



# Melvin Gearld Wissinger

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**M**elvin "Mel" Gearld Wissinger, age 81 of Lewes, DE, passed away on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at Beebe Healthcare in Lewes. He was born on December 12, 1938 in Scalp Level, PA, son of the late Graham and Lavern Wissinger.

Mel was a proud veteran, having honorably served in the US Air Force, stationed at Dover Air Force Base. He made his career as an electrical and instrument foreman at Delaware City Refinery, retiring after many dedicated years. Mel had many hobbies and interests. He enjoyed exercising, biking, hiking, walking, and anything that afforded him the opportunity to be outdoors. Mel loved his Savior, Jesus, first and foremost. He also loved his family, neighbors, and church family with all his heart. Mel was a kind and giving soul, who went out of his way to share the good news of salvation with everyone he met. He cherished time spent with those he held most dear and was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend. Mel was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, Mel was preceded in death by his daughter, Cynthia Wilson; and his grandson, Ryan Doherty. He is survived by his beloved wife, Carolyn Crawford Wissinger of Lewes, DE; his son, William Wissinger of Rehoboth Beach, DE; his daughter, Melanie Doherty of Cape Coral, FL; his grandchildren: Carol Thompson, Michael Thompson, Alex Doherty, Evan Doherty, Haley Wissinger, Hugh Wissinger, and Avery Wissinger; his great-grandchildren: Ryan Thompson, Rhett Doherty, and Archer Doherty; his brothers: Blaine Wissinger and Ronald Wissinger; and his sisters: Janet McCuch and Lois Yoder.

Mel will be interred at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE. A memorial service at Bible Fellowship Church of Newark will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Mel's memory to Christian Appalachian Project, PO Box 55911, Lexington, KY 40555-5911.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.



## Tribute Wall

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KW

**Karen Winnick** posted:

Michael and I are so sorry for your loss. Mel was a wonderful man. He had a unique way of making you feel welcome and that he was truly interested in you. He will always hold a special place in our hearts.

September 2 at 8:02 AM

CH

**Cindy Happel** posted:

Bill.... Joel and I send you and your family our prayers as you grieve for your Dad, Joel and Cindy Happel

August 31 at 1:47 AM

KS

**Kyaw Shinn** posted:

Mel was indeed a gentle soul and I called him "big brother" because he was like a big brother to me. We attended church together after Mel and Carolyn joined our church, we participated in deacon duties together. He always had a willing hand and he was a devoted husband to his wife Carolyn by the way he looked at her, talked about her and how he helped clean the dishes in the kitchen after we had a wonderful meal at their house during one of our care group get-togethers. We will miss him greatly and will cherish fond memories of Mel. Joe and Natasha Shinn.

August 30 at 12:00 PM

KC

**Kenny Collins** posted:

Mel was one of the kindest souls I've ever met. He was like an older brother to me. Anytime day or night if I called he was there. We had so much fun together. He was in such great shape. He loved lifting weights and breaking Body By Jake exercise machines which work with heavy-duty rubber bands. He broke the last one I bought him by snapping the weld that held it together. He was one strong guy. Mel and his love of his life, Carolyn, used to walk by my house every day or ride a bike. Last year I saw Mel running around the block. Who does that at 81 years old? Judy and I have lived in the same community for 11 years as Carolyn and Mel. They are very dear and caring friends. Their love was one to be admired and to strive for. My life will never be the same without Mel. I know he's in heaven standing right next to God trying to make non-believers believers. He brought God in my life when I was in dark times. I love you buddy. Kenny and Judy Collins

August 28 at 10:58 AM



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OR

**Orvin E. Reidel li** posted:

Mel and his wife lived in the same developement as me and my wife.From the first time I met Mel he was so nice and helpful to myself and neighbors.God Bless You Mel.Sincerely,Orvie Reidel

August 26 at 3:12 AM

SB

**Skip And Sissy Bright** posted:

Was so very saddened to learn of Mel's passing. My deepest sympathy to Carolyn and family. I too will always cherish the memories at Gobblers Knob in Clinton County. I remember Mel and Carolyn were the first to give our grandson Cole a camouflagage onesie when he was born. Kind, caring, and considerate are just a few of the words I think of to describe both Mel and Carolyn. Sending warm hugs and prayers. And am incredibly glad we got to see you a couple of years ago at Massey's Landing.

August 25 at 12:51 PM

JB

**Jolene Bright** posted:

Such fond memories from what seems like a lifetime ago in Clinton County as cabin neighbors in the mountains of Pennsylvania. And what a treat to see Mel and Carolyn a couple of years ago in Delaware, so glad they came to see us while we there vacationing. There are people you meet in your life that leave a lasting impression and Mel and Carolyn are among those people for me. I am saddened at the death of Mel and hope that Carolyn and the rest of his family and friends find peace and healing. Thoughts and prayers as they grieve their loss.

August 24 at 6:48 AM

GZ

**Guy & Eileen Ziegler** posted:

How we will miss our dear, dear friend,,Mel. He and Carolyn have been such an important part of our lives and we will cherish all the fond and happy memories of all the wonderful times spent together. He is now where he always wanted to be,.... standing in the presence of the King. Our hearts, love and prayers go out to Carolyn and family.May you sense God's grace and peace in a very special way as you must now go through these difficult days of loss. Love and prayers.Guy & Eileen

August 21 at 3:58 PM



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**Lois Norton** posted:

Even though we didn't see Melvin much in later years we have so much appreciation for him and Carolyn. Ever so supportive in our Christian walk and ministry. We thank the Lord for placing him in our lives. He was never silent about his relationship with his Savior and sought that others would come to know Him, too. Imagine: he and his oldest daughter, Cindy, are no longer captive to this sinful world but are in the presences of their Savior who did so much for them. Our love to Carolyn and the family and may the God of all peace surround you with his loving hands. Dan and Lois

August 18 at 2:16 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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