



Donald George Gunther

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Donald George Gunther, age 86, of Lewes, DE passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. He was born on January 16, 1929 in Bridgeport, CT, son of the late George Frances and Anne (Fox) Gunther.

A Navy veteran, Mr. Gunther graduated from the University of Connecticut at Bridgeport and did graduate study at Clemson University.

He enjoyed a 38-year career as an entomologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, from which he retired in 1988 after field appointments in Florida, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New York, and Maryland. He was a member of the Society of Nematologists, the Knights of Columbus, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. After his retirement, Mr. Gunther led whale and dolphin trips organized by the Fisherman's Wharf Cruises & Fishing Center in Lewes for eight seasons, earning him the title of "Dolphin Don."

Before moving to Lewes, he was a long-time resident of Troy, NY. In Troy he was an active parishioner of Sacred Heart Church. He was also involved in and very supportive of youth sports. He coached and was director of umpires at Spring Little League Baseball and was very involved with the Troy Youth Hockey Association.

Mr. Gunther will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 60 years, Joan (Bennett) Gunther, of Lewes, and by his five children and their spouses: Catherine Gunther Kodat and Alex Kodat, of Portland, OR; Timothy Anthony Gunther, of Cary, NC; Marianne Gunther and Gary Chin, of Queens, NY; Joseph Michael Gunther and Suzanne Anslow Gunther, of Guilderland, NY; and Daniel George Gunther and Michele Yanak Gunther, of Akron, OH. He is also survived by thirteen grandchildren: Axel, Dexter, and Madeleine Kodat; Alyssa and Amanda Gunther; Audrey, Emily, and Andrew Gunther; Simone Bouchey and Rebecca Chin; and Henry, Michael, and Chloe Gunther. He will be fondly remembered by extended family members Cornelius Bennett, Marie



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Altieri, Barbara Ciotti, Irene McNeil, Carleen Gunther Kunkel and Peter Kunkel, Fred and Christina Gunther, Gwenellen Gunther Summ and Jack Summ, Kathy Gunther Smith and Jim Smith, along with many loving and beloved nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, December 17 at 11:00 am at St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 a.m. Interment with military honors will be held at 11:00 am Friday, December 18 at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE 19966.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul; St. Jude The Apostle Church (152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE 19958); Delaware Hospice (100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963); or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (PO BOX 50, Memphis, TN 38101).

Please sign the guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 3:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, DE.



Events


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Viewing

 **Thursday**, December 17, 2015


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church**
152 Tulip Drive, Lewes DE

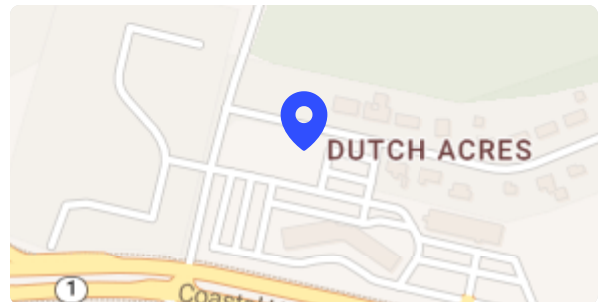


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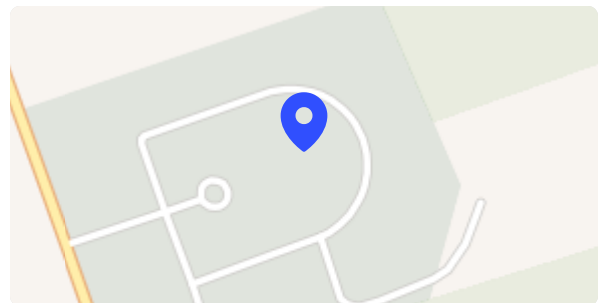


Interment

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 11:00 AM ET

 **Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery**
26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro DE





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PF

Paul J. Findlay J. Catherine A. Findlay posted:

Don, Joan and family lived on Mercer Pike in the early 1960s. My most vivid memory of Don occurred when a neighbor complained of having a snake in her fireplace. Don fabricated a loop and captured the snake. Paul Findlay

May 23 at 2:45 AM

SH

Staff At Raleigh Plumbing & Heating sent a Fruits and Blooms Basket to the Gunther family.



December 15 at 11:59 AM

CY

Chris Yanak posted:

Goodbye Mr. Gunther. you were special. Love, Chris Yanak (These were Chris's own words and typing!) Love, Fran

December 12 at 9:02 AM

DA

D Allen posted:

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your loved one . John 5 : 21,28,29

December 12 at 3:17 AM

CK

Carleen Kunkel posted:

Peter and I were talking last night about how much we enjoyed Donny's company when he came to visit us shortly after we were married. We listened to him tell wonderful and funny stories about the family and shared a lot of laughter. Dear Joannie, you and Donny were perfect together - two beautiful people spreading your love to all who came into contact with you. God bless both of you and your whole family. Carleen

December 10 at 9:05 AM



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Beverly posted:

Aunt Joannie and the Gunther Gang, Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Remembering Uncle Don with love. Beverly and Leo

December 7 at 4:14 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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