



Theodore William Landskroener

October 31, 1923 - May 2, 2020

Theodore William Landskroener, a former Navy pilot who owned and operated a successful window and door business in Queen Anne's County for more than 40 years, died May 2, 2020. He was 96.

Born in Bethlehem, PA, on October 31, 1923, Ted was the middle son of Clarence and Myrna Smith Landskroener, originally of Saginaw, MI. The family moved to Merchantville, NJ, when the boys were young, and Clarence first opened the Delmarva Sash & Door Company (DSD) in Barclay in 1942. Ted joined the company at the end of his military service in 1945. He and Kathleen Bottomley of Merchantville, NJ, were married in 1947 and moved to Chestertown, where they raised five children. Although he had no formal business training, Ted built the company into a multi-million-dollar wholesale distribution center servicing builders throughout the Atlantic Seaboard region.

DSD suffered a devastating loss in 1978, when the largest fire in the history of Queen Anne's County destroyed the manufacturing plant and warehouse. Several volunteer fire companies from surrounding Maryland and Delaware towns responded to the blaze, and before the smoke cleared DSD competitors had stepped forward to help the company remain in operation while the plant was rebuilt. Out of gratitude for the selfless sacrifices made by civic organizations and business associates alike, Ted took a leadership role in the Maryland State Fire Association and agreed to preside over the

National Sash & Door Jobbers Association. Ted sold the company to Reeb Millwork in 2004 and lived out his retirement in Chestertown, where he enjoyed spending time with his large circle of friends and a growing family.

Ted rarely left the house without his Navy ball cap, and he loved to share the story of how he came to earn his Navy wings. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Ted began to contemplate which branch of the service he should join. One day, he spotted a sharp-dressed Naval aviator on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post and decided right then and there that he would do whatever it takes to earn that uniform. Months later, during flight training school, Ted came face to face with that very officer, who had been shot down in the South Pacific and lived to tell about it.

Ted was undergoing carrier landing training, bound for the Pacific Theater, when President Truman dropped a second bomb to end the war. That bomb, he said, surely saved his life and the lives of countless other American military men.

Ted was a giant in the community—a faithful member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Past Master in the Chester Lodge, a member of Ellen's Breakfast Club, and a Friday night regular at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club, where he always ordered what was dubbed "the Landskroener pour." He played golf well into his 80s and played bridge until just months before his death.

Predeceased by his two brothers and his wife, Kathy, Ted is survived by his daughter, Nancy; sons and daughters-in-law Chris and Marcia, Jim and Diane, David and Sue, and John; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, August 16, 2020, at 2:00 pm at Chester River Yacht and County Club at the "Cart Shed" adjacent to the club.

Previous Events

celebration of life

AUG **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chester River Yacht & Country Club
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Theodore William Landskroener* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 14, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Theodore William Landskroener* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 10, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ *Theodore William Landskroener* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Theodore William Landskroener* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Theodore William Landskroener

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Ted and Kathy have been absolute fixtures in my life, and are much missed, but also well remembered by so many people with whom they shared good times. My parents spent many great occasions with them, as Nancy and I have done throughout our lives. The Landskroener family is incredibly special. Love, Lynn McLain

Lynn McLain - August 14, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ To say that Mr. Ted was a Pillar of the community, is an understatement. He, his wife and the entire Family are pillars that stand for what Kent County and beyond stands for. God Bless Mr. Ted's family. You have a lot to be VERY proud of. Arthur Godfrey, Burlington NC. (an ole Bonnett's Town & Country Clerk in my youth, where the Landskroener's were regulars)

Arthur Godfrey - August 12, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ 11 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 11, 2020 at 10:24 AM

CE

“ Charles & Donna Edwards lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener



Charles & Donna Edwards - August 10, 2020 at 07:06 PM



“ 146 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 10, 2020 at 01:29 PM

BW

“ Mr. Landskroener was a very strong pillar in my life and MANY others. He was a great man, and I always will be proud to have known him while our families grew up together.

Heyboy 📣

Barney (HeyBoy) Willis - August 09, 2020 at 05:20 PM

CA

“ Cheryl Anderson lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener



Cheryl Anderson - May 14, 2020 at 03:08 PM

BC

“ Butch And Sally Coursey lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener



Butch and Sally Coursey - May 11, 2020 at 08:40 PM

MM

“ Mark Mumford lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener



mark mumford - May 10, 2020 at 12:45 PM

MM

Mr. Ted was a great man. He will truly be missed and always remembered.

mark mumford - May 10, 2020 at 12:47 PM

JM

“*Ted. What can I say at such a sad day in my business and social life. Ted, and his wife Kathy, were of the kind of person that you just can't get enough of. Kind harted, fair, honest, and so enjoyabel. He made our association meetings a "cannot miss" event. His use of humor, not even planned in advance, was a pleasure to behold. His company, along with any and all of his employees, was such a pleasure in which to be in competition. The stories he told about his military experiences made you want to be there. A dedicated family man and a true partner with his employees and friends. Many times I find myself longing for the "good old days" of which Ted was a very good part. Kath and I will miss him to say the least. May God bless him and his family. And may his reunion with Kathy be a joyous as Ted has been in life.*

*Gene and Kathy Mummau
Lancaster, PA*

J. Eugene (Gene) Mummau - May 10, 2020 at 10:02 AM

SC

“*Jeff and I were so sorry to hear of Mr Landskroener's passing. Personally I will miss his banter and bear hugs when I would see him at CRYCC.*



He seemed indomitable at the ripe old age of 96. Your Dad was simply an amazing man, such a gentleman!

Our heartfelt condolences for your loss, Jeff Long and Susan Cookerly.

susan cookerly - May 08, 2020 at 02:58 PM

SJ

“ *Suzanne Jackson lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



Suzanne Jackson - May 08, 2020 at 01:00 PM

WP

“ *William A Potts lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



william a potts - May 08, 2020 at 10:56 AM

WP

Remember bygone days Caddying at Chester River Yacht and Country Club for Ted

william a potts - May 08, 2020 at 10:58 AM

BB

“ *Mr. Ted was the best boss anyone could ever have because he was not only your boss but he was your friend too. There wasn't a day that he would come through the shop and he would have a smile on his face and making everyone laugh. He is a good man. I'm gonna miss you Mr. Ted.*

Boomer Bozarth - May 07, 2020 at 06:49 PM

ML

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



MARCIA C LANDSKROENER - May 07, 2020 at 05:36 PM

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MARCIA C LANDSKROENER - May 07, 2020 at 05:32 PM

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MARCIA C LANDSKROENER - May 07, 2020 at 05:30 PM

HM

“ Harry Maule lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener



Harry maule - May 06, 2020 at 05:58 PM

GH

“ I worked at DSD for 19 years with this Family. I TRUELY have to say, other than my Own Father, he was one of the FINEST MEN I've ever met. He was ALWAYS so kind to his Drivers, shop personnel, warehouse, and all his Office staff too. He will FOREVER BE MISSED, but NEVER FORGOTTEN. To the family, Nancy,Chris,David, and John, please except my sincere condolences for your loss.
George Holleger

George Holleger - May 06, 2020 at 02:31 PM

EB

“ Rest in Peace Ted --Good memories at Chester River. Prayers for your family.
Bill and Eileen Brice

Eileen Brice - May 06, 2020 at 09:49 AM

LC

“ Lorraine Convoer lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener



Lorraine convoer - May 05, 2020 at 10:13 PM

SM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ted's passing. He and Kathy were a special couple and friends to everyone. He will be missed by so many people. Please know my prayers are with all of you.



Sandy McClary - May 05, 2020 at 09:10 PM

LK

“ *Mr. Ted and Miss Kathy were great neighbors. Loved her whistle, and his wave. So sorry for your loss...*

leslie renschaw kemp - May 05, 2020 at 07:43 PM

DS

“ *Dave And Donell Smith lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



Dave and Donell Smith - May 05, 2020 at 12:55 PM

RB

“ *He was such a great friend and we played a lot of golf together. He had lots of good stories and we enjoyed his company. He will be missed greatly. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. With sympathy, Roger and Phyllis Brown*

Roger and Phyllis Brown - May 05, 2020 at 10:34 AM

RP

“ *Rachel Perry & George Panas lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



Rachel Perry & George Panas - May 05, 2020 at 09:32 AM

PW

“ *Patti Webb lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



Patti Webb - May 05, 2020 at 08:12 AM

RJ

“ *ROBIN JOINER lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



ROBIN JOINER - May 05, 2020 at 07:28 AM

EM

“ *Ellen McCown lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



Ellen McCown - May 05, 2020 at 01:16 AM

BS

“ *Bill Spencer lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



Bill Spencer - May 04, 2020 at 10:12 PM

BW

“ There are MANY memories I'd love to share. Our families grew up at Chester River Yacht & Country Club. My greatest memories of Mr Landskroener is golfing as a youngster. My last memories of Mr Landskroener were walking from a gig at the Dock Bar the past two summers, and playing one song for him at the Clubhouse where he enjoyed Friday evening dinners. As well as him sitting at the table directly beside me setup to hear me play.
Thanks for Great memories.
Rest In Peace my friend.

Barney HEYBOY Willis - May 04, 2020 at 09:05 PM

SS

“ Shelly Surprenant lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener



Shelly Surprenant - May 04, 2020 at 08:53 PM

TT

“ Trish And Eddie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener



Trish and Eddie Taylor - May 04, 2020 at 08:30 PM

JF

“ Some of my best memories of Ted are the years I worked with him at DSD. We had a wonderful working relationship and he was a wonderful employer. He touched many lives and I will miss him greatly!



Judy and Warren Field - May 04, 2020 at 08:19 PM

LP

“ Lori Pinder lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener



Lori Pinder - May 04, 2020 at 07:48 PM

DK

“ Douglas Cutter And Susan Kerns lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener



Douglas Cutter and Susan Kerns - May 04, 2020 at 07:31 PM

LW

“ Lisa Williams lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener



Lisa Williams - May 04, 2020 at 07:25 PM

TB

“ Tracy Burris lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener



Tracy Burris - May 04, 2020 at 06:51 PM

TC

“ Tammy Cowgill lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener



Tammy Cowgill - May 04, 2020 at 06:24 PM

DO

“ Doris Olsen lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener



Doris Olsen - May 04, 2020 at 06:05 PM

JL

“ John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener



John M Larrimore - May 04, 2020 at 06:03 PM

MJ

“ *Melanie Jones-Dalziel lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



Melanie Jones-Dalziel - May 04, 2020 at 05:58 PM

PC

“ *Patrick Cronshaw lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



Patrick Cronshaw - May 04, 2020 at 05:39 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 04, 2020 at 02:27 PM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - May 04, 2020 at 01:18 PM

MR

We are so very sorry for your loss.

Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - May 04, 2020 at 01:18 PM

LR

“ *Lora Robbins lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



Lora Robbins - May 04, 2020 at 12:35 PM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



Marie Usilton - May 04, 2020 at 12:16 PM

DB

“ *Our condolences to John and Chris and the entire family at the loss of your father. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Our sympathy, Debbie & Henry Bitter*



Debbie Bitter - May 04, 2020 at 12:03 PM

GC

“ *Guy & Susie (Sue) Comegys lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



Guy & Susie (Sue) Comegys - May 04, 2020 at 11:57 AM

GC

Remembering a good friend.

Guy & Susie (Sue) Comegys - May 04, 2020 at 11:58 AM

VG

“ *Virginia Gregg lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



Virginia Gregg - May 04, 2020 at 11:09 AM

AS

“ *Anna Smith lit a candle in memory of Theodore William Landskroener*



Anna Smith - May 04, 2020 at 10:55 AM