



David R. Elleman

May 2, 2013

David R. Elleman, of Camillus passed away May 2, 2013. Born in Richmond, IN, he graduated from Central High School in Syracuse where he served as senior class president. He received his Bachelor's degree from Purdue University, and then went on to complete graduate course work at both University of Houston and Syracuse University. David served in the U.S. Air Force for over 20 years, retiring in 1971 with the rank of Lt. Colonel, along with numerous awards and medals. He began his career as a life insurance agent in 1956 and quickly progressed to establishing his own brokerage agency. He was an associate with Burns Insurance Company from 1963-67 before being elected as Comptroller of Onondaga County where he served for 29 years and was elected 7 times. David was the founder and first president of the NYS Government Finance Officers Assn, a member and past president of both the Town of Camillus Republican Club and St. Paul's Episcopal Church Men's Club. He was a board member of the Fairmount Community Library, Past President of the NYS Municipal Finance Officers Assn, Director of the Board of Governors of NYS Assn. of Municipal Finance Officers, and the NYS representative of Municipal Finance Officers Assn. of U.S. and Canada. Throughout his years, David earned many rewards and accomplishments, including Eagle Scout, Treasure of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, Camillus outstanding Republican, 1966, West End Republican Club Tip of Hat Award 1983, and Sentinel Republican Club Service Award For Excellence in Gov't, 1983. David was a member of the Consumer Advisory Committee, Executive Committee, Finance Committee, and Board of Directors of Blue Shield of CNY. He served as Director and Treasurer of the CNY Regional Planning and Development Board, member of the Onondaga County Planning Board, Chairman of the county-wide fund drive for the American Cancer Society, and Past Treasurer of the Onondaga County unit of American Cancer Society. Most recently, David served as Onondaga County Regional Planning Board Member from 1995-2012.. He is pre-deceased by two brothers, Charles P. Elleman and John H. Elleman. Survived by his wife, Ruth Calale Elleman, his son, John B. (Vicki) Elleman of Syracuse, daughter, Hollie (Jeffrey) Calderon of Rochester, four grandchildren, David Elleman, Dana Elleman, Max Elleman, Jared Calderon, and several nieces and nephews. "Poppi" will be remembered fondly by his grandchildren for always saying "yes" to the many requests to play board

games, playing catch in the backyard, make his special pancakes and agreeing to take another ride down Splash Mountain at Disney World. He was their buddy, teacher and happy companion. Private services were held at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus. Burial with Military honors was held in Onondaga County Veterans Cemetery. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to Fairmount Community Library, 406 Chapel Drive, Syracuse, NY 13219 or Onondaga Free Library, 4840 W Seneca Turnpike Syracuse, NY 13215. Please sign guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Mrs. Elleman, Hollie, John and family, Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time of the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. I remember with great fondness the many times that we spent together (campaigns, parties and parades) during our "youth". I also want to express my appreciation for the significant contributions of time, expertise and service shared by Mr. Elleman to make our Upstate New York community the special place that it was to grow up and call our home. Fondly, Barbara Bush Cooper

Barbara Cooper - May 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Ruth : I just read of David's passing and wanted you to know I am thinking of you. Dave was a fine capable individual and led our County in an important way for many years. We will always be indebted to him for his leadership. I hope you are OK..seems like when we reach "this age" everyone has issues. May God Bless and hold you in the palm of His hand Shirley Jefferson

Shirley Jefferson - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dave was a great leader, but more importantly a great friend whose wisdom and counsel will be greatly missed. Ruth has lost a great companion but the rest of us have lost a sole mate who always took the time to guide us on our way. Dave's contributions to life will live on for ever. My Dave rest in peace for a life well done.

Dwight Hadley - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Ruth and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Dave still had the beautiful smile. Know this a name from the past and hope you remember. I lost Ken to cancer in 2007 so feel your loss. Fondly, Jane

Jane Burdick - May 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ To Ruth and the Elleman family, our sympathy on your loss. I always enjoyed Dave's annual visits to the office when we discussed the past and future of government accounting.

Linda and Donald Colon - May 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Mr. Elleman hired me out of LeMoyne College in 1983. He believed in me and promoted me whenever the opportunity arose. I owe my 30 year career at the Comptroller's Office to him. He was a great peron to work for and I am grateful that I had the chance to know him. Rest in peace Mr. E, you will be missed.

Jim Maturo - May 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM