



Henry Tilden Cornelius

July 7, 1912 - October 28, 2009

H. Tilden "Til" Cornelius of Church Hill, Maryland died on October 28, 2009 at Chestertown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Chestertown, MD. He was 97.

He was born in Bayville, NJ on July 7, 1912 the son of the late, Henry T. and Catherine Bower Cornelius. He attended Toms River High School and at an early age went to work for a dairy farm where he not only worked but also delivered milk. His milk route facilitated his meeting and marrying Mary E. "Bette" Hansel on March 27, 1935.

Mr. Cornelius owned and operated Cornelius Service Center in Toms River from 1940-1953. He purchased, serviced, and maintained a bus for Toms River Presbyterian Church where he was also a member. He also served as special deputy sheriff for Ocean County New Jersey. Mr. Cornelius enjoyed many happy outings on the family houseboat and sea skiff on Barnegat Bay. He loved the water, hunting, fishing and trapping. Following the death of his daughter, Dale at the age of 15, he and his family moved to their farm in Church Hill, Maryland.

In Church Hill, Mr. Cornelius operated a dairy herd for 10 years; he later worked with Southern States as a field representative, where he received the Vanguard Award for customer service. Following a foot injury, Mr. Cornelius retired in the early 1970's. He returned to the family's farm and continued

operations. On November 8, 1993 his wife predeceased him after 56 years of marriage, On March 9, 1996 he married Sara Jane Wentz, she predeceased him in 2001. Mr. Cornelius had recently been a resident of Chestertown Nursing and Rehabilitation where he received excellent care. He loved visitors, children, and was happiest clearing land and improving the farm.

Mr. Cornelius is survived by his son, Tilden Douglas “Doug” Cornelius and his wife, Linda Karter Cornelius of Church Hill, MD; a sister, Evelyn Weston and her husband, John of Culpepper, VA; a sister in law, Doris Thompson of Easton, MD, along with several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Clifford Cornelius and William Cornelius and a sister, Erma Flood.

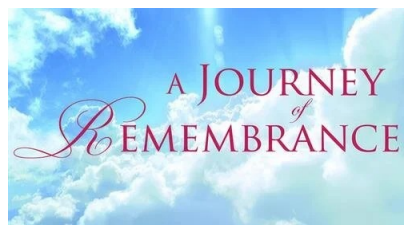
Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD, where relatives and friends may call on Friday, November 6, 2009 between the hours of 7:00 and 8:30.

Interment will be in St. Luke’s Episcopal Church Cemetery in Church Hill, MD.

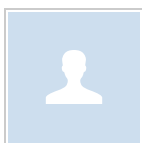
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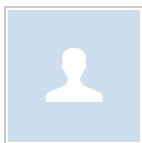


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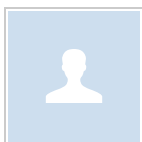
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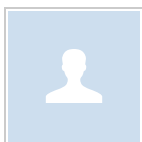
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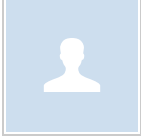
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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



*“ Linda,
So sorry to hear of your husband and your loss.
Sincerely###imported-begin##Bev Dadds##imported-end## ”*

November 05, 2009 at 09:48 AM



“ Dear Doug and Linda,

We were so sorry to hear about Til but know you have plenty of wonderful memories of him.

Our condolences and warm thoughts to you both.##imported-begin##John and Donna Rhody##imported-end##

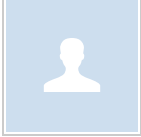
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“ Doug and Linda, I will always remember Mr. Cornelius' smile, gentle way, and wonderful stories. I loved stopping in to see him when I was visiting Chestertown Nursing and Rehab. And, he was the same man I knew years ago when we were at Juvenile Services and meeting at the cabin on the farm. You are both in my thoughts and prayers at this time. He has a good legacy in you, Doug.

Sincerely, Barry Barrell##imported-begin##Barry Barrell##imported-end##

November 03, 2009 at 09:44 AM



“ The word gentleman was created with a man like Mr. Henry in mind. My father in law was in the room next to Mr. Henry at Chestertown Nursing & Rehab. The boys became close friends, we always delighted in the stories they would tell. They shared many memories and were always amazed at each others stories. We were so glad they had each other to watch the ball games and other entertaining activities at CN&R. I will always remember Mr. Henry sitting out front at rehab with his straw hat on flirting with all the ladies that went in and out of the building. He was always delighted and welcome to be part of the group when we would visits my dear father in law Brownie. We felt like Mr. Henry was party of our family. A refined, lovely man has left us all and hopefully watching ballgames in heaven with his friend. Our deepest sympathy to the family.##imported-begin##Joan & Dick Brown##imported-end##

November 02, 2009 at 04:32 PM



“ Doug and Linda

What a wonderful life your Dad had. I know you will miss him he was a part of your life for a long long time. Prayers are with you!##imported-begin##Joyce Benton##imported-end##

November 02, 2009 at 08:54 AM



“ Doug and family: Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you in the loss of your dad. He was a wonderful man and my father thought so much of him when they worked together at Southern States. He was highly respected surely loved the community. Thinking of you and God will give you the strength to get through this difficult time. God Bless. Gene and Lynda Palmatary, 221 Hope Road, Centreville, Md.##imported-begin##Lynda Palmatary##imported-end##

October 31, 2009 at 09:51 PM