

# The Green Family



By Linda Fluharty, with Leif Green.

Milton A. Green, 23, born in Akron, Ohio, was a resident of Wheeling, West Virginia when he married Jo Ann "Jody" Torbett on October 18, 1952. Jody, 22, was born and raised in Wheeling and graduated in 1951 from the school of nursing at Ohio Valley General Hospital.



Milton's family owned and operated Green's Donut Shop, then located at the 2800 block of Eoff Street, Wheeling.

*"The donut shop started as a stall in the Wheeling Market on Main Street and 10th Street and a truck that went around to the factories in Center Wheeling. My Grandpa, Romeo Green, sold all kinds of food stuffs, but eventually he focused in on doughnuts. I was always told that he started in 1938 with the stall and truck." -- Leif Green, 2/10/2010.*

On March 24, 1954, just before the birth of their first child, Milton and Jody bought a house on Boggs Run, in Marshall County. It was "up the run" and was built by Harold Andreas on property conveyed to him by his parents, August and Elsie Andreas, in April 1938. Harold's sister, Mildred Andreas Fisher, had acquired a large tract of land from their parents in December 1937. The property, adjoining Harold's, became the homeplace of the Ralph and Mildred Fisher family. In April 1939, on the other side of the Fisher's property, Loretta Andreas Hess and husband, Harold, received the deed to nearly two acres, previously owned by August and Elsie Andreas. The Hess house, built by Harold Andreas, was the "reverse" of Harold's own house.



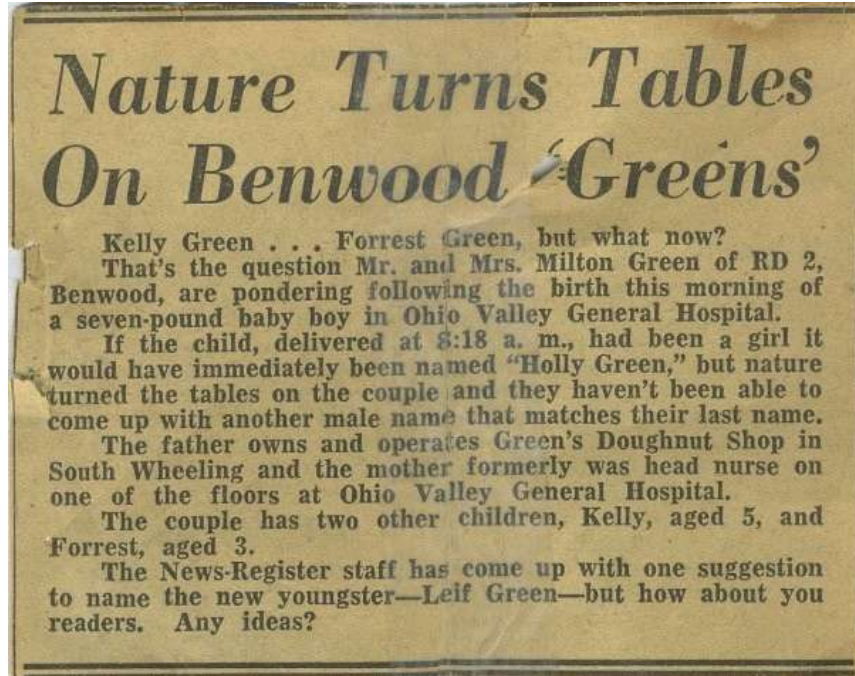
**Jody and Milton on Boggs Run.**



**Kelly Green on Boggs Run.**

[Photos provided by Leif Green.]

Kelly Green was born in 1954, followed by Forrest Green two years later. In 1959, when the Green's second son was born, they didn't have a name for him.



**How Leif Green got his name.....**

[Article provided by Leif Green.]

While living on Boggs Run, Milton ran the donut shop in Wheeling. He always left home in the early evening, made donuts all night, and returned home the next morning. His only night off was Saturday, so perhaps the shop was not open on Sunday at that time. In the 1960s, he became one of only 4,643 owners of a Studebaker Avanti sports car, produced by the Studebaker Corporation between June 1962 and December 1963.



**Kelli, Forrest & Leif Green.....**

Photo provided by Leif Green.

Jody didn't work as a nurse until after Leif was born, but in the early 1960s, she was recruited by Dr. Albert Wanner at Wheeling Clinic to receive specialized training in all aspects of diagnosis and treatment of psychiatric conditions. In 1971, she became one of the first three licensed Physican Assistants in West Virginia.

Both Jody and Milton were very active at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, running youth groups and coaching basketball. In addition, for at least a couple years, Jody hosted a group of Boggs Run girls at her home for weekly meetings. The substance of the meetings is long-forgotten, but the girls took turns bringing a cake and Cool-Aid to serve. Jody, always patient and very generous with her time, was a wonderful role model.

The Green family lived on Boggs Run until the summer of 1964, at which time they moved to Bethlehem. In the early 1970s, the donut business moved to 3100 Chapline Street.



**After the move from Eoff Street...**

[Donut bag provided by Jack Cunningham...]

Milton Green died in 1999, and Jody died in 2003. Leif Green became an actor and starred in the movie, "Grease 2." He lives in New York and Los Angeles, where he serves as event director for AIDS Walk New York and AIDS Walk Los Angeles. Kelly, a first grade teacher, resides in Alabama. Forrest, after living in Japan for a number of years, returned to Wheeling and now lives in the family home in Bethlehem.

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MILTON A. GREEN

"Wheeling News-Register," Oct 1999

Services Set For Ex-Donut Shop Owner

Milton A. Green, former owner of Green's Donut Shop, Wheeling, died Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at Ohio Valley Medical Center. He was 70.

He was born Jan. 21, 1929, in Akron, Ohio, the son of the late Romeo and Ila Hawkins Green.

He was a member of the St. Mathews Lutheran Church, Wheeling.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Green; a sister, Esther Thompson. Surviving are his wife, Jo Ann Torbett Green; two sons, Forrest M. and his wife Abe of Kawasaki Shi, Japan, Leif E. of Los Angeles, Calif.; a daughter Kelly J. Failla and her husband Robert of Penham, Ala.; five grandchildren.

Friends received noon-3 and 7-9 pm Sunday at Altmeyer Funeral Home, 1400 Eoff Street, Wheeling, where services will be held at 1 pm Monday with the Rev. David A. Twedt. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling.

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JO ANN GREEN

"Wheeling News-Register," Nov 2003

Jo Ann (Jody) Torbett Green, local nurse and Physicians Assistant, died Saturday, November 1, 2003, at her home in Bethlehem.

Born in Wheeling on June 20, 1930, Jody was a graduate of Wheeling High School, class of 1948, and the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing, class of 1951. She also earned the degree of Physician Assistant and specialized in psychiatric and neurological nursing for 35 years.

Jody was a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Benwood, WV.

Jody was preceded in death by her husband, Milton A. Green, her parents, John and Katherine Stamm Torbett Joyce, her brothers, Donald, James, Robert, and John Torbett, and her sisters Ruth Smith and Catherine I. Torbett.

Surviving are her daughter Kelly Green Failla and her husband Robert of Pelham, Alabama; two sons, Forrest M. Green and his wife Abe of Kawasaki Shi, Japan, and Leif Green of Los Angeles, California. She is also survived by her sister Jean Ackerman of Pennsylvania, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Jody will be remembered in the hearts of her family, her co-workers, and her friends---from just around the corner and all around the globe.

Friends will be received at the Altmeyer Funeral Home, 1400 Eoff Street, Wheeling on Sunday from 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. where services will be held Tuesday at 11a.m. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 620 Boggs Run, Benwood, WV 26031.