



Thomas Stewart McCallum

September 24, 1945 - July 28, 2020

Thomas Stewart McCallum, 74, of Lewes, Delaware, passed away on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at Beebe Healthcare, Lewes, Delaware. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Thomas S. McCallum and Ruth McCallum.

After graduating from High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves and upon discharge began his lifetime career as an electrician. He retired from the IBEW Local 98 in Philadelphia, PA. where he was instrumental in the construction of many of the large skyscrapers, luxury hotels, hospitals and medical centers and commercial establishments throughout the City and suburbs.

He loved the outdoors and spent every waking minute participating in boating, fishing, snow skiing, water skiing, hunting, hiking and any other activity that kept him in the fresh air and sunshine. He loved to spend winters in the Florida Keys fishing with his wife Donna where he always said "it was catching - not fishing." As an avid Eagles and Phillies fan, he never missed watching a game during the season. The waterfront in his community was his favorite place to be walking and enjoying the scenery and water as well as hanging out at the marina with all his fishing buddies. He never let the grass grow under his feet, and was always on the go and looking for something to do. He was one of the original founders of the community's boating club "The Wharf Rats" and was also an active participant in the men's group "The Owls." Always ready to give anyone a helping hand when they needed it, he had many friends in the community who loved him. He battled Parkinson's disease for many years, but always kept moving and kept his attitude positive which kept him active for many years. He was also active in the many activities, seminars and fundraisers sponsored by the Parkinson's Education and Support Group of Sussex County and went to gym classes sponsored by the group. His favorite activities were boxing and wall climbing. He was a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather and dear friend to many.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Donna (Meade) McCallum; dear brother of Ruth Smelser; and beloved father of three daughters: Bernadette Spindler (Michael), Janice

Pfeiffer (Joseph) and Jennifer McCallum. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Amber (Michael), Kevin (Tara), Michael (Mikayla), Sean, Emily, and Meghan; and 5 great grandchildren: Joseph, Jaxon, Peyton, Abigail, and Colton; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Thomas; his mother, Ruth (Enz); his sister, Eileen Barei (Nick); his brother-in-law, Doyle Smelser; and his great grandson Kevin.

A celebration of Tom's incredible life will be scheduled when the COVID-19 virus restrictions subside.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be sent to The Parkinson's Education and Support Group of Sussex County, P.O. Box 56, Lewes, Delaware 19958.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

Comments



“ Janice lit a candle in memory of Thomas Stewart McCallum



Janice - August 31, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ Bill and I will continue to share our fun loving memories we had with Tom. I loved watching him and Bill getting their harness on to perform their exciting wall climbing at the gym. They always made sure they both made it up and down. When they weren't climbing the wall, they were in another favorite class, the Boxing class. Before and after each class they would check with each other to see how the fish were biting and tell each other a joke. One of our fondest memories was when Tom won the basket of goodies from the group and we needed to get his pic for publicity. He gave the biggest smile! I personally, loved how he and I didn't worry about being a little late for class, we just eased on in and started exercising!
We will always carry a special place in our heart for this truly inspirational guy. He is one of the nicest guys we know! Please keep a watchful eye over us from above Tom.
Love, Marge and Bill Smith

Marge F Smith - August 05, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ Please accept our condolences cousin, Donna,you are in our thoughts and prayers....May you find comfort in the many happy memories you have of Tom.

Dottie Meade Miley - January 16 at 03:08 PM



“ Bernadette Spindler lit a candle in memory of Thomas Stewart McCallum



Bernadette Spindler - August 03, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ Will miss you Tom. Your smile was infectious.
Mike O'Neill

Mike O'Neill - August 03, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ When I think of Tom I see him scaling the rock wall at Rise Gym. I don't think he ever missed a day at the gym unless something important took him away. Likewise since the COVID-19 pandemic we have been doing our classes online and he was pretty much involved every day at least the days I was on. He was a sweet and lovely man who was a friend to all and An inspiration to those of us like myself also living with Parkinson's. Tom God bless you and your family for sharing a small portion of your life with the rest of us in the Parkinson's group here in the coastal area and may you rest in peace and shine your everlasting light down on the rest of us. You will be immensely missed by those whose lives you touched. Thank you for the opportunity to have known you, it was my pleasure. Nancy Olson

Nancy Olson - August 03, 2020 at 05:47 AM



“ Jennifer Mccallum lit a candle in memory of Thomas Stewart McCallum



Jennifer Mccallum - August 02, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ The sun and the sea ...

Jennifer Mccallum - August 02, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ Our dock won't ever be the same. We always looked forward to seeing him and knew he'd be there more times than not. Dean and I will miss him dearly. What a GREAT man. Our thoughts and prayers are with Donna and the rest of Tom's family. RIP, Tom.

Dean and Cindy Alfano

Dean and Cindy Alfano - August 02, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ What a pleasure it was knowing Tom. He was kind, witty and humble. Tom participated in our weekly group and always had wonderful comments and jokes to contribute. I will miss him greatly but will always keep his memory strong. Rest in peace, Tom.

Michele Poynton-Marsh - August 01, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ Tom was a neighbor of ours, and it was always nice to talk with him on our daily walks with our dog, Buster, who always loved the attention Tom gave him. Our family is very sorry for your loss.

Ellen Driscoll - August 01, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ I am so very lucky you are my Dad and my children are so fortunate to have you as their Pop Pop! We are so blessed with the many great memories, fun times and wise advice you have given. We will love you always and carry with us how much you cared for all of us, your humor, great love of the outdoors, best music selections and a million other things. I see you in your grandchildren and great grandchildren, it brings such joy. Our hearts are with you Donna and we know Dad's love for you will go on forever!

Janice McCallum Pfeiffer - July 31, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ 8 million memories... I love you so deeply and miss you to the depths of the earth. I loved how you knew the words to songs and movies, making things just all the more fun. Your funny comments when you were being cynical, your cool disposition, and wise ways. I'll be writing here again. Besides hunting and fishing, all the beers and sandwiches we shared, and sushi.... heart to hearts... there's so many little things. You may be gone but you will never be forgotten. Until I see you next....

Jennifer McCallum - July 31, 2020 at 12:55 PM