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Edward J. Shockley Sr., age 93 of Lewes, DE, passed away in the early morning hours of October 14, 2021, from complications due to COVID.

A true Lewes Local, Edward was born in 1928 in Lewes in a house on Front Street, where The Inn at Canal Square stands today. The son of Vinal and Bessie Shockley, Edward grew up on Lewes Beach in a house that was a converted Queen Anne Railroad passenger car. His grandfather, Will Craig, who worked as a carpenter for the railroad, built a house for them around the passenger car.

Edward met and married Carolyn Ford, the daughter of MSG Robert E. and Kathleen Ford, in 1947 right after WWII, while Carolyn's father was stationed at Fort Miles. Together they raised their three sons, Eddie, Michael, and Mark, plus a nephew, Buck Ford. Edward was always a quiet but powerful presence and influence on the many Lewes boys hanging around the Shockley House on McFee Street.

Edward was a Master Plumber, starting his career at Hoenen Plumbing in Lewes. He retired in 2000 from Joseph T. Richardson Mechanical Contractors, after supervising the construction of many large projects on DelMarVa, including Beebe Hospital, the original Cape Henlopen High School on Savannah Road, Shields Elementary School, the Cape May-Lewes Ferry Terminal, the Roosevelt Inlet U.S. Coast Guard Station (where his son Mark was stationed at the time), the original Lewes Library, the University of Delaware College of Marine Studies, the Sussex County Court House, Del-Tech College in Georgetown, the Education and Humanities Building at Delaware State College in Dover, and numerous buildings at Dover Air Force Base, to name a few.

Edward was a man of abiding faith. He served as a trustee of Groome Church of Lewes, where he and a handful of congregants in the trades donated their time and skills to build the classroom addition added to the original church building in the late 1950s.



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Edward's hobbies were always active and constructive. He learned how to ride a bike and to slalom ski just by thinking about it. Edward built and raced a hydroplane, and with his friends, was the first in Lewes to build lobster pots and try lobstering in the bay. He built and raced go-karts, always had a dune buggy or jeep to ride on the sand and was the first in Lewes to put a pool in his back yard. Edward loved stereo hi-fi equipment and built a reel-to-reel tape recorder. It was amazing to see him dive into computers in his late seventies, even putting a new modem in when lightning blew his out.

Music held a special place for Edward. As a teen, he dreamed of being a drummer in a Big Band. Edward passed his musical passion and drumming skills down to his sons Eddie and Michael, and he enjoyed seeing them perform at any opportunity, sitting in whenever he could to play one of his favorites, Kansas City.

After Edward's wife Carolyn died in 2000, and his last surviving friend Ranie Hudson passed, it seemed as if Edward was going to give up. That's when an angel by the name of Doris Glass came into his life.

Edward married Doris in 2004. Together they enjoyed dancing, traveling, and eating out at their favorite restaurants, particularly the Crab and Claw in St. Michaels. During their seventeen years together, Edward and Doris would take yearly cruises. One of the highlights of their annual cruises was having the opportunity to take the entire family on a Caribbean cruise. They also enjoyed continuing the tradition of hosting the July Fourth gathering of founding families of the Lewes Doo Dah Parade each year and kicking off the parade from their back yard. Most importantly, Edward and Doris, together, played an important role in helping raise their grandsons Buck Shockley and Donovan Shockley, and granddaughter Savannah Shockley. Doris's devotion to Edward was a blessing for which his entire family is grateful.

Edward loved Lewes and all that the Eastern Shore had to offer, especially fishing, hunting, and crabbing. A great cook, Edward was known for his mean clam chowder, Oysters Rockefeller, and chicken fried steak. Edward had a very close-knit family, of which he was always supportive, and fiercely proud, and he greatly enjoyed the family gatherings, particularly the crab feasts. Edward Shockley was a good man and will be dearly missed.

In addition to his parents, Edward was preceded in death by his first wife Carolyn Shockley; his sister-in-law, Sherrie Ford; his brother-in-law, Buck Ford; his granddaughter, Erin Shockley; and



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his nephew, Robbie Ford. Leaving behind to cherish Edward's memory are his loving wife, Doris; his sons: Ed (Jill) and Michael (Susan), of Lewes, DE and Mark (Catherine) of Hampton, VA; his brother, Richard Shockley of Harrisburg, PA; his sister-in-law, Kathy Ford of Lewes; his grandchildren: Mark Shockley Jr. (Morgan), Kristy Clark (Clifton), Jessica Shockley, Buck Shockley, Savannah Shockley, and Donovan Shockley; his great-grandchildren: Ashley, Tyler, Alivia, Jonathan, Kaitlyn, Michael, Dakota, and Jimmy; his nephews: Rick Shockley, Gary Shockley, and Adam Ford; his nieces: Carol Jo Saussaman and Allison Green; his great-nephews: Jarrett Ford and Reed Ford; his extended family members: John, Darlene and John Robert Zacharias, Melanie and Phil Sekora, and Mandy Aviles; and his many other great-nieces and great-nephews. Edward is also survived by Doris's sons: Michael Ingerson of Corrizo Springs, TX and Shawn Ingerson (Donna) of Joppa, MD; grandchildren: Kevin Ingerson (Erin), Gregory Ingerson, and Elizabeth Ingerson; sister, Betty Campbell of East Thetford, VT; niece, Sandee Robinson of Thetford, VT; great-niece, Shelby Robinson, also of Vermont; and great-grandchildren: Morgan, Dredon, and Alonna.

The family would like to thank everyone who helped care for Edward in the last few years, especially Debbie Sheng, and the nursing staff of Beebe Hospital. Your kindness and compassion for our husband, father, brother, Pop-Pop, uncle, and friend will always be remembered.

Services will be held Friday, October 29, 2021, at 11:00 AM, at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at Bethel Cemetery on Savannah Road, Lewes. All are invited to join the live- streaming service via <https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1170292>.

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, the family suggests memorial contributions to Cape Community Fund, P.O. Box 110, Lewes, DE 19958, or the True Blue Jazz Scholarship Fund, 31408 Heron Circle, Lewes, DE 19958.




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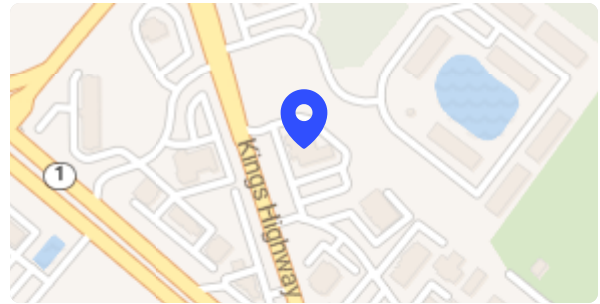
Floral Delivery

 **Thursday**, October 28, 2021

 3:00 PM ET


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


16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



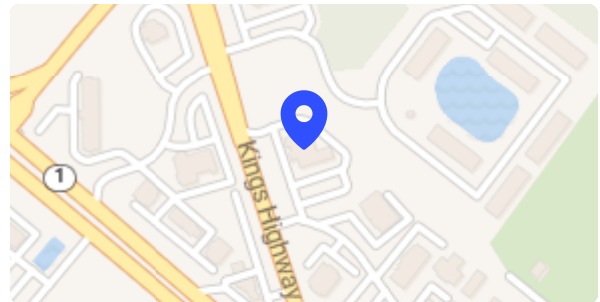
Visitation

 **Friday**, October 29, 2021

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


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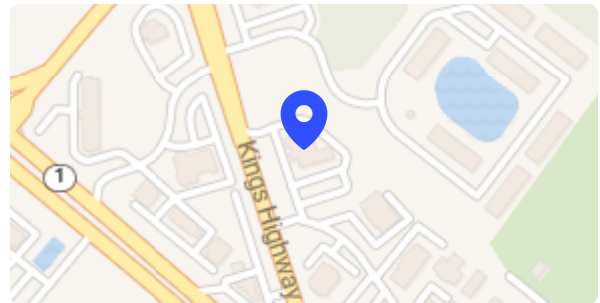
Funeral Service

 **Friday**, October 29, 2021

 11:00 AM ET

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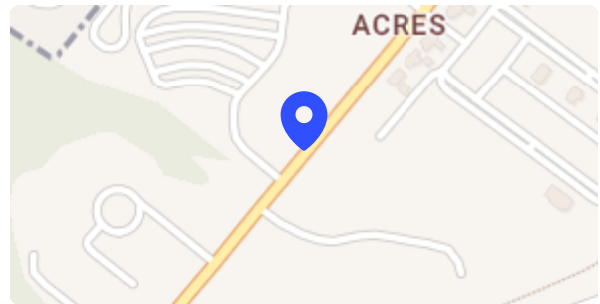
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Interment

 **Friday**, October 29, 2021

 12:30 PM ET

 **Bethel Methodist Cemetery**
Savannah Road, Lewes DE





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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Shockley family.

October 26 at 11:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Shockley family.

October 25 at 7:27 AM



Carolyn Wood posted:

There are no words that express my sincere sadness at the loss of my great neighbor. He had the greatest crab feasts. He was quiet and laid back always appearing content with the world. Lewes has lost a great person but he will not be forgotten. To the family I share in your loss and pray you feel the love and support of all who love you. May God comfort you in your grief. My love to all. McFee Street neighbors are all waiting in heaven to greet him.

October 23 at 3:43 PM



Lolita And Don Jesse posted:

Don and Lolita Jesse send our deepest condolences to the entire circle of friends and family of Edward, Sr. His passing is a great loss to our community but his many contributions will live on and within us. ❤️

October 22 at 4:02 AM



Gary Shockley posted:

Thanksgivings at Uncle Edward and Aunt Carolyn's house were full of family and friends and abundant energy among the cousins and neighbor kids. I used to love the storytelling, laughter and music that filled their home and our hearts. Love you Uncle Edward!

October 21 at 2:25 PM



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Troy Melott posted:

I will never forget what a strong man you were. Your wisdom, knowledge, and love you had for my family will never be forgotten. Thanks for always welcoming me at your home, enjoying all the fun times at your pool. Thank you for the friendship you had for my father and always being there for him. You will always be the Godfather of Lewes. May God shower you in heaven, like you showered all of us with your love and compassion! Troy D. Melott

October 21 at 10:52 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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