



Hugh Brent Council

February 15, 1927 - June 18, 2020

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE FAMILY.

Hugh Brent Council "Boots" of Lewes, DE, passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2020. He was 93 years old. Born in Baltimore, MD, the son of James Jefferson Council and Jessie Katherine Powell Council, he is survived by his wife of 65 years, Flo Carleen Mohr Council, and son, Brent James Council.

Hugh resided in Baltimore, MD and later in Westminster, MD for 25 years before moving to Lewes, DE in 2002. He graduated from Forest Park High School in Baltimore where he played ice hockey and was awarded the Tim Mullan trophy for "Best Team Player Season 1944-45" in the Baltimore High School Ice Hockey League.

Immediately following high school, Hugh served in the Army during World War II. Upon honorable discharge at the end of the war, he attended Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA and Western Maryland College, Westminster, MD.

After college, Hugh worked for 23 years in the family-owned business, Baltimore Funeral Supply Co., becoming President and Owner of the 35-year old business upon his father's death. Upon closing the business to make way for Baltimore's Inner Harbor development and the Baltimore Convention Center, he pursued employment in various fields before retiring from the National Security Agency, US Department of Defense, in 1995.

Hugh loved people - especially singing to them at the Lemon Tree Restaurant and along Second Street in Lewes and wherever his travels took him. He was well-known for singing his favorite song, "Ole Lewes in the State of Delaware", written by Bill Earl and adopted by Mayor and City Council as Official City of Lewes Song on July 11, 2011. Hugh also sang for several years in the Groome Church Choir.

He had many interests, hobbies, and memberships. He played golf, skied, did

photography, painted, sketched, and traveled worldwide. A member of the United Methodist Church, he belonged to Groome Church, Lewes, DE, Sandymount Church, Westminster, MD, and Grace, St. Marks, and Walbrook Churches, Baltimore, MD. He was active in the Lewes Men's Chorus, Lewes, DE (16 years); Sharon Masonic Lodge, Reisterstown, MD (55 years); Jefferson Masonic Lodge, Lewes, DE; Boumi Temple Shrine, Baltimore, MD; Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Westminster, MD; Camera Clubs in Baltimore, MD and Westminster, MD; and the Ocean Waves Quilt Guild, Lewes, DE.

Hugh chose to become a donor for medical research upon his death in an effort to serve humanity.

A memorial service to celebrate Hugh's life will be held at a later date. He will be missed by his family, friends and relatives.

Donations in Hugh's memory may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children - donate.lovetotherescue.org - 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607 – 855-401-4897

Comments



“ Hugh was always smiling.....kind, warm and loving. He had many qualities that were learned from his mom, who we called Grandmother Councill, who my family got to know in my youth when I lived down the street from her in Linthicum, Maryland. He loved life and bestowed that energy on everyone that came in contact with him. He will be greatly missed. Linda Stoll and Jane (Stoll) Meleady.

Jane C Meleady - June 30 at 03:15 PM



“ Although I did not know Hugh personally, he would come into the original Café Azafran in Lewes and I remember him singing the Lewes song to us! Definitely something I will never forget! Prayers to his wife and son.

Dani - June 30 at 09:54 AM



“ We will miss Hugh so much. I remember him writing to me when I went away to college just so that I would have a note from home. He was an incredibly caring person and never without a story to tell or something funny to say to make people laugh. We will miss your smile and your happy spirit. We love you!

Kim Ashburn - June 28 at 04:05 PM



“ We are so very sorry to lose such a cheerful person! It is hard to think of Hugh Councill without remembering his constant smile. He was an enthusiastic lover of life and will be missed by many. We remember our family visiting his in Lewes when our grandchildren were little. Adam was about 5 and he really hit it off with Hugh who started something he called "Guy Talk" that made Adam feel special. Hugh also sang a chorus song to the kids and they loved it! Always a kid at heart, we love you!

Linda Ashburn - June 27 at 08:44 AM



“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Linda Ashburn - June 27 at 08:38 AM



“ Hugh and Flo have been friends for over 35 years. We spent time with them at Shrine and Masonic events. Also we went on cruises and conventions with them. He would always be in the talent shows on the cruises. He was such a good sport. Such a kind and caring person Hugh was. After my husband passed away Hugh called me more than anyone to check on me and make sure I was still riding "my bike". I will miss his calls. I have many memories of his art work, photography and his singing. He always stole the show with the Lewes Mens Chorus. My sympathy to Flo and Brent. A memorial gift has been sent in Hugh's name to the Shriner's Hospital.
Jo Shinholt

Josephine R Shinholt - June 26 at 06:00 PM



“ We were blessed at a Lewes Presbyterian Church a Soup Ministry to have High and Flo join us weekly. Hugh was such a kind and caring man. He would serenade us and we enjoyed it very much. Rest In Peace, Mr. Hugh. Thank you for you fellowship and sharing of stories and songs. Our deepest sympathy to dear, Flo. Prayers for peace and comfort.

Gerry & Carol Brown - June 25 at 09:44 PM



“ What a dear soul. He has joined several other members that has passed in the past few months. We now have a heavenly choir of Hugh, Bob Miller, Bob Soule, George MacIntire, Bill Earl. The Bob Miller Family ,

Gloria Miller - June 25 at 03:10 PM



“ I will always remember all the fun and crazy times with Cousin Boots. He was the bell of the ball at every occasion and loved to make people smile and have a good time. The Bruns clan will surely miss him. Family occasions were the best! May you rest in peace now and enjoy making all those in Heaven SMILE AND LAUGH! Barb and Bob

Barbara Jones - June 24 at 01:45 PM



“ Cary purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Hugh Brent Council.



Cary - June 24 at 11:44 AM



“ Albert Nahum purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Hugh Brent Council.



Albert Nahum - June 24 at 10:40 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hugh Brent Council.



June 23 at 12:49 PM



“ Gregory Baisley lit a candle in memory of Hugh Brent Council



Gregory Baisley - June 23 at 11:28 AM



“ I will have my fond memories of learning and feeding birds in the backyard. And our adventures Eating Out. "Boots" always asking people where they were from. And then Singing to Them.
Rest in Peace

Gregory Baisley - June 23 at 11:27 AM



“ Boots was such a beautiful soul. I will miss his smile, jokes, his always positive spirit. Now he gets to do this from above. My heartfelt condolences to Flo and Brent. You're like family to me and have been for over 35 years. Love and hugs. Cori



Cori Goodhart - June 23 at 10:22 AM