



Richard Burk Keephart

May 19, 1931 - December 3, 2013

Richard “Dick” Keephart, of Betterton, MD, and Wallingford, PA, died on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Chestertown. He was 83.

Born on May 19, 1931, in Chester, PA, he was the son of the late Lester M. and Katie Barker Keephart. He was a graduate of Chester High School and later graduated from Drexel University. Mr. Keephart was a World War II United States Army veteran and was honorably discharged in 1955. Until his retirement, 20 years ago, he owned and operated Orange Party Tree, a gift and card shop in Villanova, PA. Mr. Keephart lived in Wallingford, PA, and owned a cottage in Betterton, MD, where he spent most of his summers for the past 70 years.

He enjoyed fishing, duck and goose hunting, collecting Betterton memorabilia, and walking on the beach collecting beach glass and other items that washed up. Mr. Keephart also enjoyed teaching children how to fish. He was famous for paying his friends’ children with red licorice for each piece of blue beach glass they would find for him.

Mr. Keephart was a member of the Ducks Unlimited, Sassafra River Association, and the Betterton Community Development Committee.

He is survived by a sister, Mary K. Thomson of Center Moriches, NY; a niece, Martha A. Thomson of Dunnellon, FL; three nephews, Jay Scott Thomson of Mastic Beach, NY, Eric Evans Thomson of Mastic, NY, Kirk Alan Thomson of Jupiter, FL; four great nephews, Kristopher Thomson of New Orleans, LA, Evan Thomson of Mastic, NY, Matthew Thomson Mastic, NY, and Luke Thomson of Jupiter, FL; and one great niece, Marissa Thomson of Jupiter, FL.

Funeral services will be held privately. Donations in his name may be given to the Betterton Museum or Betterton Community Development Committee (BCDC) at P.O. Box 152, Betterton, MD 21610.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Burk Keephart*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Richard Burk Keephart*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Richard Burk Keephart*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dear Mary, Marci, Jay, Eric, & Kirk, I can't tell you how sadden I was to learn of Dicks death. I worked with Dick at S&C form the late 60's and would ride the train together for years. He was my son Brad God Father and a good friend. I would stop and visit in Betterton, when I was going to and from Rock Hall. It is very sad that he never had a good friend or spouse to live with all those long years. I will miss him very much! Very Best Regards, Larry Dunbar. 15 Ringfield Rd. Chadds Ford, Pa.19317.*

Larry Dunbar - December 10, 2013 at 11:16 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Dicks passing. It brought back memories of the good times we had together. May God Bless Dick.

You will always be remembered may you rest in peace.

Liz and Bill Harkins

willaim and elizabeth harkins - December 08, 2013 at 11:15 AM

MZ

“ Our condolences to Richard's entire family for their loss. We are so fortunate to have had him in our lives for the past 47 years. Evergreen Knoll will miss an icon and we will miss a good friend. Fishing on the Sassafrass will bring back some of our fondest times spent with him. Rest in peace Richard and thanks for the memories. Spike and Cindy

Mr & Mrs Franklin Zimmerman - December 05, 2013 at 02:19 AM

EM

“ Dickie Keephart was a fixture of my childhood summers at Evergreen Knoll. Some of my best memories are of the sleepovers he'd let us girls have in Mrs. Star's house. We'd creep around the old place sure it was haunted. Somehow, there'd always be some knocking and banging but he never admitted to being our "ghost."

Emily - December 04, 2013 at 06:57 PM