



Elson Lucian Clayton

June 6, 1917 - May 13, 2020

Elson Lucian Clayton,

102 years old, passed away peacefully at his home May 13, 2020. He was born June 6, 1917. Elson was married for 70 years to Nellie Fern (Walters) and was a devoted husband, father of five, grandfather (10) and great-grandfather (13). His lifespan has included two pandemics.

Elson graduated from Indiana University in 1939, and taught Commercial classes at Booneville High School from 1939-1940. He obtained his Masters of Science degree in 1941 and went to work for Indiana Bell Telephone Company as an auditor for three years. On June 6, 1944 (D Day and his birthday), he joined the Internal Revenue Service and served as an internal revenue agent auditing businesses for 33 years, retiring in 1977. He served as an active elder for the Fountain Square Church of Christ in Indianapolis, Indiana for over 50 years. Elson was recognized for 70 years of membership in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He loved gardening and was known for his home-grown tomatoes.

Elson was preceded in death by his wife, Nellie Fern (Walters); father, Thomas Perry Clayton; his mother, Mary Blanche Clayton; his brother, Eugene Emil Clayton; his sister, Lois Evelyn Anderson; his granddaughter, Anne Elizabeth Clayton; and his grandson, Jeremy John Clayton. Elson is survived by his children, Carolyn (David) McVicker (Winter Haven, FL), John (Yvonne) (Cicero, IN), Robert (Ruth Ann) (Noblesville, IN) Richard (Indianapolis, IN) and Linda Snodgrass (Indianapolis, IN). He was blessed

with the following grandchildren, Theresa (Lamar) Spann (Umatilla, FL), Joshua (Nikki) Clayton (Indianapolis), Jeremy Clayton (Cicero, IN) deceased, Anne Elizabeth Clayton (deceased), Ross (Anne) Clayton (Zionsville, IN), Amy (Aaron) Rickleff (Indianapolis, IN), Brett (Aubrey) Clayton (Westfield, IN), John (Stephanie) Snodgrass (Plainwell, MI), Jeffrey Snodgrass and Stephen Snodgrass (Indianapolis). There are 13 great-grandchildren, Emily Grace Mason (Gainesville, FL), Sophia and Briar Clayton (Zionsville, IN), Samuel, Mac, Bennett and Oliver Clayton (Zionsville, IN), Caroline and June Rickleff (Indianapolis, IN), and Roman, Atticus and Saige Clayton (Westfield, IN) and Amelia Ann Snodgrass (Plainwell, MI). The family wishes to express their appreciation to both Richard Clayton (son and caregiver) and Bonnie Smith (Kendrid Hospice) for their hours of devotion and care for Dad.

Visitation will be Monday, May 18, 2020 from 12 noon until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel. Burial will follow at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Greenwood, IN.

If desired, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Elson's name to Fountain Square Church of Christ and/or a charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Mount Pleasant Cemetery

734 N. Morgantown Rd.
Greenwood, IN 46142

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel
3333 E. Thompson Road
Indianapolis, IN 46227
(317) 783-3315
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Funeral Service

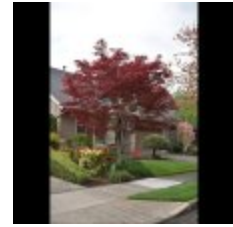
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Shirley Fraser and Julie Johnson and family purchased the Red Leaf Japanese Maple for the family of Elson Lucian Clayton.*



Shirley Fraser and Julie Johnson and family - May 31, 2020
at 01:29 PM

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“ *Growing up with Aunt Fern and Uncle Elson was amazing. Two wonderful people and so many good memories. We are so sad and want to wish his family our condolences. Love Dick and Georganna.*

Scott Morrison - May 19, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - May 19, 2020 at 01:13 PM

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“ *What can be said, but, a life well lived. His obituary was a nice tribute, to his life well lived. Absolutely amazing, that, Elson almost made it to his 103rd birthday. I would have loved, to have come, to the funeral home, for visitation or better, yet, attended his funeral, however, I am still social distancing. So very sorry, for not attending. It was special when, I learned, your mom and dad had grown up, in Sullivan County, the same county, where, I grew up and they too, were now here, in the big city of Indianapolis. Special people!! Not easy, to say good-by, especially, when, it is the last parent.*

Becky Zielinski - May 18, 2020 at 04:27 PM

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“ *I have so many stories!! Fern was one of my best friends and I know she welcomed you home! You two both lived long beautiful lives! My favorite memory is of you and my grandpa William Perdue picking and eating tomatoes from your garden! I remember going to an anniversary party for you and Fern. You were both so kind and sweet! You will be truly missed! Hi Carolyn!*

*Jennifer Baker Wagner
305 N Chestnut Street
Monrovia, IN 46157*

Jen Wagner - May 17, 2020 at 08:33 PM

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“ *We shared many fond memories with Aunt Fernie and uncle Uncle Elson. They we so loved, caring, and fun. Much love to their beautiful family*

*Karen and Denny Grant
27260 N 125 th Drive
Peoria AZ. 85383*

Karen Grant - May 17, 2020 at 07:23 PM