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Andrew Allan Obituary

Andrew Allan, 88, of Elyria, Ohio, died peacefully in his sleep January 5, 2015, after a short illness. He was born in Elyria, Ohio, October 6, 1926, the son of Andrew and Euphemia (nee Thomson) Allan, after their emigration from Glasgow, Scotland. He was the Drum Major for the Elyria High School Marching Band, graduating in 1944. A veteran of WWII, Mr. Allan joined The United States Navy in 1944. He was trained in radio operations at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois and in amphibious landing operations at the University of Wisconsin. He briefly served with The United States Marine Corps, on loan from the Navy, because of his excellence at high speed Morse code reading and transmission. After discharge from the Marines, Andrew continued his naval career on the USS Rolette (AKA-99) in the Pacific Theatre of Operations. He was awarded the Victory Medal and the American Area Campaign Medal. Upon discharge from the Navy, Andrew attended Bowling Green State University, and graduated in 1950 from the University of Maryland, where he was a member of Alpha Phi Omega and the Drum Major for the University of Maryland Marching Band. Mr. Allan owned and operated Andrew Allan Builders, Inc. for 42 years, constructing residential and light commercial properties throughout Lorain County. He was a Trustee of the Elyria Public Library Foundation, Lorain County Historical Society and the Elyria YMCA. He was a life member of the Elks, Moose, and the American Legion. Andrew was a Past President of East Elyria Kiwanis and recipient of its George Hixson Award. He was a member of the City of Elyria ADA Board and the Elyria High Pioneer Alumni Assn. He worked on United Way campaigns and served as Trustee and Deacon for the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Elyria. He was a vintage motorcycle enthusiast and enjoyed reading, golf and travel. He operated an amateur radio station with call sign N8GWL. Andrew held membership in the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, the National



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Trust for Historic Preservation, Friends of the Elyria Public Library, Elyria Senior Fellowship and its Senior Singers, was a member and past president of the United British Society, served on the Elyria Library levy committee, and was a parent volunteer at the old Elyria High School. He was involved in continuing education and took many classes through LCCCs Center for Lifelong Learning and Case Western Reserve Universitys Continuing Education Series. Mr. Allan is survived by his wife of 66 years, Phyllis (nee Whitney), sons, Andrew Allan III of Vermilion and Jon W. Allan (Kim) of East Lansing, Michigan, daughter, Kathryn A. Smith (Brad) of Elyria, niece Marilyn Whitney, M.D. (Ft. Wayne, Indiana), and nephew Ron Whitney (Indianapolis, Indiana). There are three grandchildren, Bailey K. Gerber, Andrew J. Smith and Katie Rose Allan, and two great grandchildren; Madison Lynn Gerber and Jacob Andrew Gerber. Andrew was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Euphemia Allan, and an infant sister, Euphemia (Amy) Allan. A memorial service will be Saturday, January 10, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 300 Second Street, Elyria, Ohio. Reverend Patrick Nicolino and Reverend Wayne Brass will officiate. Burial will be in Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst Township. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to support The Elyria Public Library, The Lorain County Historical Society or The Educational Enrichment Programs for Students through 12th Grade, all in care of The Community Foundation of Lorain County, 9080 Leavitt Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035. Arrangements are in the care of Dicken Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Elyria. For online condolences, and recollections, visit www.dickenfuneralhome.com

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AA

Andrew Allan posted:

My father lead us so we could know the way to follow. Though your track is no longer before me, I still follow your path.

January 13 at 8:00 PM

AS

Andrew Smith posted:

Papa, you will always be my boy. I have faith that you will always be by my side no matter where I go in life. Love, Your Boy Andrew J. Smith

January 9 at 8:00 PM

DB

Don Burrier posted:

Andy represents the finest example of a gentleman that I can think of. With his wonderful capabilities, kindness, good humor, humility and commitment to his family and to the community he enhanced everything he has been involved in. His legacy will be a great strength for Phyllis, his family and all who were fortunate enough to know him. I shall always be grateful for his and Phyllis's support of the library and for the opportunity to know him. Don Burrier

January 9 at 8:00 PM

JH

Jennifer Hill posted:

Kathy, I am so sad to read this, my friend. Let the legacy of your father's love and the care of your friends carry you and your family through this grief Warm love and peace to you, Jennifer

January 8 at 8:00 PM

JG

Judy Giannuzzi posted:

Kathy, My sympathies are with you and your family during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Judy Giannuzzi

January 8 at 8:00 PM



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MB

Michael Tomlin- Brenner posted:

I was fortunate to have served with Andy in the Elyria Evening Kiwanis - as a past president, I valued his advice and support. As a member of First Church, his fellowship was appreciated, and knowing that he was the builder of our home's family room made us proud to live there. Elyria will miss him.

January 7 at 8:00 PM

DS

Dan Sciulli posted:

My Dad and I worked for Andy on many Jobs. He was a good man, I'll never forget the stories and the good times and laughs we all had. He will be in my prayers and I will always remember him. Very sorry for your loss. Dan Sciulli

January 7 at 8:00 PM

AE

Amy Morrow English posted:

Always appreciated Mr. Andy Allan. I sometimes dropped off material at his jobs while I was in high school and college for some of the men working there. He always had a warm word of greeting. He built beautiful homes and took great care with all the details. He was also very interesting to talk to.

January 7 at 8:00 PM

KS

Kathryn Allan Smith posted:

My father, my friend.

January 7 at 8:00 PM

KB

Kathy Boylan posted:

I met Andy Allen through the Elyria evening kiwanis group that met at the methodist village. That group was very kind to the Health District -- and welcomed my joining their meetings. Andy was especially welcoming, interested in Health in Elyria, and a genuinely fine person. The city of Elyria is better for having enjoyed his contributions to the many social agencies and human causes he supported. We all need to keep in mind his contributions as we now must shoulder the burden of those who have preceded us into a reward! I appreciate my memories of him.

January 6 at 8:00 PM



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Tania Kegyes posted:

Sympathy and prayers to all. "Andy"'s legacy continues. May each day bring peace and comfort.

January 6 at 8:00 PM



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