



Mr. Elmer B. Washburn

February 7, 1928 - July 4, 2017

WHITESBORO/CLINTON - Mr. Elmer B. Washburn, age 89, was reunited with his son Jim, and his Lord when he passed away on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 in the comfort of his home with his loving family at his side.

Born in Rome, NY on February 7, 1928, Elmer was the son of the late Leland and Edith (Walker) Washburn. He was a graduate of Rome Free Academy/Class of 1946. On July 22, 1950 he married the former Lucy Rizzo with whom he shared 66 years in a supportive, loving, and loyal union.

Elmer was employed by the United States Postal Service as a Letter Carrier in Rome, a career that spanned 39 years. He carried out his duties conscientiously and was compliant with the demands of the job. As patriarch, he was truly a devoted husband and dedicated father. He was also a dependable handyman around the house. He was a thoughtful, kind, gentleman, attributes that afforded him many friends, but his heart was home with his family. He and Lucy loved to travel by car with their trailer in tow. When Elmer was behind the wheel, he was in charge, always looking for the perfect destination. They favored the Avion line of Recreational Vehicles and in their youthful years, they traveled as a family cross-country. The winter months were spent in Florida among the amenities of the Avion Trailer Park and the camaraderie and closeness of fellow travelers. And, ... the door was never locked.

Elmer pursued many pastimes including cooking, enjoying Western movies, and keeping up with current events by reading and watching the news. He

served as President of the New York chapter of the Avion Club and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Elmer loved the Lord and his Catholic creed, and he was a faithful communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church where he often participated in Rosary groups. At one time, he assisted the students on the busses, as they traveled to religious education classes. His family will miss Elmer deeply, and he will remain in their hearts and in their memories.

Elmer is survived by his wife, Lucy; his son and daughter-in-law, Robert “Bob” and Susan Washburn; daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Jack Kulas; and his daughter-in-law, Nancy Washburn. He was preceded in death by his eldest son, James “Jim” Washburn. He also leaves his grandchildren, Douglas and Eileen Washburn, Jeffrey and Sarah Washburn; Michael, and Adam Washburn, and Sarah, and Jillian Kulas; his great-grandchildren, Logan and Hannah Washburn; and his brothers and sister-in-law, Virgil Washburn, and Harry and Frances Washburn. He will also be remembered by his nieces, nephews, especially acknowledging Ken Washburn; great-nieces, great-nephews, and sister-in-law, Clara Washburn. He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Warren “Luke” and Barb Washburn, George and Rose Washburn, and Frank Washburn; his sisters-in-law, Charlotte Washburn, and Marilyn Washburn; and his in-laws, Rose and Harold Wilber, Joe and Mary Rizzo, and Mary and Archie Schrader.

The family would like to thank Elmer’s fellow residents at the Brookdale Clinton Independent Living Community for their friendship, and acknowledge their appreciation to Bonnie Bechy of Home Care + and her staff for the continuous support and love they provided to Elmer; and most reverent thanks to Pastor Rev. Joseph Salerno for administering the comforting Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Elmer’s funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church where his Mass

of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. Committal prayers and Entombment will be held at Calvary Mausoleum.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, Ny

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Rosary Church
1736 Burrstone Road
New Hartford, NY

Tribute Wall

SS

“ Stephanie Schell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Elmer B. Washburn



Stephanie Schell - July 10, 2017 at 03:14 PM

SS

“ Stephanie Schell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elmer B. Washburn



Stephanie Schell - July 10, 2017 at 03:12 PM

SS

“ Dr. and Mrs. Washburn, I am very sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers are with your family during this very difficult time.

Stephanie Schell - July 10, 2017 at 03:12 PM

WM

“ With love from Susan and Matt purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Mr. Elmer B. Washburn.



With love from Susan and Matt - July 08, 2017 at 11:51 AM

MS

“ Michele Simmen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elmer B. Washburn



Michele Simmen - July 07, 2017 at 04:17 PM

NW

“ I have so many. For years they visited regularly. Every time, EVERY VISIT, my salt shaker was nearly empty. He always came in time to fill it. I didn't fill my own salt shaker for decades. I'll probably cry a little every time I fill it myself.

Nancy Washburn - July 07, 2017 at 04:09 PM