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Lawrence W. Wonderlin, affectionately known as "Tink", of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away peacefully at the age of 87 on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Camden, NJ, on March 10, 1926, son of the late Harry F. and Freda (Schlotz) Wonderlin.

Mr. Wonderlin honorably served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Following his service, he began his career with Public Service Electric and Gas Company holding numerous positions and after 37 devoted years, he retired as a Group Supervisor in 1988. Formerly from Pennsauken, NJ, Mr. Wonderlin with his family relocated to Sussex County in 1987. He was a devout Catholic, attending St. Peter's Catholic Church in Pennsauken, NJ and after relocation became a loyal parishioner at St. Edmond Catholic Church. He was also very active in the Knights of Columbus #3512 in Camden, NJ and a life member of the Veteran Foreign Affairs. He was an active bicyclist, who received several medals from the National and Delaware Senior Olympics Organization for Bicyclists. He also enjoyed many hours sailing and surf fishing in the beautiful waters of Delaware. He was a jokester at heart and all who knew him looked forward to his joke of the day.

He was extremely outgoing, a great public speaker and always portrayed a leadership personality. These traits allowed him to become a Chairman of MS Society in Pennsauken and Federations Chief of YMCA Indian Guides Program. He also held a position on the Board of Directors for the Camden City YMCA. While residing in Delaware, he became the first President of Sussex County Sierra Club and was a past Chairman of Citizens Monitoring Committee of Delaware Inland Bays Program. He was also a long time member of the League of American Wheelman (L.A.W) and Rehoboth Beach Lions Club.

Mr. Wonderlin's was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and a dear friend, whose many teachings and examples will be cherished and used by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Wonderlin was preceded in death by his sister, Dorothy Egan; his brothers: Harry and Leroy Wonderlin; and his late wife, Dorothy I. (Kelly) Wonderlin. He is



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survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Bernadine (Morton) Wonderlin; his daughter, Debbie Marie Cleavenger and her husband Gregory Soikowski of Hollywood, MD; his two sons: David L. Wonderlin of Westminster, MD and Dean R. Wonderlin of Rehoboth Beach, DE; his grandson, Kyle R. Cleavenger of Morgantown, WV; his brother, Eugene Wonderlin and his wife Charlotte of Pennsauken, NJ; his numerous nieces, nephews and dear friends; and his beloved black lab mix, Nala.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 11:00 AM at St. Edmond Catholic Church, 409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE, where friends may call beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will be announced at a later date in NJ.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Wonderlin's memory to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963 and/or Rehoboth Beach Lions Club, P.O. Box 291, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

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MT

Mike Tyler posted:

Larry you were an inspiration to me and many other cyclists. We were even mischievous one day. We turned the tide on DelDot to promote cycling on Route 1. And when we rode the Junction Breakwater trail before it was even thought of and then even before it was officially opened to the public, these were good times. Were pranksters for a good cause and Jim and I promoted your memory on that plaque on the J&B bridge. He even created a great bike ride around Sussex and I still have the jersey. I'm so glad we were friends! You are missed but your accomplishments and your memory live on. Thanks Larry.

January 8 at 7:02 AM

TP

Til Purnell posted:

My sincerest sympathy to Dene and I share her grief at the loss of such a good friend.

February 15 at 8:00 PM

MW

Mattie (Tingle) Warren posted:

Mr. Wonderlin was one of my supervisors at PSEG. I have often thought about Mr. Wonderlin. He was a very kind and witty person. My condolences to Mrs. Wonderlin, Debbie and the rest of the family.

January 13 at 8:00 PM

WD

Walt & Chris Dirkin posted:

Our heartfelt condolences to the Wonderlin family.

January 13 at 8:00 PM

BW

Brian & Pamela Wonderlin posted:

My Uncle Tink was a great guy! He had such quick wit, humor, and the smile and laugh to go with it. He also had an unbelievable memory and knew how to tell a story. I joined the Camden Lions Club years ago and most of the senior there came up to me and said with a smile, "I know Larry Wonderlin, is he your Dad or uncle?" and they shared where they knew him from. Uncle Tink always had a positive energy about him and good things to say about people!

January 13 at 8:00 PM



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FH

Frances Hart posted:

I met Larry through the Water Monitoring Program. He was a devoted volunteer and always a pleasure to be with at program meetings.

January 12 at 8:00 PM

JS

John Schneider posted:

As a DNREC employee, I had the honor of working with Larry while he was a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee as part of the Inland Bays Estuary Program. He was always a pleasure to be with and I was always impressed by his educated and reasoned approaches to difficult environmental problems. And what a terrific sense of humor!

January 12 at 8:00 PM

SW

Sue (Mikolanis) Whittaker posted:

I have only see Uncle Tink a few times at various family functions, but he always had a smile and laugh. He will be greatly missed.

January 12 at 8:00 PM

RL

Richard And Anne Lanzalotti posted:

friends from Pennsauken and later from Lewes, DE

January 11 at 8:00 PM

WC

William F. Cassel posted:

Rest in Peace, old friend.

January 11 at 8:00 PM

DS

Dj Stowe posted:

What a great guy - my wonderful Uncle Tink. He wasn't too old himself when I was born, so he was kind of a friend and buddy. I've always considered him to be a mentor to me. How lucky I've been to have him for an uncle. Rest in peace dear Tinky.

January 11 at 8:00 PM



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BT

Betty Tascione posted:

With heartfelt sympathy to Larry's family. He was a wonderful friend. I will never forget what he did for me and my family during a very trying time for us.

January 11 at 8:00 PM

TW

Tim / Debra Wonderlin posted:

My Uncle Tink was a beloved character wuth graet wit and always an interesting story tell. As well, those night time card games played with his brothers and his sister plus their spouses at the Villas were one of the highlights of my youth . Uncle Tink. He new how to have a good time and show others how to have a good time!!

January 10 at 8:00 PM

DC

Donovan Carbaugh posted:

I hadn't seen Larry for a few years, but I greatly appreciate his lifelong dedication to bicycling. Sussex County will miss him.

January 10 at 8:00 PM

RW

Rick And Mary Wonderlin posted:

My Uncle Tink was one of the good guys. He always had something witty and educational to say. I have fond memories of our family trips to the beach house, and watching him and his siblings playing cards into the wee hours of the morning.

January 10 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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