



John Warren Heckert

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John W. Heckert, age 84 passed away peacefully at Cadia Pike Creek Rehabilitation and Nursing Facility, Wilmington, DE. John was born in Shamokin, PA to Warren and Clara((Wary)Heckert.

After beginning his Engineering degree at Drexel University, John was called to duty to serve on the USS Chevalier in the Philippines during WWII. After his return, John began working for The DuPont Company. In 1952, he married Dolores Szymczyk of Wilkes Barre, PA and they began living in Wilmington, DE. In 1954, they bought their first home in Brookside, where they began their family. In 1973, after taking night classes while working full-time, John completed his Bachelor's degree in Engineering at the University of Delaware.

John dedicated 40 years to The DuPont Company before retiring to Rehoboth Beach, DE with Dolores, where they built a house of his own design.

John enjoyed the sun and sand, as well as his daily walks along the Boardwalk with Dolores. As loyal Blue Hens Football fans, John and Dolores made frequent trips to support the University of Delaware. Also lifelong Philadelphia Phillies and Eagles fans, they rarely missed a game on TV. Recently, they also enjoyed following NASCAR.

John is survived by Dolores, his wife of 59 years and their three children; Robin Kauffman and her husband Larry, of Hainesport, NJ, Dr. Jeffrey Heckert, his wife Brenda and their son, Grayson of Lewes, DE and Keith Heckert and his fiancée, Elizabeth Watkins and his two children, Kristofer and Matthew of Newark, DE.

Friends may call at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, Lewes, DE on Friday, October 21, 2011 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM. Interment with full military honors will follow at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE 19966.



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In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Beebe Medical Foundation, 902 Savannah Road, Lewes, DE 19958 or Autism Delaware, 924 Old Harmony Rd., Suite 201, Newark, DE 19713.

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MW

Marianne McCabe & Larry Wilde posted:

To the Heckert Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. In sympathy,
Marianne McCabe & Larry Wilde

November 6 at 8:00 PM

RS

Roxanne (Fix) Smith posted:

Dear Do, Robin, Jeff and Keith: My mother and I are so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. So many good memories of growing up together in Brookside. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Roxanne & Chris

October 31 at 8:00 PM

KR

Kenneth Ricker posted:

I worked with John (Jack) at the Dupont site, Pencader. He was one of the best people that I worked with at Dupont. He kept telling me to stop in and see him at the beach but I could never find his house. RIP, John. God Bless you Delores.

October 23 at 8:00 PM

JB

Jerry Broussard posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family. Jack & I go back to 1955 at Chestnut Run, he made the workday pleasant for everyone. I really appreciated his presence.

October 20 at 8:00 PM

SM

Susan Manno posted:

My dearest Robin and family, I am truly sorry for your loss. I know how difficult his illness was. He is at peace. Your Dad's obituary is beautiful. Love

October 19 at 8:00 PM



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LR

Laura Schreier Ryan posted:

Dear Keith, Jeff, Robin and family, I was so saddened to hear of the passing of your father. I was lucky enough to be a member of your family for a short period of time and to be able to call him "dad". He was always so sweet to me and had such a great smile. He will be greatly missed. God Bless

October 19 at 8:00 PM

TD

Theresa (Krah) Dant posted:

Dear Mrs. Heckert and family, I remember the fond times we had as neighbors in Brookside. Our dog Sandy loved visiting with you. I am so sorry to hear of your loss and understand how you feel as we lost my mom (Theresa) on September 3, 2011. Mom always talked about visiting you down the beach. It is hard but best to remember all the good times. Our sympathy to you and your family. Theresa (Krah) Dant and family.

October 19 at 8:00 PM

BA

Barbara Jo Apichella posted:

I did not know Mr. Heckert, but if a man be judged by the son he raised, he must have been a fine man indeed. My condolences to the family. B. J. Apichella (Keith's high school English teacher)

October 19 at 8:00 PM

MM

Mike Mccracken posted:

Keith, My Deepest Sympathy for the loss of your father.

October 19 at 8:00 PM

MA

Marianne (Krah) Antonini posted:

To the Heckert Family: I was so sad to here of your Dad's passing. We were neighbors years ago in Brookside. My Dad (Al) passed away suddenly after my wedding. Mom lived in the Brookside home until she could no longer afford to. She moved in with my youngest sister Theresa. Mom (Thersa Krah) also passed away on September 3, 2011 and the Strano & Feeley Funeral Home in Newark does have her obituary. I just wanted to let you know that everytime we went to Dewey Beach where we have a Condo Mom would say let's try and find Mr. & Mrs. Heckert. My Deepest Sympathy at this sad time. Fondly, Marianne (Krah) Antonini

October 18 at 8:00 PM



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JH

Jean Hewlett posted:

Dear Jeff and Family -Sorry to hear about your father. I am sure you will miss him. We will keep you in our prayers. Love, Jean Hewlett and family

October 18 at 8:00 PM

OC

Onell Chacosky posted:

Dear Do and Family,So sorry to hear about your loss. Keith looks so much like his dad when he was younger. All of you are in our prayers.

October 18 at 8:00 PM

MM

Millie Mentzer posted:

My sincere condolences to you the family of Jack! I, being a Hospice Volunteer, only spent 2 hours with Delores and Jack at Cadia. However, those 2 hours showed me the warmth and closeness of a fine family. Millie Mentzer

October 18 at 8:00 PM

JE

Jenn posted:

Robin, thinking of you and your mom at this time. Sending love and light and prayers. hugsj

October 17 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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