



Clinton Ralph Longenecker

December 1, 1923 - November 12, 2017

On Sunday, November 12, 2017 in the loving presence of his family and his caring and compassionate new family at Hospice of Northwest Ohio on Detroit Avenue, Clinton Ralph Longenecker, Jr., left our earthly world for his heavenly home.

He was born on December 1, 1923 on Mott Avenue in Toledo to Margie Peppers Longenecker and Clinton Ralph Longenecker, Sr. After attending Garfield Grade School he graduated from Waite High School in 1942. At the end of his freshman year at The University of Toledo Clint was inducted into the United States Army and landed on Omaha Beach on D-day with his brothers of the 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion of the First Infantry Division. He received five battle stars while serving in the European Theatre from June 6, 1944 until May 8, 1945.

After the war Clint returned to Toledo where he became a partner in his father's company, creating Longenecker and Son Flooring on Front Street. On October 30, 1948 Clint married Rita Marie Pecord after a courtship filled with dancing, fun and friendship. Clint retired from his family business in 1978 but continued to serve the business community working at Junior Achievement and H&R Block. He was an active community leader serving as an officer of the East Toledo Club for 50-years and Treasurer and Secretary of the East Toledo Bowling League for 40-years. Clint met annually for over 50-years with his brothers from the 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion. And in 1994 returned to Normandy for the 50th Anniversary of D-Day. Clint was a proud member of the Conn-Weissenberger American Legion Post.

Clint and his wife Rita were avid travelers for over 60 years, including camping with their children, travelling to all 50-states and touring extensively in Europe.

Clint was a lifelong volunteer working with St. Vincent's Medical Center, Lourdes University, The American Red Cross, Blessed Sacrament Seniors Group and serving as a Boy Scout Troop Master at Blessed Sacrament Church. He loved working with kids including sharing WWII history with high school students at Whitmer High School and reading to nursery school children.

Clint is survived by his wife of 69-years Rita Longenecker and his four children Marsha (Warren) Hunt, Dr. Clint (Cindy) Longenecker, Dr. Paul (Susan) Longenecker, and Rick

(Debbie) Longenecker. As well as ten grandchildren Neil, Ellen, Clint, Shannon, Stephen, Chris, Laura, Adam, Kayla and Jack; two step grandchildren Jeff and Jennifer; as well as two great grandchildren Katelynn and Christopher.

The family will receive guests on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ansberg West Funeral Home on Sylvania Avenue. At 7:00 p.m. members of the Conn Weissenberger Post will conduct a military memorial service. A mass will be held at Corpus Christi Catholic Church on Dorr Street at 10:30 a.m.. The family will be receiving guests from 9:30 until the mass begins. Burial will follow the mass at Toledo Memorial Park on Monroe Street in Sylvania.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to either Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Tribute Wall

KL

“ Dear Longnecker Family, Please accept our heartfelt condolences for your loss. We were fortunate enough to meet Clint and Rita at the 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion’s 60th D-Day reunion, and to remain friends with them since. Clint was a gem! We pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of him. V/r, Kip & Christy Lindberg

Kip Lindberg - November 20, 2017 at 11:12 AM

DM

“ I sorry for your loss. I remember Clint when I was little him and my Dad (Walt Martin) bowled together. And I got to tag along. Clint is part of my child hood I will always remember.

Debbi Martin - November 17, 2017 at 08:18 AM

RN

“ Dear Rita and family,
I am so very sorry to hear about Clint's recent passing! I will certainly miss seeing the two of you at the Spaghetti Suppers at Little Sisters. Clint always had friendly smile, a firm hand shake and a compelling story to tell. I am praying that the Lord will comfort you and provide you with the peace that passes all understanding during this difficult time of grief and loss. Rita, I believe I still have your phone number and will plan to call you in the near future. With love, Ruth Nietz

Ruth Nietz - November 16, 2017 at 03:47 PM

ML

“ Rick,

The Lee family's thoughts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time. Our Fathers and Mothers prepare us well for this time and you are a great example of all that your Father was. Celebrate a life well lived and know that he is in a better place having done his job on Earth well. Great to have you back in town and sorry for your loss.

Matthew E Lee - November 16, 2017 at 09:55 AM

RC

“ Thoughts and prayers to friends and family of Clinton. Rick sends condolences to son Clint and family. Lois has memories of Clinton's volunteer service with American Red Cross. I remember his many stories of his service in the military. He was always a joy to have at the blood drives. Thank you for your service Clinton. Rest in peace.

Rick Kaczmarek & Lois Camper - November 16, 2017 at 09:53 AM

MR

“ To the entire Longenecker family, and particularly Mrs. Rita Longenecker, I express my sincere condolences on the passing of Mr. Longenecker. It's a consolation that you were all present to witness his passing and support him in his crossing over. He had a good long ride, he made a lasting impact, and he will be missed. With love and prayers,
--Michelle

Michelle Rutkowski - November 14, 2017 at 09:19 PM

PS

“ Remembering all the good times at Blessed Sacrament with Clint and Rita. Love and Prayers Pat Selmek

Pat Selmek - November 14, 2017 at 09:14 PM

SB

“ Please know of my prayers and the prayers of ALL the SND Sisters on the death of Mr. Longenecker.
Special prayers and greetings especially to his son and grandson, Dr. Clinton L. III and Clinton IV.
Both are superb tributes to their father and grandfather.

Sister Celine Bundschuh - November 14, 2017 at 01:16 PM

MS

“ Clint and family,
Hoping that your family memories of your dad will help you through your loss.
Sincerely,
Mark and Eileen

Mark and Eileen Schreiner - November 14, 2017 at 11:30 AM

RS

“ my condolences ralph was a great guy I am a removed east sider always. he was always friendly, kind, helpful and I considered him a friend even though he was older. I am 76 and owned stoll's rexall drug store. thank you ron

ron sondergeld - November 14, 2017 at 10:40 AM

AM

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. My father talked about him like second father. You all have my thoughts and prayers.

Andrew Missler - November 14, 2017 at 08:09 AM

JR

“ Thinking of the Longenecker Family at this difficult time. Please accept my sympathy.

Jerilyn Hartman Rhodes - November 14, 2017 at 08:08 AM