

Amadeo “Emery” Morelli Story

Born: April 14, 1912 Died: May 10, 1982

On April 14, 1912, (The day the Titanic sunk), in Green River, Utah, Caterina and Gaetano had their third son and fifth child Amadeo (Adam in Italian). Sometime along the way he changed his name or started going by Emery Morelli for the remainder of his life. He passed away on May 10, 1982 due to heart attack. Emery was an adorable young man, who at an early age, wanted to help people. He was always willing to help his mother around the house. While all of Emery’s siblings were playing outside by the river or hunting and fishing, young emery would be found cleaning the dishes while wearing his hat that looked like it had been “through the ringer” Emery wore his hat constantly to hide his gorgeous, black, curly hair that he happened to be ashamed of. Emery would be found aiding people for the rest of his life. He was genuinely concerned about everybody’s welfare for his entire life.

Emery stayed single for quite some time, as it was considered in those days. He worked on the family farm along with the rest of his siblings, but as Della recalls, he despised that type of work. He was always being poked fun of by his brothers because while they were outside working the farm. Emery would be found in the kitchen helping his sisters.

Emery graduated from high school with honors and earned a scholarship to play tennis for the University of Hawaii. Emery enjoyed college life very much and kept busy as a pre-med student. After three years at the University, Emery learned that his father had taken ill and returned home. After his father passed away, Emery took over the family farm while finishing his college degree at the University of Utah in psychology. Emery would be the only sibling to receive his Bachelor’s degree and would go on to earn his Master’s degree as well. Emery also earned his pilot’s license and flew small planes for entertainment.

Emery loved to travel. He was the only one of his siblings to travel as a young man. Before Emery passed away, he had traveled all over the world.

While in his late twenties and still single, Emery enlisted in the U.S. Airforce and was sectioned to the medical core in Brazil. It didn’t take long at all before his company realized Emery’s brilliance and assigned him a dual role that was to remain secret. Emery served as Sergeant of his company, having many duties and escorting very important dignitaries around the bases, such as Eleanor Roosevelt. This responsibility would prove enough for most to handle, but unbeknownst to most including his family, Emery also served as secret intelligence.

Now along the same time Emery was on the USO base, there was another amazing person serving as Assistant Director of the USO base in Natal, Brazil. This person’s name was Florence Bowe and not only was she gorgeous, but she was very learned and had many responsibilities on the base as well. Florence had entertained many that came on the base such as Walt Disney. One might say that due to her position, Florence had her pick from over 5,000 men.

Although the war was being fought in Europe, the purpose for a base in South America was needed due to the German’s laundering money from Argentina. Emery being in the secret intelligence

had been on an undercover assignment watching a certain German man, who happened to work in the same office as Miss Bowe. Florence caught on to this man and figured he was working as a spy. She reported him to her administrator and the man was to be fired. When Emery caught wind of this, he had to confide in Florence his undercover position and ask her to talk her administrator out of firing this man that they had been watching so closely. Florence then turned around and reported that she had been mistaken and Florence and Emery build a trust with each other.

Emery and Florence dated each other for awhile and then decided to marry on September 14, 1945. The young couple and their wedding party met in Miami Beach, Florida to be married in the chapel off the base, however there was a hurricane coming on this very day. When the party heard of this news, they were told they couldn't have the base. Knowing that some of the quests were already at the church, Emery knew they had to get there, so Emery pulled rank. He contacted the hospital and had three ambulances pick them up and rush them to the chapel. Upon arriving, the ambulances came to a halt and a group of people in tuxedos excited, and of course they were married.

Emery and Florence were married one year and on June 16, 1946, their beautiful daughter Carol Jean was born. Three years went by and in June of 1949 a baby boy David joined the family. Second son John added more joy on December 23, 1957.

The Morelli's moved back to Utah where Emery was employed by workforce services as a job counselor. He was one of the top three Administrators for the Department of Employment Security and came up with several programs, which are still in use today such as: "Work Incentive Program" and the "Man Power Project," Emery was a member of President's Council for Children and Youth in 1960, but his first love was the YMCA. Where he served on the Board of Directors. As a young boy, Emery was active in the YMCA and his father-in-law Mr. Bowe was over the YMCA program in Brazil.

While Emery worked as a job counselor, he directed many people in work and they were extremely grateful. Carol Jean recalls years later in 1982 when she and Ralph Morelli owned the novelty shop Anzio's, a customer came into the store and recognized the name Morelli. He told Carol Jean that he knew a Morelli, however Carol thought it was probably Uncle Carl or uncle Kenny, but it was Emery Morelli. Carol informed the man Emery was her father and the man proceeded to share that after the war, people would not hire disabled veterans for work. But Emery went to bat for the man and landed him a job at the Tooele Army Depot where he had worked for thirty years. People he helped still remembered Emery's service.

In 1967 and after moving residency several times, Emery spotted a house on South Temple that was part of an estate sale, selling for merely \$50,000. Emery bid, bought and fell in love with the house as most of us did. The Morelli's were hospitable family, offering their home to any in need. More often than not, they would be entertaining quests and Emery would always cook for them saying; "Mangia Mangia." The house was jokingly called the International Hotel of Salt Lake City." John and Carol Jean recalled a time when a German girl named Inga was staying with them along with her friends from Alaska, two kids from Egypt (YMCA) and a man from Ireland. Florence awoke and counted heads for breakfast when she spotted a man sleeping on the front lawn and invited him in also.

Emery was a great listener and as I have interviewed for this story, there always was mention made of Emery and Florence giving helpful advice and assistance to his family and friends. He chose to

volunteer his services in his spare time and this became one of his favorite hobbies, He became involved with the humanitarian organization "Choice" which was akin to the Peace Core on a smaller level. He helped build homes for doctors in various countries such as; Bolivia, Ecuador and Africa to name a few. In Kenya, Emery was honored with a home dedicated in his name. Emery received the prestige Governor's Cup, which is the volunteer of the year. Emery never dwelled on how many people he helped. He always remained humble.

Emery left behind his dear wife Florence, three children, five grandsons, one great grandson and a long-awaited granddaughter, Emery taught our family love and unity and served on the first family reunion committee with brothers Mike, Carl and cousin Marge. We miss our uncle Emery very much.



Emery

DAVID

Florence

Carol Jean

John

"Family Photo 1981"

Carl



Lillian

Henry

Kenny

Della

Emercy

Comment

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IN OUR OPINION . . .

Emery A. Morelli

Regardless of how much money he has, a man can be affluent in terms of the love and respect he earns through service to others. In those terms, Emery A. Morelli, who died this week of a heart attack at the age of 70, must have been a wealthy man.

Emery Morelli served at all levels in the Young Men's Christian Association, from local to international. He was instrumental in helping to choose Cairo as a sister city to Salt Lake City's YMCA, opening up close ties to the United States at a critical period in that country's history.

His international work for the YMCA took him to Brazil in 1971 in the seven-member delegation that participated in the first economic seminar between the United States and Brazil.

He was chairman of the Utah Committee on Children and Youth under both Gov. George D. Clyde and Gov. Calvin L. Rampton. And he was a delegate to the White House Conference on Children and Youth in 1960.

These tell only the superficial facts about Emery Morelli's life, however. They do not tell how this man, born of poor Italian immigrant parents in Green River, Utah, rose to a position of international influence.

Education was one key. He won a scholarship to the University of Hawaii, from which he graduated. Another key was his counseling job with the Utah Department of Employment Security.

But the real motivating power was his great love for others, no matter what their station in life, and his willingness to become involved in their lives. Even among those accustomed to volunteer work, Emery Morelli was outstandingly successful in motivating people toward their best performance. No wonder he was given the Governor's Service Carnation in 1980 for his community service.

The Deseret News adds its condolences to Mr. Morelli's family and his many friends on his passing.

STATE OF UTAH
CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

Certificate of Death *Emery A. Morelli*
May 10, 1982

JULY 24 1964

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LOCAL FILE NUMBER **18-1667**

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
STATE OF UTAH - DIVISION OF HEALTH

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STATE FILE NUMBER **32245**

75 DECEDENT PERSONAL DATA	1. NAME OF DECEDENT FIRST MIDDLE LAST EMERY A. MORELLI		2. SEX Male	3. RACE (White, Black, Am. Indian, etc.) White	4. DATE OF DEATH (Mo., Day, Year) May 10, 1982	
	5. WAS DECEDENT OF SPANISH ORIGIN? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, indicate type: Mexican Puerto Rican Cuban Other (If other, specify)		6. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Year) April 14, 1912	7. AGE (Last Birthday) 70 Yrs.	8. IF UNDER 1 year: Months Days IF UNDER 24 HOURS: Hours Minutes	
	9. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Utah	10. CITIZEN OF what country U.S.A.	11. EDUCATION—(Specify only highest grade completed) Elementary of Secondary (0-12) College (13-16 or 17+) 12 + 6	12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER Confidential		
	13a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired.) Sr. Program Director		13b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY State of Utah	14. NAME of surviving spouse (If wife, enter maiden name.) Florence Bowe		
15. NAME OF FATHER John Morelli			16. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Kathryn Ventura		17. Was decedent ever in U.S. Armed Forces? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
45 18 006 USUAL RESIDENCE 18-006-43	18a. USUAL RESIDENCE—(Street and number or location and zip code) 1309 East South Temple 84102					
	18b. CITY OR TOWN Salt Lake City	18c. COUNTY Salt Lake	18d. STATE Utah	19. NAME & MAILING ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Mrs. Florence Morelli 1309 Ea. South Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84102		
	20. PLACE OF DEATH NAME of hospital, nursing home or other institution where death occurred. (If outside an institution, give street address or location.) Holy Cross Hospital					
5016 MEDICAL EXAMINER OR PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION	21. MEDICAL EXAMINER: I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the death occurred at the hour, date and place stated above from the causes stated below based on examination of the body and/or investigation of the circumstances. 21a. Decedent was pronounced dead at: HOUR: DATE: 24 81					
	22. PHYSICIAN: I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the death occurred at the hour, date and place stated above from the causes stated below, that I attended the decedent, and I last saw the decedent alive on: month DAY YEAR 11 24 81		21b. PHYSICIAN OR MEDICAL EXAMINER SIGNATURE <i>John S. Marshall MD</i>		21c. TIME of death (24 hr. clock) 2056	
	23. If not certified by medical examiner, was death reported to him? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, enter the date and hour reported. (24 hour clock) HOUR: 1540 MO. 5 DAY 14 YEAR 82		21d. CERTIFIER'S name and title (Type or print) JOHN S. MARSHALL MD		21e. DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Year) 5-13-82	
	24. SIGNATURE of Funeral Director <i>Barry A. Thielke</i>		21f. CERTIFIER'S address and zip code 4th East 60 South City 84111		21g. UTAH PHYSICIAN LICENSE NUMBER 1764	
FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND LOCAL REGISTRAR	25. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Mt. Olivet Cemetery Salt Lake City, Utah		26. FUNERAL HOME—Name, address and license number Eastman's Evans & Early Mortuary 574 East 1st South - S.L.C. Utah		27. LOCAL REGISTRAR—Signature <i>Barry A. Thielke</i>	
	28. PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE: (Enter only one cause per line for A, B and C) (A) Cardiac arrest - Ventricular arrest Interval between onset and death 30 MIN (B) As a consequence of Interval between onset and death 4:00 (C) Essential Hypertension, moderate Interval between onset and death 4:00					
	29. PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS—CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH, BUT NOT RELATED TO THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I. OH 82					
4019 MEDICAL AND HEALTH DATA INJURY INFORMATION	30. ACCIDENT: Pending Investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Unetermined if injured <input type="checkbox"/> Accident or Purposely <input type="checkbox"/>		31. AUTOPSY: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		32. IF YES, were findings considered in determining cause of death? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	33. DATE of Injury (Mo., Day, Year)		34. TIME OF INJURY (24 Hour Clock)	35. INJURY AT WORK? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	36. PLACE OF INJURY (Specify home, farm, factory, freeway, street, office buildings, etc.)	
	37. LOCATION OF INJURY—STREET AND NUMBER OR LOCATION AND CITY OR TOWN.					
38. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Enter sequence of events which resulted in injury. NATURE OF INJURY SHOULD BE ENTERED IN ITEM 28)						

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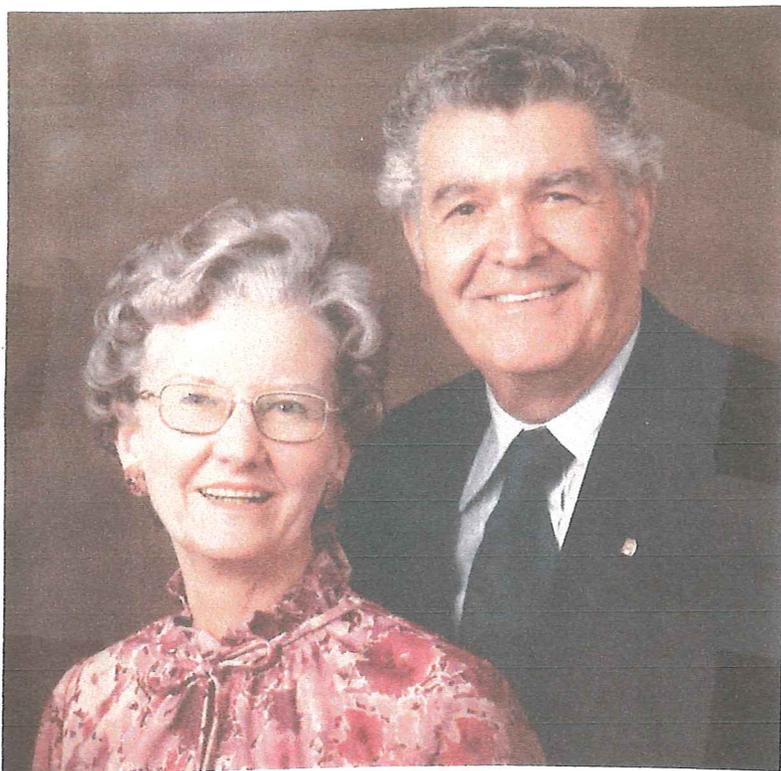


Descendants of Gaetano and Caterina "Ventura" Morelli

Emery Morelli

B: Apr. 14, 1912---D: May. 10, 1992

Son of Gaetano and Caterina "Ventura" Morelli



Brother of Fortunata, Michael, Della, Mike, Frank, Henry, Lillian Marie, Carl & Kenneth

Husband of Florence "Bowe" Morelli.

Father of David, Carol Jean and John Morelli.

Grandfather of John Farmer, Jeffery, Timothy, Daniel, Matthew and Hannah Morelli.

Great Grandfather of Henry Holden, Alexander & Benton, Dallin and Anna Sophia Farmer,

Great Great Grandfather of Ayden Hendrix, Adalynn Urvilleana Farmer

Gaetano Morelli & Caterina Ventura
B 08-24-1877 M 09-24-1914 B 05-02-1884
D 11-10-1941 D 05-04-1929

Emery Morelli & Florence "Bowe" Morelli Family
B 04-14-1912 M 09-14-1949 B 11-22-1915
D 05-10-1982 D 02-04-2005
3 Children

