



Allen B. Pannell

February 5, 1930 - May 31, 2021

ALLEN BURTON PANNELL

A 48 year resident of Audubon, PA, Allen B. Pannell, 91, died on May 31, 2021 at Dock Woods, Landsdale, PA. Born in Summit, NJ, Feb. 5, 1930, he was the son of the late Ronald and Elizabeth (Burton) Pannell. He was educated at Ridgewood (NJ) High School, Gettysburg College and Fairleigh Dickinson University.

At Gettysburg College, Allen was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, serving as the Chapter President. He was elected to the National Society of Scabbard and Blade while a Cadet Major in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. He completed Reserve Officer Training at Fort Meade, Maryland in 1950.

A veteran of the Korean War, Allen served in the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, 3rd Battalion Headquarters, 21st Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. Although not an officer, his piano playing skills gave him entrance to the Officers Club. In 1953, he was evacuated from the Koje-do prison camp to the Valley Forge Army Hospital at Phoenixville, PA. He was awarded the United Nations Medal, the Republic of Korea Meritorious Unit Citation, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Korean Service Medal with The Bronze Battle Star.

From 1957 to 1969, Allen was an executive with the Boy Scouts of America. He was the Director of Education, Valley Forge Council and created the Fawn Run Outpost Camp at Resica Falls in the Poconos, serving as its first director. He developed the McLean Training Center at Delmont, Green Lane, PA. In 1966, he was named a Professional Training Fellow, by the National Council BSA.

In 1969, Allen became Campaign Director for United Community Services of Bucks County, Inc. For 26 years, he held United Way positions in Philadelphia and the region. From 1992 to 1994, he chaired the Professional Advisory Committee of the Associated United Ways of Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In 1995, he retired as President and CEO of the United Way of Chester County. During his United Way tenure, the annual campaigns with which he was affiliated produced over 330 million dollars for human health and social service programs.

A Rotarian and a member of Upper Darby, Fairless Hills, Norristown and Phoenixville Clubs, Allen was Vice President of the Norristown Club in 1979-80, and President of the Phoenixville Club in 1990-91. He and his wife, Tina, were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows in 1990 by Rotary International.

An Elder and Deacon at the Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, he was the local chair of the National Presbyterian Fifty Million Fund and manager of the Church In The Nineties Capital Campaign. With his wife, he co-directed Vacation Bible School, the Golden Age Program and Couples Club.

A semi-professional, Allen performed as "Burnell The Magician, The Man Who Makes Time Fly". He was a member of the American Society of Magicians and in 1991 was inducted into the Order of Merlin by the late Harry Blackstone, Jr. at the Baltimore Convention of the International Brotherhood of

Magicians. He presented his act in Europe, the Far East, Canada and throughout the United States.

In retirement, Allen kept busy. First he served as Court Crier for the Hon. Judge William T. Nicholas in the Court of Common Pleas, Montgomery County Court House. And later, when Judge Nicholas retired, he moved to the court of the Hon. Judge Carolyn Carluccio until 2013. In addition, he created and sold what he called MocoLotives, small railroad engines made from bits and pieces of metal he found on the ground as he walked. He had much success at craft fairs and was finally validated as an artist.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Tina Hempenius Pannell; four daughters, Cornelia Pannell of King of Prussia, Elizabeth Pannell of King of Prussia, Katherine Pannell and her husband David Reavy of Larchmont, NY, and Ellen Pannell of Philadelphia; seven grandchildren, Vincent, Gerrit, Grace and Marcel Roscioli of Philadelphia and Quinn, Cornelius, and Ellen Reavy of Larchmont; a brother, Glenn S. Pannell, Sr. and his wife Constance of Fort Worth, TX; two nephews and three nieces.

On September 25th there will be a memorial service at Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, 3050 West Ridge Pike, Norristown, PA. Visiting hour will start at 10 am followed by an 11 am service and luncheon for those who wish to stay.

Memorial contributions may be made to either Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, 3050 West Ridge Pike, Norristown, PA 19403 or to The Living Branches Benevolent Care Fund at <https://livingbranches.org/donate/>.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lower Providence Presbyterian Church
3050 West Ridge Pike
Eagleville, PA 19403

Memorial Service

SEP **25.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Allen B. Pannell.*



September 20, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ *Nancy and Aftab Shaikh purchased the Cherished Memories for the family of Allen B. Pannell.*



Nancy and Aftab Shaikh - September 20, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ *Ellen C Pannell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathephyllum for the family of Allen B. Pannell.*



Ellen C Pannell - September 14, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ *Ellen C Pannell purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Allen B. Pannell.*



Ellen C Pannell - September 14, 2021 at 03:51 PM

DV

“ *Beste vriendin Tina voor ons Tiet, kinderen en kleinkinderen,*

Onlangs hoorden wij van Bertus en Dieneke dat Allen was overleden. Langs deze, voor ons wat onbekende, weg willen wij jullie van harte condoleren met het verlies van een man, vader en grootvader. Iemand die zoveel jaren jullie leven deelde.

Sterkte deze en de komende dagen. Van Bertus kregen we dit weekeinde deze obituary, zodat ook wok kennis zouden kunnen nemen van hetgeen Allen tijdens zijn lange leven heeft ondernomen voor zijn gezin en de maatschappij. Een indrukwekkende lijst. Wij bewaren nog zulke goede herinneringen aan onze twee bezoeken aan Audubon en jullie bezoek aan Hurdegaryp kort na de geboorte van onze zoon. Hoe gaat het met jullie allemaal? Hoe ouder je wordt hoe meer je op je gezondheid gaat letten.

Wij zijn gelukkig nog goed gezond en onze zoon en schoondochter in Amsterdam maken het ook goed.

Wij wensen jou en de overige gezinsleden goede en gezonde jaren toe.

Met onze hartelijke groeten,

Douwe en Yt de Vries - Dijkstra

douwe de vries - August 09, 2021 at 05:44 PM

EP

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Ellen Pannell - July 15, 2021 at 10:03 PM

FC

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Allen even for just a short time. I have never met a more gentle and interesting man. We became friends right away. And yes I enjoyed his slight of hand tricks. But his real magic was the way he treated me and others. The way he carried himself. A descent man, he was.

Franny Cappelletti - July 13, 2021 at 06:43 PM

RF

“ Allen was a good friend from Gettysburg College. He was a Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity brother and an An-Teke. He will be remember for pulling coins from our ears and the little red sponge balls he carried in his pocket. Always very cheerful and supportive. YITB, Ron Fink. '58

Ron Fink - July 13, 2021 at 11:56 AM

FC

“ I had the privilege of working with Allen for several years when he served as a crier for Judge Carluccio. Allen added a little bit of magic to each workday. He always had a twinkle in his eye and a witty story to share, and seemed happiest when speaking about his family. Please find peace in the extraordinary life that Allen lead.

*Sincerely,
Francesca Conroy*

Francesca Conroy - June 29, 2021 at 09:49 AM

Betty Pannell

“ *Mother's Day 2021. The last picture taken of Dad.*



Betty Pannell - June 19, 2021 at 02:35 PM

KP

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Katherine H Pannell - June 15, 2021 at 11:04 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*

Katherine Pannell - June 14, 2021 at 01:24 PM

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Katherine Pannell - June 14, 2021 at 11:00 AM

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Feb 2014, Dockwoods

Katherine Pannell - June 14, 2021 at 12:06 PM

CL

“ I will surely miss hearing “Car-o-line”. Always enjoyed his magic shows no matter what age I was. Sending love and hugs to all . You are in my thoughts.

Carolyn Lotter

Carolyn Lotter - June 11, 2021 at 07:47 PM

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“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Ellen Pannell (Philadellen) - June 07, 2021 at 06:03 AM

SW

“ We are thinking of Tina, Betty, Corey, Ellen, Katherine, and all of The Pannells and send our love and condolences. Thank you for posting the photos and the wonderful Burnell the Magician video and we will check back to see if more are added in the “Media” tab. Hope that happy memories of Allen will bring you comfort and cheer. Such a life well lived and he was loved by so many. Hugs all around from Cousin Sally (Burton) & Allan Walton in Seattle.

Sally Walton - June 06, 2021 at 01:03 PM

SW

Corry—spellchecker got me— sorry

Sally Walton - June 06, 2021 at 01:04 PM

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Ellen Reavy - June 05, 2021 at 03:13 PM

FC

“ To the Pannell family. My name is Franny Cappelletti. I work for Judge Carolyn Carluccio. I first met Allen about 15 years ago. In that short time I come TO know this extraordinary man. Very kind, interesting and wonderful man. We got along right off the bat. He will always be one of the few men that I will forever hold in high esteem. The world needs men like Allen. My heart felt sympathy goes out TO you all. I will keep him in my prayers. Yours truly, Franny Cappelletti

Franny Cappelletti - June 05, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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Ellen Pannell (Philadellen) - June 04, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Allen B. Pannell.



June 04, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ Resta Detwler lit a candle in memory of Allen B. Pannell



Resta Detwler - June 04, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ Allen was my only Uncle, and a wonderful one at that! He could be counted on to perform his magic tricks every year at the family's Thanksgiving gathering.

I will miss his cherry demeanor and his long, thoughtful letters. My thoughts are with the entire ABP family.

Ellen C. Pannell (the Texas Ellen)

Ellen Pannell - June 04, 2021 at 12:47 PM

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Katherine H Pannell - June 04, 2021 at 12:14 PM

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Katherine H Pannell - June 04, 2021 at 11:55 AM