



Otis H. Wharton

February 10, 1916 - April 1, 2008

Otis Herman Wharton, Sr. of Hyde Park, Easton, formerly of Ridgely, MD died on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at Memorial Hospital, Easton, MD. He was 92.

Born February 10, 1916 in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of the late Otis Hambleton and Mary Elizabeth Imler Wharton. As a young child he moved to Maryland and was raised by his aunt and uncle, Tirzah and Frank Simon. He graduated from Ridgely High School in the Class of 1933. He then began his career in the milk industry working at Cooklyn Dairy in Goldsboro, MD, then helped to build and later worked for Breyer's milk plant in Ridgely, MD and then for M. Maggio Milk Co. in Denton, MD, a subsidiary of M. Maggio of Philadelphia, PA. In 1959 he was transferred to Philadelphia, PA as the General Manager of M. Maggio Milk Co., which produced milk products and various Italian cheeses. Retiring in 1981. On December 30, 1939 he married the former, Mary E. Crouse of Ridgely, MD and they made their home in Ridgely prior to moving to New Jersey and upon retiring moved back to Ridgely and in 2006 moved to Easton, MD. During World War II he served locally in the National Guard and the Maryland State Guard and also worked at the defense plant in Chester, PA and Chestertown, MD.

He was an outstanding soccer player in his youth and young adult years, receiving the greatest soccer player from 1900-1959 award at a ceremony in 1981. He was also an experienced woodworker, creating numerous hand made toys, trucks, dollhouse and many other novel creations. From 1975 until 1998 they traveled extensively with their Airstream travel trailer over 47 states and Canada. He was a member of the WWBCCI club for 31 years where he had served as President and he was also a former president of the Ridgely Cemetery Association.

In addition to his wife of 68 years, he is survived by two sons, O. Herman Wharton, Jr. and Wayne G. Wharton, both of Nottingham, PA; a daughter, Ruth Ann Smith of Easton, MD; six grandchildren, Heidi Smith of Camden, DE, Shawn Alan Sparks of Easton, MD, Jeffrey Wharton and John Wharton, both of Philadelphia, PA, Zachary Wharton and Alex Wharton, both of Nottingham, PA and ten great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008 at 11:00 AM at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A., Easton, MD where friends may call from 10-11.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations may be made to Ridgely Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 746, Ridgely, MD 21660.

Comments



“ Ruthann,
I am so sorry for the painful loss of your father. My heart aches for you and your family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Sue Burleson

Sue Burleson - April 05, 2008 at 09:08 AM



“ Please accept our sincere condolences. You are in our thoughts at this sad time and remember, God only takes the best.

Mike and Patti Johnson - April 04, 2008 at 01:06 PM



“ Mrs. Wharton: I want to extend my deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family at this time. I met you at Corsica Hills in Centreville when Mr. Wharton was a patient there. My mother was Mary Callahan Harris, whose brother was Ralph Callahan. I have had both of them speak of Mr. Wharton many times and Uncle Ralph thought so much of your husband. May God give you the faith and strength to face each new day. God Bless you and your family. Lynda H. Palmatary, 221 Hope Road, Centreville, Maryland 21617

Lynda H. Palmatary - April 04, 2008 at 09:36 AM



“ Ruthann, I was so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this tough time. I'll see you soon.
Mel

Melanie Tindale - April 03, 2008 at 06:19 PM



“ Ruth Ann,

I am so sorry to hear about your Dad passing away, just remember he is in a better place and he's not suffering any longer. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Please call me, if you need anything. I will be in touch, so we can sit down and have a much needed girly talk. Love, Rita

Rita Cannon - April 03, 2008 at 04:02 PM