

Butler Jeremiah Shaffer

August 7, 1924 - November 24, 2018

Butler Jeremiah Shaffer (Jere) passed away peacefully on November 24, 2018 at Dublin Methodist Hospital at the age of 94. He is preceded in death by his parents Harry and Anne Shaffer, brother Harry Jr., sister Jane Hendrickson and his beloved Wife of 62 years, Margaret Mary. He is survived by his loving children, Jeremy (Pam), David, Margy (Everett), and Wesley (Lana). Dearest Grandfather of Donald Jeremiah (DJ), Aaron and Colin. Jere was orphaned at age 13 and lived in many foster homes and orphanages throughout his formative years. He volunteered for WWII and enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Through hard work and dedication, he was promoted to Captain as a Test Pilot for the XB-32 and commanded a flight crew during the rest of the war. After his service to his country Jere's entrepreneurial spirit took off. He started many successful businesses - including: crop-dusting, authoring and publishing one of the Midwest's first sporting magazine along with many other successful sales ventures. Jere ultimately landed in the plate glass business – which would be his focus for the remainder of his career. Jere created and lead many successful glass fabrication businesses in his lifetime. Jere was a visionary leader in the glass fabrication industry. Jere is credited with revolutionizing the process of mass producing entryway, decorative and stained-glass windows in the United States. Jere always believed people were good at heart and deserved a second chance. He always tried to employ people that needed this second chance. Although he often worked up to 18 hours a day, he made it a priority to spend quality time with his family. He was

an active Mason and a big supporter of orphaned and foster children contributing his time and devotion to the United Methodist Children's Home in Worthington. Jere's hobbies were flying his plane, snow skiing, fishing, hunting and Ohio State Football; all of which he enjoyed with his family. After his successful business career, Jere and Marge retired to the coast of North Carolina where they enjoyed spending time together exploring or just relaxing on the beach. Jere and Marge always welcomed family and friends to visit their nirvana in NC. Jere Shaffer was the genuine article as a family man, business leader and a friend to all. Jere will be greatly missed by his family and everyone who had the great fortune of knowing him. Jere will be reunited with the love of his life – Marge in heaven. May he rest in peace. A private family gathering will be held at a later date. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com

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“ *Butler Jeremiah Shaffer*

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“ Dear Shaffer Family: You are all in the entire First Family thoughts and prayers. If there is anything I or we can do, please let us know.

I feel the need to share some memories of your Father and Mother, and hope this brings some comfort. You all know how close our Families were living on Candlewood. Our Fathers were like brothers, and Mothers like sisters. Dad would ride off on his bike to visit Jere and they would laugh and argue and plan and pretty soon a party would break out, or Dad would come home mad at the stubbornness of his brother. We all tailgated, 4th of July partied, backyard movies, cook outs and played sports together. Your Dad would chart our football games, and share his insights with us. He always led the score and attendance pool.

I also worked for your Father (and David) at the Glass Factory in Hilliard - 2nd shift while going to OSU. He was a true innovator in bringing back the making of leaded glass, beveled glass, and invented "glue" glass. He was always interested in what I was learning.

I remember you father being one of the first to jog. He would go for his run first thing in the morning, sometimes with Taccy in his jetstream.

Dad would tell us some of what he and Jere went through on their annual ski and summer trips to Michigan. He loved to tell how Jere flew him up one year and got lost with a thunderstorm approaching. He swears Jere did it just to make him mad and scared, and then found his bearings just in time.

In the later life of both of our parents, your parents would always visit us during our family vacation on Bogues Banks. Jere and Dad would get revved up, and Marge and Mom would laugh in their distinctive laugh, and try to settle them down.

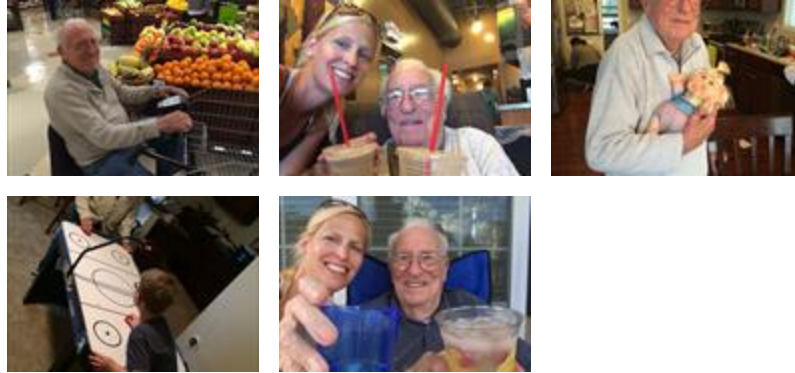
What I remember most is how much they all laughed together. Jere

loved life, lived a responsible life, and was always willing to share with all of us. I would like to think there is a little Jere in all of us.

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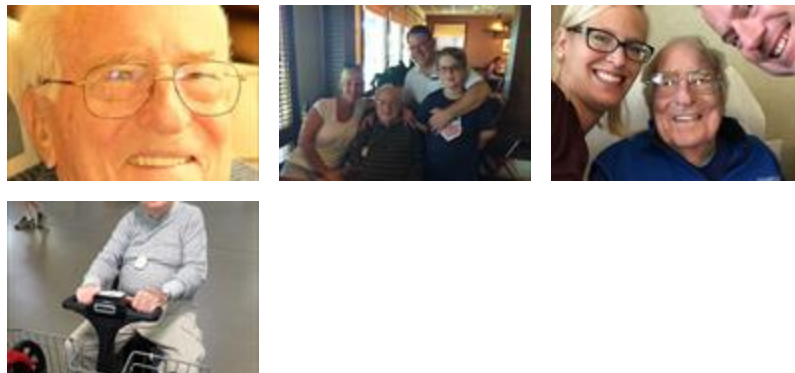
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