



Bert Blinn Bostwick

March 7, 2015

Bert Blinn Bostwick, age 89, of Elmer, passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2015 after a short illness. Born in Elmer to the late Eugene W. and Della Mayhew (nee Johnson) Bostwick, Blinn graduated from Bridgeton High School in 1943 and then went on to serve his country during World War II in the United States Air Force. He entered pilot's training after completing the requisite associate's degree at Davidson College in North Carolina. The war ended before his training was complete. He then returned to Elmer and spent his lifetime working at the family business, E.W. Bostwick Inc. in Elmer, first working for his father and ultimately as owner from 1961 to 1990. Although officially retired, Blinn remained actively involved in the business. He was very civic minded, serving several organizations including the Elmer Hospital Board for 30 years, the Elmer School Board as member and past president, the Elmer Borough Planning Board and the Chestnut Grove Cemetery Assoc. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Elmer and was distinguished as a Paul Harris Fellow. He also served as a board member and past Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Elmer. Blinn was an avid golfer, loved taking walks and flying his plane as well as taking trips with his family. But Blinn's true passion was his relationship with God and his church. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Elmer for 76 years, where he also served as a trustee and an elder. The foundation of Blinn's faith was established there and made him the kind, gentle, generous, compassionate, devoted, hard-working, loving, honest man that he was.

Blinn is survived by his loving wife of almost 12 years, Grace L. Benfer-Bostwick; his children, Jean Carter (Bruce), David Bostwick (Bernie), Susan Williams (Andy) and Sharon Rainey (Brian); his stepchildren, Linda Craddock (Leon), Betty Davis (Fred), Mary Jo Benfer-McGowan (Ed) and Patricia Benfer; his grandchildren, Sarah Carter (fiance Tim Austen), Jaclyn Manzo (Mark), Michelle Fisher (Todd), Andrew B. Williams, Christopher and Matthew Rainey; his step grandchildren, Shelly Frio (Billy), Sabia Taylor (Tim), Thomas Tymkow, Cindy and Matthew Craddock, Steve and Brent Davis and Robin Smith; his great grandchildren, Gianna Manzo, Jordan and Dane Fisher; his step great grandchildren, Michael, Katie, Dominic and Tristan Taylor, Megan Craddock, Sebastian, Antonia, Valentina, and Penelope Frio, Ciarria Ortiz and Garrett Smith; his brothers, David C. Bostwick (Ruth), Herbert Bostwick (Marianne) and Leigh Bostwick (Barbara), sister-in-law Nancy Pedersen, and by several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, his beloved first wife, H. Evelyn (nee Pedersen) Bostwick; his siblings, Charlotte Bostwick, Eugene Bostwick, Elbridge & Lillian Bostwick; and his brother-in-law, Joseph "Bud" Pedersen.

A memorial service to celebrate Blinn's life will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the First Presbyterian Church of Elmer, 107 Chestnut St., Elmer, NJ 08318 with a visitation from 1 PM to 3 PM followed by the memorial service at 3 PM. Interment is private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that contributions please be made in memory of Bert Blinn Bostwick to the First Presbyterian Church of Elmer, PO Box 553, Elmer, NJ 08318. www.adamsfuneralhome.org

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Elmer Presbyterian Church
107 Chestnut Street
Elmer, NJ 08318

Memorial Service

MAR 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

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107 Chestnut Street
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Tribute Wall

BE

“ To The Bostwick Family, We would like to send our deepest sympathies to you and your family. May God help you through this difficult time. Everyone at Highland Carpet

Bernadette - March 13, 2015 at 09:20 AM

LK

“ I share your grief and sorrow in Blinn's passing. He was a very special man. I always looked forward to a hug and kiss at church from Grace and he. He was truly a delight. I loved him very much. He will be truly missed.

Linda Kisiel - March 12, 2015 at 12:35 PM

JG

“ Blinn and his family were our neighbors in Elmer. He was a kind and friendly man. He worked hard all of his life. He was in his office most nights doing paperwork and then up early to work at Bostwick Lumber each day. His life was not always easy but you never heard him complain.

We spent many Saturday mornings at Bostwicks as we renovated our home. Blinn was a wealth of knowledge and always treated us with respect. I am so glad the Bostwick Lumber is still in the family. I extend my sympathies to his children and extended family. May all the good memories help you through your sorrow.

Elmer has lost another great one!

Janet Garrison

Janet Garrison - March 12, 2015 at 06:43 AM

JB

“ I will miss his cheerful greeting and his smile as he greeted me in Church on Sunday morning. I will miss you. R.I.P. Blinn



Jennie Brown - March 11, 2015 at 05:20 PM

GB

“ To me he was Uncle Blinn..... He was truly a great man and will be missed by all. I used to stop at the store in the afternoons about 5:15 on my way home from work when I was young, working at Joffe lumber. He always had a smile and time just to chat even though he was always busy. Hugs to all the family.

garrie bostwick - March 11, 2015 at 03:38 PM

HF

“ Grace and family: we all are so so sorry to hear about Blinn. He was such a wonderful person. You all are in our prayers and thoughts. Grace we love you so much, may God wrap you in his loving arms and give you comfort and strength. Blinn is in the present of his Father and how bright Heaven is because of him.
Hamp and Nancy Redmond



Hamp, Nancy and Swansea SC Family - March 11, 2015 at 11:39 AM

MJ

“ We are fortunate to have known Blinn and shared many dinners with Grace and him and the "Group." The stories, the laughter, the sage wisdom of his years will sorely be missed. He enjoyed his extended family parties, barbecues and holiday get-togethers. His presence made us all feel younger. Our thoughts are with his family in this time of sorrow.

Mike and Judy - March 11, 2015 at 10:29 AM

AJ

“ Anita Redmond Jackson lit a candle in memory of Bert Blinn Bostwick



Anita Redmond Jackson - March 11, 2015 at 09:50 AM

SC

“ We knew Blinn our whole lives growing up in Elmer. When it came time to redo our home on South Main Street, we went to Bostwick Lumber. Blinn was always there with a smile and a fair price! I got to know him better as a member of the Elmer Presbyterian Church. He was one of the kindest, finest men I have ever known. He will be sadly missed.

Sue & Ed Clarke - March 10, 2015 at 07:06 PM

BB

“ So sorry for the loss of your beloved father, grandfather, & great-grandfather. I remember well, his coming to Brad's for dinner. Love and Hugs and Prayers to all of you. Love Bev Bradbury

Beverly Bradbury - March 10, 2015 at 04:10 PM

KS

“ Thinking of you Sharon at this most sorrowful moment....Ken Starr & Jo O'Blennis

Ken Starr - March 10, 2015 at 06:44 AM

SB

“ I shall always remember the kindness he showed his wife Evelyn during the time she was a client of mine. He was a genuinely caring person. He truly loved his family. Blessings to all of his family!



sally bender - March 09, 2015 at 10:18 PM