



Ralph E. Shockley

October 11, 1942 - January 22, 2021

Ralph Estes Shockley, of Snow Hill passed away on Friday, January 22, 2021 at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin.

Born October 11, 1942 he was the son of Percy Franklin Shockley and Elizabeth of Indiantown.

Ralph graduated from Snow Hill High School in 1960. After graduation, he went on to graduate from Goldey-Beacom Business School in Wilmington, Delaware. When he returned to Snow Hill, Mr. Marion Brown owner of Booth and Brown Insurance offered him a job. Mr. Brown died 6 months later and his widow Mary took over the business. Upon Mrs. Brown's retirement, Ralph bought the Booth and Brown business. He then formed a partnership with Dave Wheaton, of Jones and Wheaton Insurance. The two men merged their individual businesses to become Associated Insurance Center. The business was honored in 2001 as Outstanding Business of the Year. At which time, it was honored by the Worcester County Commissioners with a Commendation as well as a banquet at the Snow Hill Lions Club. Ralph took great pride and dedication in making sure that his clients felt safe and secure. He made sure he spent all the time they needed to have their questions answered. He served the insurance industry for over 40 years. He retired January 1, 1999. Upon his retirement, he was awarded a commendation by Worcester County for his outstanding service to the community.

As a teenager in 1959 and 1960 he worked at Frontier Town in Ocean City, as part of the original cast of cowboys. He spent those summers living the outlaw life entertaining visitors to the newly opened theme park. Later both of his granddaughters worked at the park as can-can girls. He loved to visit the park while they worked and reminisce about the things they did "back in the day". He would always show up dressed in his outlaw gear in case they needed any help.

Ralph was a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, President of the Snow Hill Merchant Association, served on Furnace Town Board, Snow Hill Christian Nursey School Board. He was a member of Whatcoat United Methodist Church. He served on Worcester County Economic Development Committee, which he was recognized for his 10 years of volunteer service in April 2019. He was a member and 32nd degree Mason of the Sinepuxent Lodge Number 193, where he was recently awarded a 50 year service pin.

He spent his retirement enjoying the interests of his grandchildren. He spent many hours at ballgames, traveling to dance recitals, driving to golf lessons, watching school sports and following go kart racing; cheering on his boy "Chubbs" Shockley 048. Ralph proudly wore Chubb's Maxxis National Championship Ring that Logan had sized for and presented to his grandfather at the last Maxxis National Banquet. He took great pride in the accomplishment of all his grand kids. He looked forward the morning "business" breakfast meetings he held with his partners in crime. He never missed an opportunity to tell a good joke, share a story or present a special gift to his breakfast crew members.

Ralph always said, "Never let the truth get in the way of telling a good story!"

He is survived by his wife of 57 years Joyce Ingersoll Shockley; a daughter Beth Shockley-Lynch (Jere); a son Ralph "Chip" Estes Shockley Jr. (Shawna); five Grandchildren Kyle, Rachel and Blaire Lynch and Logan and Levi Shockley, all of Snow Hill; a brother David F. Shockley (Sandra); and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to sincerely thank the doctors and nurses in the intensive care unit of Atlantic General Hospital for all the special care and kindness they showed us during this very difficult time.

Due to current gathering restrictions, the funeral service will be private.

Services are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Comments



“ Joyce & family,
So sorry for your loss. Pat H told me about Ralph Estes yesterday. I know a little bit of what you are going through. Wayne died suddenly 10/13/20. Sending heartfelt sympathy.
Fondly,
Mary Alice (Kerbin) Collins

Mary Collins - January 30 at 12:22 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Beth Shockley- Lynch - January 29 at 06:56 PM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Beth Shockley- Lynch - January 29 at 02:55 PM



“ 17 files added to the tribute wall



Beth Shockley-Lynch - January 29 at 01:38 PM



“ Dear Joyce (and family). When we received the message about Ralph's passing we were at first very sad for all of you. Then we started thinking about times and laughter shared and that somehow eased the shock. It's hard to know where to start but we can just simply say it is great to have those memories to think back on. Hopefully the ones you have as a family will also help you through the days ahead. Love and condolences, Pat and Steve

Pat and Steve Quarles - January 28 at 06:58 PM



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Beth Shockley-Lynch - January 28 at 01:09 PM



“ We are so sorry for you loss, he was a great person with a wonderful family. You are in our prayers.
Cyndy and Jim Ladd

cynthia Tilghman-Ladd - January 27 at 10:11 PM



“ Ralph’s “Business Breakfasts” were one of a kind. He planned out every detail, arriving at the restaurant at least 30 minutes early to make sure everything was set in place, including having the waitress help with the presentation of gifts. There were a few unwritten rules when attending a breakfast. You must have a thick skin with a good sense of humor and no spouses allowed. When it came time for the gift giving, everyone knew the gifts were from Ralph yet no one could ever prove it. He always had special gifts for special people; he remembered everything and no one was exempt. Before the meeting was over, not only the waitress was in on the festivities, but also nearby patrons were drawn into the “business”, adding to the fun. When the time would come for the next breakfast, we were still laughing about the last one. We will all dearly miss our breakfasts with Ralph. He was a special guy who brought us much laughter and many wonderful memories.
Vic Smullen (a partner in crime)

Vic Smullen - January 27 at 07:27 PM



“ Shawna, Chip and family, I was so touched reading about the life of your father-in-law and father. He was clearly a very good man with a kind heart and a wonderful sense of humor, respected by community and family alike. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sorrowful time. I can only hope you are comforted by the retelling of the stories and jokes he told as his memory lives on. Love to you all, Lisa Yoakum



Lisa Yoakum - January 27 at 05:24 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Shockley.



January 27 at 03:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Shockley.



January 27 at 03:37 PM



“ Ralph brought joy and smiles with his stories. We will miss him. Praying for his family.

Danny and Pam Hammond - January 27 at 02:36 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Shockley.



January 27 at 02:24 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Rebecca Smith Shawn

Rebecca Shawn - January 27 at 01:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Shockley.



January 27 at 12:48 PM



“ I will always remember Ralph having a smile on his face and usually making a funny comment. We wish to offer our condolences to the family.

Bill Shockley - January 27 at 10:28 AM



“ A wonderful neighbor, friend, business associate and person. It was an gift to know him.

Pat Compton - January 26 at 07:40 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. So sorry for your loss.

Richard Mills - January 26 at 04:53 PM