



Ralph C. (Toots) Shivone

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Ralph C. (Toots) Shivone of Wilmington, Delaware died peacefully in his home in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware on October 1, 2015, surrounded by his loving family. He was 95 years old.

He is preceded in death by his wife June and his son, Rip; by brothers Lou, Franny, and Dicky, and sister, Johanna. Ralph is survived by his children Francis, Meg, and Victor and by his sisters Anita, Elaine, Pat, Laura, Thelma, and Dolores.

He obtained a Bachelor's degree in business from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business.

Ralph enlisted and honorably served as an officer in the U.S. Army, 99th Division, Company C, 395th Infantry during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for bravery in service.

After the war, Ralph worked with his family at the Fairfax Restaurant in the Fairfax Shopping Center. In 1966 he left the restaurant business and became a Realtor in New Castle County. He retired as Executive Director of the New Castle County Board of Realtors. The library at the Board offices is named in his honor.

In retirement after the death of his beloved wife June he enjoyed the time he spent with his 11 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. He was a caddy for Ben, an army scout in the woods with his Texas grandchildren, and an enthusiastic fan for the countless games of soccer, field hockey, baseball, football, and basketball. Ralph loved the music of his era, the big bands, Tommy Dorsey and Frank Sinatra. He and June knew every line of every episode of Mash, and he and his daughter Meg never missed the Jeopardy Show. Fittingly, he died at 8:00 pm after Jeopardy was done for the day. He was an accomplished crossword puzzle lover until his last days and could whip through a New York Times Sunday crossword with ease.



Obituary

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In his retirement years Ralph loved walking the Rehoboth Beach boardwalk and watching passers-by from his front porch. Ralph always enjoyed good conversation and good company, whether it was at a weekly lunch with his buddies at the Captain's Table, or early morning coffee with good friends at Panera.

Friends may visit with the family on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM, at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958. Interment will be private.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Delaware Hospice who was of great comfort during his final days.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Shivone's memory to the Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963 or Meals on Wheels, 32409 Lewes-Georgetown Highway, Lewes, DE 19958.

Please sign Mr. Shivone's guestbook located on this site.

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Tribute Wall

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CS

Chad Di Stefano posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Pop Pop's passing. He was a great person and I will always remember him fondly. All my love to the whole family.- Chad Di Stefano

December 24 at 12:31 PM

MC

Mark Comegys posted:

Meg,Its wonderful that Uncle Toot (we never called him Uncle Ralph) spent his golden years at the beach. He seemed to adapt really well (who wouldnt). He lived a fulfilling and long life. Ill always remember the Shivone family reunions at Grandpops in Fairfax. The Shivone men were accomplished, well liked and handsome.Our thoughts are with you hope to see you in Rehoboth.Mark, Letha, Bethany and Laura Kate

October 7 at 8:00 PM

SW

Susan Lagree Woods posted:

I met Ralph some time ago on one of my many trips to visit my brother, Jay. He introduced me to him and his daughter, Meg, at their week-end morning coffees. Each visit back to Rehoboth Beach, I looked forward to seeing Ralph and chatting with him. He always had a smile on his face, and in a cheerful mood. My favorite story was the meeting of his wife, June. He just chuckled each time he remembered that he took one girl out on a date, and ended up taking another girl home, June! I will miss seeing him on my next visit. My thoughts are with you Meg, and your family. Susan

October 6 at 8:00 PM

DL

Denise & Ken Luff posted:

Meg and family,Our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time.

October 5 at 8:00 PM

JD

Joan & David Cox posted:

We met Ralph through Victor Faivre. I worked at All Saints/St. Georges under Father Manion. Ralph was a wonderful man and he would stop in to the office even after Victor died. It was a pleasure to know him.

October 4 at 8:00 PM



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PR

Patti Remedio posted:

My Sincere condolences for your loss, may God Bless and comfort each of you.

October 3 at 8:00 PM

SD

Sandi Distefano posted:

My thoughts are with you. He had a great long life with a wonderful, caring family.

October 3 at 8:00 PM

SB

Sarah And Don Beaucage posted:

Our thoughts are with the entire Shivone ohana. All of you are his great legacy. May he rest in peace.

October 3 at 8:00 PM

DK

Doug And Ruth Keating posted:

Dear Victor and family, our thoughts are with you knowing that no matter the age of a parent, we are never ready for the loss. We are truly sorry and hope that you find comfort in knowing that others care.

October 3 at 8:00 PM

DR

Darryl Remedio posted:

Sorry for the loss of your father. Darryl and Jeanne Remedio

October 2 at 8:00 PM



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JL

Jay Lagree posted:

Cpt. Ralph Shivone, Cdr., Co. C, 395th Regiment, 99th Inf. Div., USA Thank you for your service. You fought in the fiercest, most critical battle of the European Theater in W. W. II. Your 395th Regiment, beginning on 16 December, 1944, was responsible for repelling the enemy and holding your position in the most critical battle in the Ardennes Forest that we now know as The Battle of the Bulge. The 395th prevented the German Army from gaining an opening that would have allowed them to take the port of Antwerp where allied supplies were being brought in. Your resistance caused heavy casualties on the German Army and forced it to use fuel and supplies that eventually led to its defeat. Your 395th never retreated. Your bravery in combat earned the Presidential Unit Citation for the 395th Regiment.

October 2 at 8:00 PM

LM

Lou Mancari posted:

Dear Meg & Family, I have only the warmest of memories regarding your dad. He was, as I recall, a Lighthouse of Integrity. Soft spoken man of wisdom. I know this might be difficult for you to believe but he made an impact on my life that was quiet and deep. Whenever I see a picture of Robert Kennedy I remember the bust that your dad had of him by the front door of your house and it brings back fond memories of him and your family. As you regret his loss take time to remember his life and rejoice in the Lord who will welcome him to his eternal home. May Gods Grace & Peace Abound Unto You! Lou Mancariw

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MR

Mary Russell posted:

You added so much joy to my life. Mary Russell

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Matthew Smallwood posted:

Victor, Meg and Fran, and other family members, my condolences on the loss of Ralph.

October 2 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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