

Elmer Jay Wrightstone (1890 - 1966)

Elmer Jay Wrightstone was born June 1st 1890 to Jonathan Wrightstone and Sarah Fortney in Siddonsburg, Monaghan Township York County Pennsylvania. ¹ When Elmer was 19 years old he married 17 year old Bertha E. Stoner on November 10th 1908 in Lemoyne Cumberland County Pennsylvania. Bertha was born July 11th 1892 ² to J. S. and Elizabeth R. Stoner. ³

Elmer and Bertha began living on State Street East Pennsboro Cumberland County Pennsylvania from 1909 to 1920.

In 1910 Elmer was a Car Inspector in the Enola Railroad Yard, East Pennsboro, Cumberland County Pennsylvania, and in 1917 he was a Crane Operator in 1917 for the Central Iron and Steel, Harrisburg Pennsylvania. By 1920 Elmer was a Hoisting Engineer for a Construction Company in East Pennsboro.

Elmer and his young family lived at 33 State Road East Pennsboro Cumberland County Pennsylvania. His sister-in-law, Mary Stoner lived with the family, and they all lived next door to Elmer's parents, and his sister Zedna Wrightstone-Comalla.

By 1930 Elmer and Bertha got a divorce, and Elmer was living in Philadelphia working as a salesman for a dry goods store with Minnie Blake. Bertha began living in the Hummelstown area of Dauphin County Pennsylvania. Elmer and Berth's children, Charles, Clarence, Marlin, and Dorothy, were living with their grandparents, Jonathan and Sarah Wrightstone, at 630 State Street Lemoyne Cumberland County Pennsylvania.

In 1940 Bertha, Isabelle, and Francis were living by themselves at East Second Street in Hummelstown Dauphin County Pennsylvania. Bertha indicated she was divorced, and Elmer was living in Philadelphia.

By 1940 Elmer was remarried to Mary Evelyn Booser, and living with her parents in the Penbrook area of Harrisburg Dauphin County Pennsylvania. By February 1942, when he applied for a copy of his birth certificate, he was working for the defense Department, and living at 1270 Washington Boulevard in Baltimore Maryland. ⁴ By April 1942, Elmer was a Truck Driver for A&B Fast Freight of Akron Ohio, and still living at 1270 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore Maryland.

Elmer died May 1966, while living at 21061 Glen Burnie, Anna Arundel Maryland. ⁵

Bertha M. Wrightstone-Stoner died at 95 years old, Saturday, December 26th 1987 in the Cumberland County Nursing Home, Middlesex Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania, Surviving are four daughters, Mildred Stouffer of Harrisburg, Dorothy Seiders of Hummelstown, Isabelle McCurdy of Hershey and Frances Wrightstone of Shiremanstown; two brothers, Calvin Stoner of Camp Hill and Paul Stoner of Carlisle; two sisters, Ruth Frantz of Mechanicsburg and Dorothy Thorne of Carlisle; 18 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and 36 great-great-grandchildren. ⁶

Elmer and Bertha Wrightstone's children:

- i. Charles R. Wrightstone was born May 1909 in East Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County Pennsylvania. He died prior to his mother's death in 1987.
- ii. Clarence E. Wrightstone was born to Elmer J. Wrightstone on September 28, 1910 in Lemoyne, East Pennsboro Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania. He died February 7th 1963, and is buried in Oberlin, Dauphin County Pennsylvania. He was a Marine in WWII. He married Edna E. Weisenferd on December 12th 1936 in Fredrick Maryland. Edna was born July 5th 1916 and died September 22nd 1990. Clarence E. and Edna E. Wrightstone's children:
 - a. Carl Eugene Wrightstone was born November 25th 1938. He died April 9th 1984. He was laid to rest in Oberlin, Dauphin County Pennsylvania. Carl married Patricia Kuzman in September 1965. She was born February 4th 1941 to Stephen Kuzman and Hazel Olinger. Carl Eugene and Patricia Wrightstone's Children:
 - 1st. Jeffery Allen Wrightstone was born October 18th 1966.
 - 2nd. Cheryl Lynn Wrightstone was born December 28th 1967
 - 3rd. Robert Carl Wrightstone was born August 30th 1970
 - b. Gary Lee (Chuck) Wrightstone was born May 9th 1940. He was in the U.S. Navy, and married Barbara Ann Carricato, December 31st 1974. Barbara was born February 4th 1932 to Michael Carricato and Mary Otzel, and died August 7th 2004.⁷
- iii. Marlin Edward Wrightstone was born August 12th 1912. He lived in Tampa Florida, where he died November 1967.⁸ He married Margaret I. Goodyear. Marlin and his wife were laid to rest in the Churchville cemetery, Oberlin Dauphin County Pennsylvania
- iv. Mildred J. Wrightstone was born 1915. When she was 17 years old in 1931, she married Earl Edward Stouffer.⁹ In 1930 Mildred and Earl were living with Earl's parents, and his brothers and widowed sister-in-law at 510 North Street Harrisburg Dauphin County Pennsylvania. By 1940 they had four children.
 - a. Earl Edward Stouffer Jr. was born 1931. On his marriage application he identified Mildred as his mother. When he was 19 years old he married 19 year old Dorothy Joanne Wagner on September 2nd 1949 in Harrisburg Pennsylvania. Dorothy was born in 1930 to Fred Wagner and Miriam Shellenheger.¹⁰
 - b. Beverly J. Stouffer was born in 1932.
 - c. Jack L. Stouffer was born in 1933.
 - d. Joanne Stouffer was born in 1938.
- v. Dorothy Zeda Wrightstone was born June 13th 1916. She married Marlin C. Seiders of Hummelstown. Dorothy died April 5th 2005, and Marlin died August 25th 1969. They were both laid to rest in the Hillsdale Cemetery in Middletown Dauphin County Pennsylvania.¹¹
- vi. Isabelle M. Wrightstone was born August 12th 1919. Isabelle graduated in 1937 from the M. S. Hershey Junior and Senior High School in Hershey Dauphin County Pennsylvania. When she was 22 years old she married 22 year old Robert E. McCurdy on December 25th 1941 in Palmyra, Lebanon County Pennsylvania. Robert was born April 13th 1919 to Allen McCurdy and Sarah Stroh in Hummelstown Pennsylvania.¹²

The family lived in Palmyra Lebanon County Pennsylvania. Robert was a WWII U.S. Army veteran, and retired from Hershey Foods Corporation. He and Isabelle were members of Palmyra Church of the Brethren and the Palmyra Senior Citizens.

Isabelle died July 10th 1999, and Robert on July 21st 2013. They were both laid to rest in the Gravel Hill Cemetery, Palmyra Lebanon County Pennsylvania. ¹³

Isabelle and Robert McCurdy had three children.

- a. Allen D. (Lenny) McCurdy was born July 10th 1943, and died September 17th 1995.
- b. Randy E. McCurdy of Orwigsburg Schuylkill County Pennsylvania
- c. Connie M. Flood of Philadelphia.

- vii. Francis Elizabeth Wrightstone was born February 9th 1923 to Elmer J. Wrightstone and Bertha Stoner in Lemoyne Cumberland County Pennsylvania. Frances was 26 years old when she married 28 year old Walter Theodore Lightner on June 27th 1949 in Hummelstown, Dauphin County Pennsylvania. Walter was born 1921 to Joseph Lighter and Nancy Van Scoyoc. ¹⁴

Frances lived in Wormleysburg and Shiremanstown. She enlisted in the Air Force, and was employed as an electronic instrument and control repair technician, beginning her training at the Middletown Air Depot. She worked for the Middletown Air Service Command, Olmsted Air Force Base in Middletown, and Robins Air Force Base in Georgia. She also owned and operated two garages locally. In her free time, Frances used to enjoy roller skating, gardening, and had a fondness for animals and people-watching.

Frances died at 89 years old, Saturday, January 5th 2013 at the Cedar Haven Nursing Home in Lebanon, Lebanon County Pennsylvania, and was laid to rest January 10th at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, 4855 Londonderry Road, Harrisburg. ¹⁵

Elmer Wrightstone and Mary Booser children:

- viii. Ronald L. Wrightstone was born 1936. Ronald was 45 years old when he married 40 year old Constance R. Murphy on August 3rd 1981 in Orange County California. Constance was born 1941. ¹⁶
- ix. Richard E. Wrightstone was born June 26th 1939. He and his family have lived in York Haven York County Pennsylvania. ¹⁷ He married Charlotte C Wrightstone, and they have three children.
- a. Richard E. Wrightstone Jr.
 - b. Kimberly A Wrightstone
 - c. Shelley R Wrightstone

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- ¹ Elmer Jay Wrightstone Name, Birth Date, Parents, and Place of Birth: The information came from Elmer's application for a copy a certified copy of birth certificate, February 5th 1942, Clerk of Orphans' Court York County Pennsylvania, Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.
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