



W. Thomas Rutherford **"Tom"**

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W Thomas Rutherford "Tom", age 84, of Lewes, DE passed away peacefully at home after a short battle with cancer, on Friday, September 10, 2021. He was born on December 12, 1936, in Wilmington, DE.

Tom grew up in New Castle, DE where he graduated from Brown Vocational High School, Class of 1955. He worked for DP&L (now Delmarva Power) where he retired after 30 years of dedicated service. Tom met Marlene Klabe in the third grade and chased after her and pulled her pigtails until 1956 when they married. Their love story continued for 65 cherished years.

Tom kept busy with a multitude of clubs and activities. As a young man he volunteered with the local fire company and the Delmarva Sportsman Club. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Consistory, the Vingt Cinq Club with DP&L, the Light Masters Square Club, and was Past Association Guardian of Bethel #2 I.O.J.D. Tom was also a proud 50-year member of Christiana Lodge #35A.F. and A.M.

As an avid fisherman, you could often find Tom on the water. He managed Pier Point Marina in Dewey Beach for many years and was a former Dewey Beach town employee. Above all, Tom was a dog lover, giving out many a dog biscuit in his time and was often seen with his four legged companion, Bonnie Blue. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, and friend who will be missed by all who knew him.

Mr. Rutherford is survived by his loving wife, Marlene R. Klabe Rutherford; three daughters: Diane R. Kirk (David), Shirley Knox (Daniel), and Pamela Rutherford; five grandchildren: Heather Kirschner (Jay), D. Keith Kirk II(Lauren), Christine Collins (Kevin), Andrew Knox (Andi), and Danielle June (Michael); eight great grandchildren: Tyler, Trip, Rowan, Liam, Maggie, Isabel, Patrick and Emilia; one sister, Jean Kusching; and last but not least, his beloved grand dogs: Dash, Capt. Jack, Grady, and Moose.



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A Celebration of Tom's Life will be held on Friday, October 1, 2021, at 3:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 2:00 PM. Interment will be private.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, masks must be worn, and social distancing must be observed, by all persons attending or participating in any aspect of the services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Tom's name to the Brandywine Valley SPCA, 22918 Dupont Boulevard, Georgetown, DE 19947.

Please visit Tom's Life Memorial Webpage and sign his online guest book at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com.



Events

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Floral Delivery

 **Friday**, October 1, 2021

 10:00 AM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



Visitation

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 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


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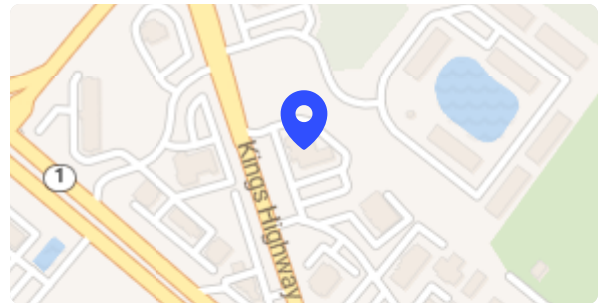
Celebration of life

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Paul posted:

Mr. Rutherford would always take a moment from his day to talk and see how things were going.

October 5 at 1:41 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Rutherford "Tom" family.



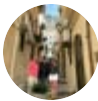
September 28 at 12:14 PM



Emory West posted:

I am sorry to hear this. I always enjoyed talking to him at the concerts in Milton park. He will be missed.

September 18 at 6:53 AM



Tony Crivella posted:

first had the pleasure of meeting Tom 20 years ago when he was working for the Town Of Dewey Beach . The town of Dewey Beach is a much better place because of men like Tom Rutherford . Tom was a one-man maintenance department he handled everything himself from repairs and community service not to mention driving his truck on to the beach each morning to give out dog treats . A truly giving man who gave all to those who knew him

September 16 at 3:58 PM



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Jack Kirk posted:

Tom will be remembered for helping others and his devotion to family. Always friendly and loved to talk fishing at any time He will be missed. Jack and Peggy Kirk

September 16 at 11:17 AM



Tom Yurkanin September 21 at 12:28 PM

I worked with Tom at the Indian River Power Plant for several years. We all did our jobs well but we also had a blast there working together. I will always remember and cherish those times working with Tom.



Gordon Elliott September 17 at 1:17 AM

Tom was a good person , enjoyable to be around as a co-worker. I know he will be missed by many.



Tony Crivella September 16 at 3:53 PM

It was certainly a pleasure knowing Tom. I first met Tom over 20 years ago while he was a one-man maintenance department for dewey Beach . Tom was truly a unselfish man who gave everything to those around him . Tom will be best remembered by driving onto the beach each morning and giving out dog treats from his personal Chevy blazer. He was truly the towns ambassador



Tony Crivella September 16 at 3:51 PM

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