

Obituary

Born: Friday, February 10, 1928

Died: Saturday, July 25, 2020

James Arthur Longmore, 92, died at Fahrney-Keedy Home & Village, Boonsboro, Maryland, on July 25.

Born February 10, 1928, in Elmer, New Jersey, he was the son of British immigrant James Albert Longmore, a master carpet weaver, of Kidderminster, Worcestershire, England, and his wife Lillian Marie Fox Longmore of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Three older siblings predeceased Mr. Longmore: Albert Longmore Jr., of Napa, California; John Nicholson Longmore of Birmingham, England; and Evelyn Mae Longmore Ottaviano of Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Mr. Longmore was a veteran of the U.S. Army Signal Corps. He entered World War II in its waning days, and after the fighting ceased, he was stationed in Frankfort and Wiesbaden, Germany, as well as Paris. He was one of the army photographers during the Nuremberg Trials and was later stationed in Berlin during the Berlin Airlift. After returning stateside, he became a commercial photographer, who worked for several respected companies, including Davis-Dunlop of Washington, D.C.-a tenure during which he photographed products, professionals, U.S. presidents and elected officials, architecture, and events of all kinds.

He met his wife, Elaine Garnand, at a New Year's Eve celebration in 1951. They wed at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Va., on May 2, 1952. Afterward, they lived in Silver Spring, where their first child, Jane Ann, now a writer and editor, who lives in Myersville, was born. They moved in 1965 to Annandale, Virginia, where their second child, June Alice, now of Hagerstown, was born. In the 1980s, they took into their hearts an honorary son, Steven Parke, who is an artist and photographer in Middletown, and daughter, Kathryn Parke, a psychotherapist, of Baltimore.

Mr. Longmore is survived by his children and honorary children; his son-in-law Mark C. Etheridge of Myersville; three grandchildren - Nicholas Etheridge of Baltimore; Emily Etheridge of Myersville; and Duncan Parke of Baltimore. He is also survived by a nephew, Robert Longmore, of Birmingham, England; a niece, Patricia Ottaviano, of Wethersfield, Connecticut; many cousins; extended family members Teresa Anderson and Marlene Morris of Myersville, and David Nichter of Las Vegas; and old friends.

There will be a viewing from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, July 31, at the Donald B. Thompson Funeral Home in Middletown. This will be immediately followed by a family graveside goodbye at the cemetery of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Myersville.

Service Summary

Visitation

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Fri Jul 31, 2020

Donald B Thompson Funeral Home

PO BOX 18, 31 East Main Street

Middletown, MD 21769

Funeral Service

11:30 AM Fri Jul 31, 2020

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery

603 Main Street

Myersville, MD 21773