



Raymond W. Cromer

February 15, 1923 - March 6, 2015

CROMER RAYMOND W.

Age 92, of Mt. Lebanon on Friday, March 6, 2015 went home to be with the Lord Jesus, and to rejoin his wife of over fifty-five years, the late Marybelle (Kenny) Cromer; devoted father of Raymond, Jr. (Katherine) of Waxhaw, NC, Anne (John) of Montgomery Village, MD, Mark of Mt. Lebanon, Mary (Treve) of San Jose, CA, David (Cheryl) of Mt. Prospect, IL, and Nanette (Jim) of Ingomar, PA; brother-in-law of Eileen Cromer; also survived by 16 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Mr. Cromer was born on February 15, 1923 of immigrant parents from Alsace, France, Eugene and Anna Cromer. He graduated from Carrick High School, and entered the University of Pittsburgh where he earned a BA in 1944, LLB in 1949, M. Litt in 1949 and a JD in 1949. Mr. Cromer was appointed to Officer Candidate School and went on active duty in World War II as a US Army infantryman in March of 1944. In April of 1945, he and three comrades were captured by Nazi SS Troops near the village of Schmidtstadt, Germany. In a masterful and persuasive communication exercise which would portend his highly successful law career, Mr. Cromer talked the German commander into releasing him and his fellow prisoners after only 36 hours in captivity. After returning home from the war he worked his way through Pitt Law School and married the former Marybelle Kenny from West Bend, Wisconsin. Mr. Cromer enjoyed a fulfilling and distinguished fifty-six year law career, which included admission to both the Pennsylvania and United States Supreme Court. His

heart for his fellow man, especially those less fortunate than he, lead to his providing abundant legal and litigation services to many clients who were not in the position to secure a high level of representation. He was honored by the Allegheny County Bar Association for 50 years in the practice of law and continued working until the age of 85. During his life, he and Marybelle enjoyed extensive domestic and international travel including many visits to France and their homes in Grand Case, St. Martin and Jupiter , FL. His primary passions in life were God, family and country, as well as Pitt Panther and Pittsburgh Steeler football and photography. Family plans no viewing. A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, March 21, 2015, at 11 o'clock at Church of the Epiphany, 184 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, PA at 11:00. Public parking is available across the street. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements by Simons Funeral Home

"Rayquiem"

When the sun goes below the horizon he is not set; the heavens glow for a full hour after his departure. And when a great and good man sets, the sky of this world is luminous long after he is out of sight. Such a man cannot die out of this world. When he goes he leaves behind him much of himself. Being dead, he speaks. Henry Ward Beecher

Cemetery Details

Queen of Heaven

2900 Washington Rd
Canonsburg, PA 15317

Previous Events

Church Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Church of the Epiphany
184 Washington Place,
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Tribute Wall

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“ Growing up with my best friend Anne was special in too many ways to count but one of the very best parts was that I had Mr. Cromer as a second Dad!! He was always so happy to see me, made me feel so welcome and loved and part of their family. (and believe me I practically lived there). He was so warm, funny and vivacious as well as kind and generous he made everyone feel special. The truth is that Mr. Cromer was the SPECIAL one and always will be....
Forever in my heart. Jeanne Ellen Day Seibert

Jeanne Day Seibert - March 18, 2015 at 07:13 PM

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“ I remember the tender "first" dance you had with him at your wedding. He was so very proud of you! You were delighted to be with him, too. It was a sweet memory for everyone.
I will be praying for him, you, and your family at this time.

Cheryl - March 13, 2015 at 09:04 AM