receiving a master's degree in School Counseling and Administration.

He began his education career at Panama Central School in 1962, teaching Chemistry, Physics and Earth Science. He later became the school Guidance Counselor and served in that role for 26 years. He ended his career at Panama in 1994 after serving as the High School Principal for three years.

He was elected as a Town Councilman for the Town of Busti and served for four years and was later elected Busti Town Justice and served in that role until his retirement in 2010. He was very active in the Lakewood Jaycees and helped produce the first Lakewood Area Jr Miss Pageant. He served as the Pageants Treasurer for 25 years. He was a member of: Lakewood Kiwanis, Lakewood Rod and Gun Club, American Legion Post 1286, New York State

Magistrate Association, Mt Maria Masonic Lodge and Sykesville Hunt Club. He was also a member of the Lakewood United Methodist Church, serving as its Chairman of Trustees for many years and was Co-Chairman of the building project for the Church's new Parsonage.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and was very involved in their lives. Recently, he was able to attend his eldest Granddaughters wedding, bless the marriage, and spend one last Christmas at home with his entire family. He traveled extensively with his wife and family including trips to Europe, Russia, Australia, South America, China and throughout the United States. He spent summers playing golf at the Chautauqua Golf Club and enjoyed hunting in the fall. He was a member of the original Committee of the Senior Men's Golf Tour.

He is survived by his wife and two children: Kristy (Steve) Crandall and David (Sherri) Elkin. He was grandfather to four Grandchildren: Allison (Crandall) Karandikar, Adam Crandall, Kasey Elkin and Logan Elkin.

Memorials can be made to:

Lakewood United Methodist Church Memorial Fund

164 Shadyside Avenue

Lakewood, NY 14750.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

VG

“ *On behalf of Vine Oil & Gas, we send our sincerest condolences to your family. We are deeply sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Vine Oil & Gas - May 02, 2019 at 09:49 AM

HJ

“ *Bernie and family,
So sorry to hear of Merle's passing. Know how hard it is to de with.
Just remember a the good times you had together.
Love, Helen and Marv Johnson*

Helen Johnson - March 10, 2019 at 05:17 PM

JS

“ *Dave and family, our thoughts are extended to you. I so enjoyed the years, including last, getting to visit with your dad and Uncle Tom at the Dayton Fair horse races. Oh the stories those two came up with! Memories last forever!*

Joyce Bussard Steele - March 08, 2019 at 08:09 AM

JD

“ *Dearest Bernie,*

So sorry to hear about Merle! You are truly the epitome of a wife that takes awesome care of her husband and because of you his time was extended. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family and if I can do anything please let me know.

Joanie Denn - March 05, 2019 at 01:58 PM

CW

“ Kristy and Steve and the whole Elkin family, we are so sorry for your loss! He was a wonderful man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

Carol and Dave Wesp - March 05, 2019 at 12:40 PM

CH

“ Bernie...I am so sorry to read of Merle's passing..know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time....love, Chris Burditt Lipsey

christinebturner@yahoo.com - March 05, 2019 at 09:13 AM

MF

“ My sincerest condolences. Merle was a good man, a great resource to we kids at Panama, and a great friend to my mother, Ellen.

Maria (Lindholm) Fortin - March 04, 2019 at 08:03 PM

MR

“ A wonderful man, great strength, positive leader and loved by the Class of 1964 Panama Central School, and married to a terrific women.

Mary Helen {Doud} Rappole - March 04, 2019 at 07:34 PM

JC

“ This man was one of the best at Panama Central School, he was such a good person, he will be missed. I have such good memories of him.

Jackie Courtney - March 04, 2019 at 06:37 PM

PB

“ My condolences to the Elkin family. Mr. Elkin's guidance to his students did not end at high school. After my first semester of college at a school that did not live up to their promises, I spoke to him about that particular school so he would know the real deal. Mr. Elkin offered to contact a college I was interested in attending and he was able to get me accepted there over the phone. I am so fortunate to have gone to a school like Panama where the faculty really cared - I am forever grateful for Mr. Elkin's going the extra mile for me.

Pat Bell - March 04, 2019 at 05:57 PM

DE

“ We are sorry to hear of Mr. Elkin's passing. Everyone here looked forward to his visit. We are grateful for the chance we had to get to know him. With sincere condolences from your friends at Laurel Manor

Debbie - March 04, 2019 at 12:16 PM

JD

“ May the family of Merle D. Elkin please accept my sincere condolences hoping you find comfort in God's words at Acts 24 : 15 and Psalm 37 : 29. .

Jd - March 04, 2019 at 10:04 AM