



Philemon Greenhawk

August 5, 1935 - July 27, 2013

Philemon Carroll Greenhawk joined our Lord on Saturday July 27, 2013, at Chesapeake Woods Center, succumbing to a long fought battle with Alzheimers. He is missed and loved by all his family and friends, and we thank him for all his service to his Community.

Phil was born to Willard James Wesley Greenhawk and Lida Mae Connolly on August 5, 1935.

Phil started his military career as a Private in the 115th MD National Guard in July 1953. Six months later, he joined the US Air Force as an air policeman and assigned to the Air Force Honor Guard at Bolling Air Force Base. In mid-1955, he was stationed at Eieleson Air Force Base with top security status when Alaska was still a territory, and completed his tour with the 5010th Air Police unit. After his release from active duty, he joined an Air Reserve unit in Easton which moved to Glenn L. Martin in Middle River. The reserve unit deactivated in 1964, and he joined the Air Police in MDANG's 135th Combat Support Squadron, attaining rank of first sergeant, then Chief Master Sergeant. As Command Chief Master Sergeant, he administered to the needs of both the 135th Tactical Airlift Group but also the 175th Tactical Fighter Group. He retired at the mandatory requirement age in 1995, with almost 42 years of service and would have gone back at any time as he loved serving.

Phil was instrumental in co-founding the National Immune Deficiency Foundation as he lost two sons to this primary immunodeficiency disease which creates many varieties of hardship to children born with immune deficiencies.

Phil also gave back in many ways to his community, serving as an officer of the Oxford Planning and Zoning, the Oxford Appeals Board, and the longest total service as Town Commissioner since 1899, working from 1982-1984 and 1990-2002. He was an usher at Sts. Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

Phil was a 60-year life member of the Oxford Volunteer Fire Company, serving on the medical and fire fighting sides, holding most of the officer positions and administration as President for many years. He also was former Chair of the Talbot County Fire Association as well as Fire Fighters Hall of Fame for Talbot County and Eastern Shore Associations.

Phil had many interests through the years, leading Boy Scout Troops, taming horses, boxing in the military as well as attaining Sharp Shooter status, being a teller at Talbot Bank in his early years, and working as a traveling salesman with Easton Wholesale and Oceana before retiring. Phil loved to hunt and fish. He also loved racing log canoes and Bermuda ocean racing. He was a member of the Easton Elks and Knights of Columbus. He was an Honorary Member of the Oxford Ladies Auxiliary and the Oxford Foxy Ladies Red Hatters as he attended all the functions with his wife. He became our resident rooster in the hen house.

Phil is survived by his wife, Connie Schwaninger; daughters, Lawrie Dudley (Wick), Dale Jafari (Reza), Stacey Anderson (Ron); sons, Mike Greenhawk (Kelly) and Brian Greenhawk (Mindy); stepson, Samuel "Butch" Townsend (Lisa); grandchildren, Elizabeth & Wick Dudley, Jason (Karen), Kaelon

(Melissa), Logan Reddish, Catherine Greenhawk, Mike & Ashlea Greenhawk, Sean & Megan Greenhawk; step-grandchildren, Phillip & Matt Paul, Jack & Samantha Townsend; aunts Jackie Smith & Doris Greenhawk; and many cousins. Beside his parents, he was preceded in death by Philemon Jr. & Kelly Patrick; aunts Peg, Kathleen, Mabel, Doris and Jean; and uncles Roland, Frank, and Granville.

Friends may call on Friday, August 2, 2013, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., in Easton. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2013, at 2 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Easton. Burial will be at Oxford Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Oxford Volunteer Fire Dept., 300 Oxford Rd., Oxford, MD, 21654, to honor a great man.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Cemetery

Oxford, MD

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location
200 S Harrison St
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

AUG 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
100 Peach Blossom Road
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Philemon Greenhawk*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Philemon Greenhawk*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Philemon Greenhawk*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Phil was always a favorite "rep", first with Easton Wholesale ... later with Oceana. A truly pleasant and gracious man ! Sail on Phil ...*

Liz Smith

former owner of Swan Creek Marina in Rock Hall

Liz - August 02, 2013 at 08:48 AM



“ *My sympathy to Phil's family and friends. He and I graduated from High School together in 1953. Was fortunate to have seen him on several occasions at reunions, etc. I have many memories of Phil during our school years.*

Elmer Saulsbury

Elmer Saulsbury - August 01, 2013 at 09:23 PM

ND

“ *Nancy And Larry DiNisio lit a candle in memory of Philemon Greenhawk*



Nancy and Larry DiNisio - August 01, 2013 at 02:14 PM

ND

“ *So sorry to Connie and family. He was a nice person.*

Nancy & Larry DiNisio

Nancy and Larry DiNisio - August 01, 2013 at 02:13 PM

PF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Connie and the family at this sad time.*



Phil Foster - August 01, 2013 at 08:52 AM


Marlene Sangalang

“ *I did not have the pleasure of knowing this fine gentleman, but Capt Mike Greenhawk is my Capt at Co 19. I have nothing but the utmost respect for you, Capt and I am personally praying for you, Mikey and the rest of the family.*



Marlene Sangalang - July 31, 2013 at 09:28 PM

WS

“ *Walt & Judy Schwaninger lit a candle in memory of Philemon Greenhawk*



Walt & Judy Schwaninger - July 30, 2013 at 08:08 PM

WA

Connie our hearts and prayers are with you and your family.

Walt - July 30, 2013 at 08:11 PM

ES

“ *It was our pleasure to meet and get to know Phil during the years we owned and operated a business in Oxford. He truly exemplified the definition of a gentleman of great integrity. He impressed us as a devoted father as well as a dedicated citizen. His service to Oxford and his country were extraordinary. We will remember him fondly.*

To Phil's family we send our heartfelt sympathy

Ed and Pat Skinner

Ed and Pat Skinner - July 30, 2013 at 07:56 PM

RB

“ *Robert W. Bullen lit a candle in memory of Philemon Greenhawk*



Robert W. Bullen - July 30, 2013 at 10:42 AM



The members of the Anne Arundel County Retired Fire Fighters Assoc. sent their Deepest Sympathy to our brother Mike and his family.

Anne Arundel Retired Fire Fighters Assoc - July 31, 2013 at 07:50 AM