



Raymond E. Lawrence

January 18, 2015

Raymond Everett Lawrence died on January 18, 2015 nine days before his 83rd birthday. He was born in Sharptown, NJ on January 27, 1932 to Evelyn V. Purtell and Raymond Lawrence Sr.

A life-long resident of Salem County, Ray attended Woodstown High School where he graduated in 1949. His ambition to become a pharmacist was realized in 1953 when he graduated from The Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

After graduating from College, Ray was drafted into the US Army. At a Christmas party in December of 1953, Ray met Janet Carole Scanlan of Pennsville, NJ. They were engaged in April, 1954, while Ray was completing his basic training at Fort Dix, NJ and Fort Sam Houston, TX.

On December 30, 1954 he and Janet were married at Union Presbyterian Church in Carneys Point, NJ. He then sailed to Heilbronn, Germany, where he was stationed as an Army medic. He was joined by Janet in the summer of 1955 after she finished her degree at Cornell University.

After the Army, Ray served as a pharmacist at McCoubrie's Pharmacy in Salem, NJ. In 1963, he purchased the pharmacy at 9 N. Main Street in Woodstown, NJ and established the Lawrence Pharmacy. Ray was grateful to

have the opportunity to serve his home community for over thirty years and took particular pleasure in, and followed the careers of, the many young people who worked at the pharmacy.

Ray was a member of Woodstown Presbyterian Church and Union Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the National Community Pharmacists Association and American Pharmacists Association. He was an avid saltwater fisherman and enjoyed big band and jazz music. He and Janet forged a love for travel while in the Army in Germany which they pursued for the rest of their lives together.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Evelyn V. Purtell and Raymond Lawrence Sr. He is survived by his spouse, Janet, of Woodstown, NJ; his daughter, Andrea Lawrence, of Halifax, NS; his son Peter (Pamela Warren) of Lexington, MA; his sister, Patricia (Daniel Caso) Caso, of Wilmington, DE; and two grandchildren, Jane and Claire Lawrence.

A funeral service will be held at Union Presbyterian Church, 254 Shell Rd., Carneys Point, NJ 08069 on Saturday, January 24 at 11:00 am followed by a reception in the church's Featherer Hall.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Union Presbyterian Church, 254 Shell Road, Carneys Point, NJ, 08069. www.adamsfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Pat and family, Cousin Jean let me know that your brother passed away this week and I want to offer my condolence. It must be very hard to lose your only sibling.

You will remember those wonderful family dinners at the Herbert Ware farm during the years 1944-1948--your family was always there. Everett was a few years older than King and me--he must have been a teenager, but unlike most teenagers who have little tolerance for younger kids, Everett was always kind to us. Since then I think I only saw him 2x times on visits east, once when I came with Mother and we visited Aunt Evelyn--you were there too, and the second time when we all met at Irv and Jill's home. I have fond memories of those visits.

Mother was close to Aunt Evelyn and Uncle Raymond and they kept in touch for many years--keeping up with one another by letters and sharing stories about their children. For several years Mother drove the ten miles to town on our 8N Ford tractor to get the mail. She'd sit on the tractor seat and read the letters from Jersey out loud to whatever child accompanied her in the box on the back of the tractor. She wanted us to "keep in touch" vicariously with her family back east.

Now I am corresponding with Jean--by email--no long-distance letters anymore!

I wish the very best for you, Pat as well as Everett;s family, during these sad days.

Love to you all, Jane Middleton

Jane Middleton - January 22, 2015 at 09:04 PM



“ *When I was a teenager in the early 1970's, I got done at Dr. Norton's office too late to get my prescriptions filled. My mother was away on a trip and my father was at work when I woke up even sicker late the next morning. I called the pharmacy and asked what someone could do who was too sick to walk downtown. Mr. Lawrence asked who I was and for our address and the next thing I knew he had driven to our house to pick up the prescriptions and then he returned with the medicine. I have always remembered that kindness and until Lawrence Pharmacy closed, we were loyal customers and when I think of local business, his example is the one that stands as a model. I am so sorry for your loss. -- Mary Lou (Proctor) Frank*

Mary Lou Frank - January 22, 2015 at 02:07 PM



“ *The Lawrence Pharmacy "family" is a cherished memory. What an extraordinary man to work for as a teenager! I will always be thankful for that opportunity. As my Dad's best friend, your escapades with him are also fondly remembered. Rest in peace Mr. Lawrence.....*

Carol Borton Dilks - January 21, 2015 at 06:25 PM