



# Charles E. Tidd

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**C**harles E. Tidd, Jr., age 84, of Rehoboth Beach, passed away on January 26, 2011 at home after a period of declining health. He was born in Butler, PA, the son of the late Charles E., Sr. and Helen (Heckler) Tidd. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Marian S. Tidd.

After graduating from Butler High School, Mr. Tidd enlisted in the United States Army, serving with the 69th Infantry Division as a radio operator during World War II. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal after serving in the European theater. He continued his involvement with the U.S. Army in various reserve units in Ohio, Maryland, Belgium, and Delaware. He obtained the rank of Colonel and retired as the Chief of Staff of the 352nd Civil Affairs Command in Riverdale, MD in 1981.

At the conclusion of WWII, Mr. Tidd completed coursework at Lehigh University and graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Chemical Engineering in 1952. He worked for W.R. Grace and Davison Chemical before relocating to Baltimore in 1965, where he enjoyed a 30 year career as a Professional Engineer and manager with the Western Electric Company. One of the highlights of his career was the opportunity to live in Calais, France for a year to produce Trans-Atlantic ocean cable. He and his family traveled extensively throughout Europe during this year. He continued to travel around the world as an officer with the American Society of Testing and Materials and was a member of numerous professional organizations.

Upon his retirement from Western Electric, he and his family moved to Rehoboth Beach, where he worked with Rehoboth Realty and Coldwell Banker and developed his own contracting business with his son. He served as a council member in several condominium associations over the course of his years in Rehoboth and Dewey Beach.

He is survived by two daughters: Patricia Ketcham and her husband Bruce of Rochester Hills, MI and Jacquelyn McLaughlin and her husband Robert of Manchester, NH; one son, Jeffrey C. Tidd of Rehoboth Beach, DE; five grandchildren: Peter Ketcham of Buffalo Grove, IL, Suzanne



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Hatcher and her husband Heathcliff of San Diego, CA, Laura Ketcham of Boca Raton, FL, Katelyn McLaughlin and Gregory McLaughlin of Manchester, NH; and one great-grandchild, Ian Hatcher of San Diego, CA.

A Gathering of Friends will be held on Friday, February 4, 2011, 3:00 to 5:00 PM, at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes. Entombment will take place with full military honors at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Emergency Room Department of Beebe Medical Center, 424 Savannah Road, Lewes, DE 19958, the Sussex County EMS 22215 DuPont Blvd, Georgetown, DE 19947 or the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Dept. PO Box 327, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

Please sign the online guestbook at [www.parsellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com)

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**Patti Prettyman** posted:

I worked with Charlie at Coldwell Banker many years ago. I am so sorry to hear of his death and wanted to extend my sincerest sympathies. I always got a kick out of Charlie, and I was always grateful for his ability to solve any issues that arose. I knew he had a humble spirit...but after reading his obit., I realize just how very humble he was?! Wow...what a life!! A wonderful man who certainly left his mark on those he met..

February 5 at 8:00 PM

EL

**Eilene Lohmeier** posted:

I am sorry to hear about the loss of your father. May all the happy memories fill your hearts.Sincerely,Eilene

February 3 at 8:00 PM

LK

**Laura Ketcham** posted:

Remembering my grandfather and grandmother today.

February 3 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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