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### Grove Amos Obituary

Grove Rorick Speedy Amos, 89 of Elyria, died March 20, 2015 at University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center. He was born November 7, 1925 in Wheeling, WV and graduated from St. Clairsville, High School in 1943. He was a 1949 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. During WWII, from 1944 to 1946, Rorick served with the United States Marine Corps 1st Marine Division in Okinawa, where he was wounded and received The Purple Heart. When the Korean War broke out, Rorick was recalled and in June of 1950, rejoined the 1st Marine Division in North Korea. He participated in the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, and although outnumbered by Chinese troops, they were able to break out of the encirclement and fight their way back to safety in South Korea. In 1952, Rorick was discharged as a 2nd Lieutenant. He was a member of Elyria V.F.W. #1079, a lifetime member of The Marine Corps League and the Chosin Reservoir Veteran Fraternity. He was an insurance agent for 42 years, and vice president of Harold Rorick Insurance Company, Elyria. He had been an active member and former Sunday school teacher at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Elyria. He was a member of Elyria Rotary Club, a Paul Harris Fellow and a volunteer for Laubach Literary Program and Ohio Read. Speedy was a member of the Advisory Board of the Elyria Salvation Army, a member of the former Elyria Memorial Hospital Company, and for over twenty years delivered Meals on Wheels. Rorick is survived by his wife Helen Lou (nee Henderson) whom he married April 23, 1955; Daughters Beth Amos of Elyria, and Susan Mollineaux of Cincinnati; grandchildren Mark Grover Mollineaux and Emily Beth Mollineaux and a brother J. Wendell (June) Amos. He was preceded in death by his parents J. Grove and Ruth Amos. Rorick was known and loved by all for his warm, outgoing personality, and sense of humor. A memorial service will be Saturday, March 28th, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. at First



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Congregational United Church of Church, 330 2nd Street, Elyria with Reverend Patrick Nicolino and Reverend Kathryn Ketchum officiating. Elyria V.F.W. #1079 will present military honors. Burial will be at Brookdale Cemetery, Elyria. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Elyria Rotary Endowment Fund, C/O Gregory Kruszka, 3635 Lexington Court, Westlake, OH 44145. Elyria Salvation Army, 716 Broad Street, Elyria or Elyria Public Library, 320 Washington Ave., Elyria. Arrangements are in the care of Dicken Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Elyria. For online condolences visit [www.dickenfuneralhome.com](http://www.dickenfuneralhome.com)

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to the family or plant a tree  
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## Tribute Wall

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JD

**Jane, Joe & Mike Dietrich** posted:

Dear Mrs. Amos, Susan, and Beth, We were so sorry to hear of your loss. I will always remember how Mr. Amos, (that is what I always called him), always had a story to tell, and how much he loved to take care of his yard. Yours was always the best lawn on the block, when I was growing up, right next door. So many memories. He had an amazing life and he will be missed. Many blessings to you. You are in our prayers.

March 27 at 8:00 PM

KS

**Ken & Judy Sternad** posted:

Honey Lou - We were so sorry to hear of Speedie's passing. At least we can take comfort in knowing that he and dad are together singing Fiji songs in Heaven. I wonder if they have spoons up there? Please let me know if there is anything we can do for you. With thoughts, prayers and love - Ken and Judy Sternad

March 24 at 8:00 PM

KG

**Kim Boddy Gehrhardt** posted:

Beth, I remember your Dad fondly. I'm so sorry for your loss. My sympathy to you and your family.  
Kim

March 23 at 8:00 PM

BS

**Brianna Strehle** posted:

Miss Amos - I am deeply saddened by the news of your fathers passing. My heart felt condolences to you and your family. I will never forget his stories when he would come and visit in your class. He was such a great man.

March 23 at 8:00 PM



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PH

**"Pookie" Sternad Hotz** posted:

Dear Honey Lou, it is with great sorrow that we learned of Speedy's passing. He and my dad's (George Sternad) friendship was a beautiful once in a lifetime relationship. Dad carried Speedy's picture in his wallet until the day he died, and Speedy kept the nickname dad gave him from that long ago chance meeting on the sidewalk. I have been lucky to see you both at OWU events and to hear the old stories of those two all my life. Mom still has the spoons in plaster displayed on the shelf and it always brings a smile to my face. I wish you and your daughters hearts full of memories. With Love, Pookie Sternad Hotz!!

March 23 at 8:00 PM

MA

**Michelle Asbury** posted:

I had the honor of serving Mr. Amos at the Elyria Country Club for the past few years. He was truly a genuine man who could always light up the room. I send my deepest sympathies throughout this difficult time to Mrs. Amos and the entire family. He will be greatly missed!

March 23 at 8:00 PM

LU

**Leslie Urteaga** posted:

Beth and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed seeing your father at our school. He will be greatly missed! My prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

March 22 at 8:00 PM



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