

Individual Report for Ralph Martin Appel Jr.

Individual Summary: **Ralph Martin Appel Jr.**

Sex: Male

Father: Ralph Martin Appel Sr.

Mother: Antoinette Wuthenow



Individual Facts:

Birth: 28 Jul 1913 in St. Louis, (city), Missouri

Residence: 1920 in St Louis Ward 22, St Louis (Independent City), Missouri

Residence: 1930 in St Louis, St Louis (Independent City), Missouri

Residence: Bet. 1936–1951 in 4455 A Elmbank Ave St. Louis Missouri

Military Service: Bet. 1941–1945 ; Deferment to install refrigeration equipment on military bases

Employment: Bet. 1947–1971 in St Louis, St Louis, Missouri, USA; Hussmann Distributing Company

Religion: Bet. 1951–1971 in Ferguson, St Louis, Missouri, USA; Ferguson Presbyterian Church

Residence: Bet. 1951–1971 in 3 Shireford Lane, Ferguson Missouri

Death: 25 Jul 1971 in St. Louis, (city), Missouri

Burial: Jennings, St. Louis County, Missouri, USA

Shared Facts:

Virginia Lee Pointer

Marriage: 26 Nov 1936 in St. Johns St. Louis County

Children: David Lee Appel Sr.
Robert Ralph Appel
Donald Martin Appel
Gary Allen Appel

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Person Notes: Ralph Martin Appel Jr. was born in St. Louis to Ralph Martin Appel Sr. and Antoinette Wuthernow Appel on 28 July 1913 living the early part of his life at 3007 North Taylor Avenue in St. Louis Missouri. He graduated from Beaumont High School in 1931.

In 1933 He attended the Century of Progress Worlds Fair in Chicago, Illinois. He drove to Chicago in a 1928 Chevy with his friends Harry Schulte and George

In the mid 30 he met his future wife Virginia Pointer when his friend Bob Lytle brought him to St. Louis county to meet a girlfriend of Virginia.

They were married on 26 November 1936 at one of Virginia's Aunts home in St. Johns. The first years of their marriage was spent in North St. Louis where they attended Cote Brilliant Presbyterian Church and live in a flat at 4455 A Elmbank. This was in the neighborhood of Ralph's boyhood home.

From 1936 until the birth of their first child in 1942 they travel often including trips to Cleveland in 1937 to see the Great L akes Exposition Fair, as well as Washington DC, New Orleans and the gulf coast

In 1950 they purchase a home in Ferguson which was to become the Appel home for the next 50 years. Over the years they had four sons David Lee, Robert Ralph, Donald Martin, and Gary Allen.

Ralph first worked as a service representative for Kaufman Box Lunch. Through his aunt and uncle Olga and Charles Campbell he was able to secure a job at the Husmann factory. At night and weekends he would work for Mr. Close at Husmann Distributing putting in locker plants and servicing

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equipment. During the war, Ralph was deferred to put in refrigeration equipment on service bases from Virginia Beach to Corpus Christie. In 1947, Ralph left the factory and went to work for the distributorship full time. Mr. Close later sold the controlling interest to the Grundlers. Ralph and Virginia bought 26.4% of the shares.

When not at work or raising four boys, Ralph was very active in the church and community. . Ralph was an Elder, Deacon and Trustee in the Ferguson Presbyterian Church and a member and scoutmaster for the Boys Scouts. He was active in the Indian Guides as both a member and Chief as well as many other civic and charitable organizations throughout his life.

In the 1950 the family began taking yearly trips to Panama City Beach Florida for many years staying at Seakove Inn. Ralph enjoyed his yearly day of deep sea fishing. In the Early 60 they also began yearly trips to Ghost Ranch in New Mexico to take seminars in archeology and paleontology. Ralph developed interest in both of these subjects.

He had a great interest in woodworking and carved his own totem for the pole in his Indian Guide Troup. He loved model trains, working in the yard and barbequing.. After seeing a tree house exhibit at Northland shopping center at the time of the release of the movie Swiss Family Robinson, he decided to build a tree house for his kids in the back yard. As there was no tree large enough, he decided to make some. This was the same time that they were widening Florissant road and cutting down some of the large old trees. He rescued four of them and sunk them in concrete in the yard. He then built the tree house and covered it with wood rescued from an old barn.

He contracted a rare disease in 1971 and passed away 25 July 1971. He is buried at Memorial Gardens in St. Louis County.