



Seymour Ellenhorn

April 24, 1924 - December 27, 2020

Seymour Ellenhorn of Chestertown, MD, passed away on December 27, 2020, at Heron Point of Chestertown. He was 96.

Mr. Ellenhorn was born on April 24, 1924, in Brooklyn, NY, the son of the late Carl and Ida Semelmacher Ellenhorn.

Mr. Ellenhorn was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He graduated the Manhattan High School of Aviation Trades in 1943. His military education included Airplane Armorer in Buckley Field and Lowery Field, CO, as well as Arterial Gunnery in Laredo, TX. He went on to serve as a gunner for the 464th Bombardment Group, U.S. Army Air Corps in Italy from 1943-1945. He received two Air Force Technical School diplomas: one in Aircraft Armorer (Bombardment) on August 31, 1943, and another in Aircraft Cannon on September 4, 1943. He completed training at the 213th Combat Crew Training Station, in Mountain Home Airfield, Mountain Home, Idaho, in 1944.

Mr. Ellenhorn received the Purple Heart Award on the 30th of December 1944. He made his mid-winter plunge in the sea when the 15th AAF Liberator ran out of gas returning from a mission deep in enemy territory. "Weather has held up the formation, and finally we had to bomb a secondary target," said Ellenhorn, "but for some reason or another we were burning gas at a rapid rate. We were half-way across the Adriatic heading home when the engine

started to miss.” With the Italian coast 30 miles away and the gauges dropping to empty, a convoy was sighted. The Liberator dropped from the formation and started heading for a water landing. “The pilot put it up to us,” said Ellenhorn, parachute or ride the plane down. There wasn’t anything that the gunners could do except pray and a B-24 doesn’t even look like a duck, so we bailed.” Just before he hit the water, Ellenhorn slipped out of his harness and inflated his Mae West. “I bounced around in the drink for about 25 minutes,” continued Ellenhorn, “before a British Escort vessel nosed in to pick us up and by that time I was colder than a Flatbush Avenue loan shark’s heart I was shaking more than a couple of jitterbugs at Roseland.”

After his service, he worked as a Gunsmith in Manhattan for over 40 years before retiring in 1987 and moving to Chestertown, MD in 1990.

Mr. Ellenhorn is survived by two sons, Eric Ellenhorn and Cory (Beverly) Ellenhorn, as well as three grandchildren, Amy, Zachary, and Zoe Ellenhorn.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mr. Ellenhorn’s name to the Wounded Warriors Project. <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>.

A graveside service will be held in Shrewsbury Cemetery in Kennedyville, MD, on Sunday, January 10, 2020, at 1:00 pm.

Cemetery Details

Shrewsbury Cemetery

Kennedyville, MD

Previous Events

Graveside Service

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Shrewsbury Cemetery
Kennedyville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Seymour Ellenhorn*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 10, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Seymour Ellenhorn*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 31, 2020 at 12:10 PM

DS

Beautiful

Diane H. Smith - January 05, 2021 at 07:58 AM



“ *Seymour Ellenhorn*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Seymour Ellenhorn

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Seymour Ellenhorn

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 11, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ Used to love seeing him and Carol walking up and down High Street. He loved to give me a hard time and I loved to give it back to him, during those walks past my office. I just loved his sense o humor! One of the first times I visited Sy at his home on High Street I noticed he took 2 steps at a time as he went up the stairs. I commented and asked him how old he was. He said he was 89 and getting ready to turn 90 in a few months. Amazing! Doug Ashley

Doug Ashley - January 05, 2021 at 04:07 PM

LD

“ *Linda Dawson lit a candle in memory of Seymour Ellenhorn*



Linda Dawson - January 05, 2021 at 02:04 PM

DS

“ *Diane H. Smith lit a candle in memory of Seymour Ellenhorn*



Diane H. Smith - January 05, 2021 at 08:00 AM

SO

“ *Sy you are the most colorful of friends, always kind, funny, and a tough negotiator. I have always been inspired by your love of life & pursuit of adventures and your interest in trying new things. I loved sailing with you (even though I do not like being on boats so much) eating Joannie`s delicious crab cakes & and always trying to keep up when ever we walked together .*

We had many a wonderful phone call over the years, those I will miss the most .

I will miss you Sy, my dear friend.

Sonny Olin

Sam Olin - January 04, 2021 at 05:41 PM

SO

“ *Sam Olin lit a candle in memory of Seymour Ellenhorn*



Sam Olin - January 04, 2021 at 05:03 PM

LS

“ *Lawrence Schelts lit a candle in memory of Seymour Ellenhorn*



lawrence schelts - January 04, 2021 at 04:43 PM

CE

“ *To my Dad...you taught me so much. We traveled the world together and we had many quite moments together. We also had a lot of beer and crabs together. You even tried to teach me how to enjoy a good cigar...oh well. You taught me the importance of honesty, integrity, and humor. And, by the way, not everyone got your particular brand of humor. You would never criticize, only encourage, and accept. I am especially going to miss our monthly dinners at The Jetty which you always ended by asking, “when am I going to see your ugly face again?”. Most importantly, we both knew we could always count on each other to be there for each other. You can now rest in peace...your loving son, Cory*

Cory Ellenhorn - January 02, 2021 at 05:00 PM

IM

It was nice chatting with you today especially since your the other son I never knew about. It's a good thing my mom didn't know your dad otherwise we could have been brothers!!! Just kidding!! Good luck. Wish you the best and hope you have your fathers lengentiv

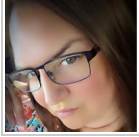
ira moskovitz - January 04, 2021 at 03:08 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 02, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *My one and only Sy Guy,
Where to even begin... you were an amazing man... ornery but
amazing. I am thankful for the time I was able to spend with you,
learn from you, and of course laugh and even cry with you. I have
so many great memories over the past few years that I spent with
you. I'm sure I am the only person who has ever been fired multiple
times in one day but told I better be there the next morning. Those
video calls all hours day and night... what I would do to still receive
them. I will miss our lunch dates and of course our dinner dates.
The outings with you and Ramsey. The phone calls with Roy and of
course Carol. Will never forget the apple pie we made. Sy guy you
are deeply missed and will always hold a special place in my heart.
Thanks for your service to our country!!
Love you always,
Dawn*

Dawn Pipozar - January 01, 2021 at 10:59 PM

TB

“ *Thelma Bright lit a candle in memory of
Seymour Ellenhorn*



Thelma Bright - January 01, 2021 at 03:44 PM

TB

*I enjoyed meeting Sy and shared walks around the river. He had a
quick wit and was fun to be with.*

Thelma Bright - January 01, 2021 at 03:46 PM

SJ

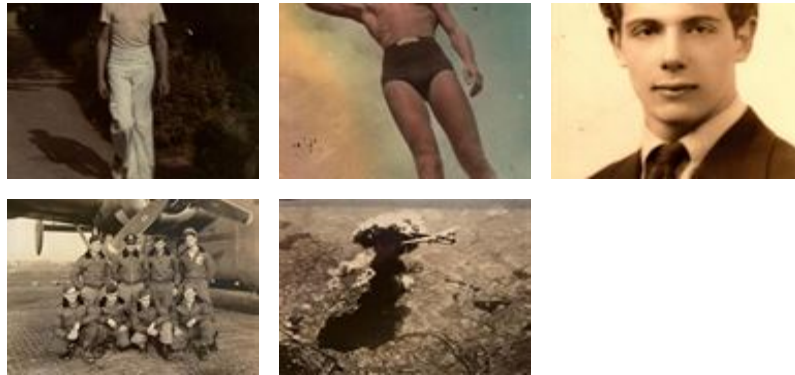
“ *Suzanne Jackson lit a candle in memory of Seymour Ellenhorn*



Suzanne Jackson - December 31, 2020 at 01:18 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 31, 2020 at 12:11 PM

MH

“ *Sy and I were neighbors for a couple of years and I always enjoyed his company. He had a special way of always making me smile. He will be missed. Thank you for such great memories!*

Melinda Hill - December 31, 2020 at 11:10 AM

RK

“ Sy was one of my very best friends. He was wise, charming, caring, very witty/quick, etc., etc. We were both in the military and shared stories, both funny and otherwise, we hadn't shared with others. Although I'm very sad he's gone, I feel blessed for the years I had with him.

He was more like a father to me than my own. Many of our conversations centered around his son, Cory, whom he loved very much and of whom he was very proud.

He was also a mentor to me, and in addition to being a great friend and confidant, was more like a father to me than my own.

God bless you Sy, and God bless the America which you loved so much!

Roy Kirby - December 31, 2020 at 08:57 AM



“ Sharon Crew lit a candle in memory of Seymour Ellenhorn



Sharon Crew - December 30, 2020 at 01:54 PM