



W. Allen Greiner

April 8, 1937 - March 11, 2011

Allen (Buster) Greiner, 73, died March 11, 2011, peacefully at his home in Queen Anne surrounded by his loving family.

Allen was born April 8, 1937 at the family farm on Horse Shoe Road in Queen Anne, MD. He enjoyed working on the farm and had several prize winning animals. He graduated Centreville High School in 1955. Attended the University of Maryland College Park where he earned his BS in Agriculture in 1961. He was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. He worked at the Peoples Bank & Trust Company in Wilmington, DE. Began his USDA career with Soil Conservation Service, then taught vocational agriculture at Easton High School from 61 – 68 after his student teaching in Sudlersville High School. He quit teaching and began his own business as Greiner Pools for seven years in Easton Maryland. He then went back to USDA, Rural Development, formerly Farmers Home Administration, where he was responsible for administration and oversight for the agency's loan and grant programs in field offices serving nine Maryland counties. After a brief retirement he went back to work as an Ag loan officer for CNB in Centreville from 1995 – 2000.

He loved the outdoors, boating, fishing, crabbing, gardening and hunting. He was a very neat, meticulous and conservative man, to the point that his last home was built from the oak trees on his property. Everything always had to

be cleaned before it was put away so that it would last many years. Many, many friends and often strangers would stop to get gardening advice. He loved to travel to his farm in West Virginia in the fall to hunt, watch nature and go four wheeling on the mountain roads. He was a past member of Hillsboro Methodist Church and Ruthsburg Community Club. He was past president of Ruthsburg Community Club.

He is survived by his wife Doris of 22 years, son Bret and his life long friend Kathy Sadler of Tilghman, daughters Karen Leonard and her husband Bobby of Tunis Mills and Traci Haas of Queen Anne. Grandchildren, Mitchell and Lindsay Hughes and Tyler Higdon. A sister Charlotte Ann Booth of Queen Anne and brother Ralph E. Greiner of Ridgely, MD a nephew, Douglas E. Greiner of Ridgely, and his yellow lab "Missy".

He was preceded in death by his parents, William A. Greiner and Helen Porter Greiner, a nephew Carl Booth and great nephew Matthew Booth.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 pm, Tuesday, March 15, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Centreville, MD. A memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 with a viewing one hour prior. Interment will be held privately at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Queen Anne's Inc., 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD or Ruthsburg Community Foundation Scholarship Fund, PO Box 182 Centreville, MD 21617. On line condolences may be made to www.fhnfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of W. Allen Greiner* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *W. Allen Greiner* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *W. Allen Greiner* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *W. Allen Greiner* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Doris,
Sorry to be so late in sending my thoughts to you - I have been unable to find a mail address for card. Just wanted to let you know I am thinking of you and the family, and am deeply sorry for your loss. With 22 years together, I know you have wonderful, loving memories to sustain you.
Best,
PJ.##imported-begin##PJ. Townsend##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 11:10 AM

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A freedom is never lost, that's what he taught us. .. ps Qaz1 someone from Brazil .

Qaz1 - November 22, 2021 at 01:20 AM



“ Dear Doris & Missy, please accept my deepest condolences for your loss of a dearly beloved husband/master. I have known you, Allen & Missy not too long ago and you all welcomed me with your kindness and friendship in sharing your wonderful farm produce. Allen will be missed but his memory lives on in the lives of people he touched with his warm smile and kindness and that includes mine.##imported-begin##RAUL T. GALARAGA##imported-end##

March 24, 2011 at 12:56 PM



“ Doris, With deepest condolences on your loss. I will always remember your anniversary - 8/8/88 - we were working in the Dover State Office then. My prayers are with you. Janet Bayne Grossnickle##imported-begin##Janet Bayne Grossnickle##imported-end##

March 21, 2011 at 11:43 AM



“ God Bless this great man, Doris & Traci please except my deepest sympathy for the loss of Allen. I was only blessed to know Allen for a few short years but learned so much from him that I will never forget. He was always willing to take the time to teach you the correct way to do things; we had some great times on the water and touring the garden, “let the Fig trees live long and produce many fruits” Allen you will be missed by so many people, for you have touched the lives of people you never meet with your wisdom. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Your friend Stephen Figliozi###imported-begin##Stephen Figliozi###imported-end##

March 16, 2011 at 08:02 AM



“ DORIS & FAMILY: DEEPEST SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO YOU IN THE LOSS OF ALLEN. MY BROTHERS, EDWARD, KENNY & PHILLIP SCHLOTZHAUER ALL THOUGHT THE WORLD OF HIM WHEN THEY WERE IN SCHOOL AND IN LATER YEARS. HE WAS LOVED BY ALL THAT MET HIM. A WONDERFUL PERSON.###imported-begin##RITA S. PETITT###imported-end##

March 16, 2011 at 06:56 AM



“ Doris and Traci, I'm sorry for your loss. Everyone will miss riding by and seeing Allen working in the garden. But I know he will be planting a new garden soon. My thoughts are with you both during your loss and days to come.###imported-begin##Dolly Starkey###imported-end##

March 15, 2011 at 09:14 PM



“ The day Allen and Doris (I call her Dar-Dar) got married, I called the house to ask a work related question as Doris was my trainer, my friend and my District Director's housemate/love. She told me they were busy canning tomatoes. Me, the hopeless romantic, was appalled and said, shouldn't you be taking a bubble bath and getting ready..and to that I got a Linda, the tomatoes are ripe and perfect and they need to be canned right now!..when the tomatoes are done, we will go to the courthouse. I could hear Allen half chuckling in the background. Later that day they married.

This story says a lot about their relationship. They worked hard together side by side whether it was in the garden, crabbing, fishing, hunting or working on properties. They worked hard and they had fun doing it. Allen knew he was lucky to have Doris and Doris felt like she was the lucky one. I haven't had the pleasure of knowing that many couples who honestly adored each other. I am glad I was able to see this kind of love. We all know this life on earth is not forever, but I believe with all my heart this kind of love IS Forever.

My prayers and thoughts are with you my Dar Dar and sweet Traci and to the rest of Allen's family. He was a kind kind soul.##imported-begin##Linda Simmons Barbor##imported-end##

March 15, 2011 at 01:05 PM



“ Doris and family -- My sincere sympathy goes out to all of you. Allen was a great supervisor and friend. Traci's message hit all the right cords and it is exactly what I remember about Allen and all of our talks back and forth to work together. Keeping you in my heart and prayers. Love, Kathy##imported-begin##Kathy Beisner##imported-end##

March 15, 2011 at 07:17 AM



“ Doris - So sorry to hear about Al. Al's office was righ next to mine at the bank. He was such a nice person and I know he will be missed by many. May the Lord comfort you during this time.##imported-begin##Ron & Goldie Garner##imported-end##

March 14, 2011 at 10:26 PM



“ Doris....We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Allen will always br remembered for his great sense of humor and willingness to help people. Working with Allen in Chestertown was great because he would back you up and get the best out of his employees without ever a cross word. We remember the fun crab feasts at your home. Try to be strong.##imported-begin##Rog and Jan Persons##imported-end##

March 14, 2011 at 06:45 PM



“ Doris we are extending our condolence.##imported-begin##Alice Gardner and Annette Cottman##imported-end##

March 14, 2011 at 01:01 PM



“ Doris.... Peggy Bennett passed on the sad news. I was so sorry to hear about Al's passing. I am glad that he had you all around him at the end and that he did not suffer much.

I remember you two from way back in time...perhaps in your "beginnings" together. You were both so different yet always seemed to be made for each other. Al was a really nice guy with a great sense of humor and was a great co-worker. He always "listened" to what you were saying and seemed to care!! The world is a sorrier place without his presence.

I do hope that you and Traci and the rest of his family receive the peace and comfort that Allen would want for you. I really loved Traci's message to Allen; so beautiful!! Take good care of yourself.##imported-begin##betty obst##imported-end##

March 14, 2011 at 12:17 PM



“ Doris, I am so sorry and sad to hear that Allen passed away. Mark has been keeping me up to date. I always enjoyed our times visiting together at Big Run. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time and in the days ahead.

Roger##imported-begin##Roger Smith##imported-end##

March 14, 2011 at 10:34 AM



“ *Doris and Family - The world has suffered a great loss with the passing of Mr. Greiner. My deepest heartfelt condolences go out to you and the family. It was a distinct pleasure in knowing Allen, but also with deep regret it being a short period of time. I can only say I feel so many emotions right now. One of sadness for you and the family, but yet a sense of easement knowing Allen is in a loving place right now. Im also left with a humbleness that I was allowed the opportunity to be with him during his last moments. He was a wonderful man, and as such, will be remembered! All my love to your family, Rob.##imported-begin##Robert Hobbs III##imported-end##*

March 14, 2011 at 09:49 AM



“ *Doris-*

*It was with great sadness when we heard of Al's passing. We have so many great memories of Al talking with John and I about tomatoes and I have very fond memories of working with Al at Centreville National...he will be missed.
May all blessings be with you and your family. God Bless John and Kathy Coursey##imported-begin##John and Kathy Coursey##imported-end##*

March 13, 2011 at 08:09 PM



“ Allen taught me many, many things in the 30+ years that he was in my life. Although most of those "lessons" I didn't understand at the time, through the years they have all made sense. This is my tribute to the man that raised me and loved my Mother to the end of the Earth.

*Although you're not my birth Dad,
You've loved me since I was small.
The road wasn't easy,
I's sure you wondered how you even put up with me at all! :)
Time is a great healer. She is patient, loving and kind.*

I thank God for all of the experiences I have had because of you. I think the most memorable was the time Mom and I and you were coming back from a day on the water. I was 9 years old at most. We went to a McDonalds to get dinner~ that in itself was exciting to me at the time. We placed our order and you pulled out your wallet and handed the cashier a \$100.00 bill. The cashier was so excited because most of the employees there had never seen one at the time. I knew then that you were the richest man I knew. It just took me a few more years of your influence to realize that money isn't what makes you rich. It's family. It's knowing that you don't back down because you are strong enough to conquer the world. It's knowing your voice is meant to be heard. It's knowing to pick up the sticks after the storm. And it's O.K. to only pick up one at a time. It's learning how to make sausage and learning that you boil the sausage links before you put them in the pan. It's knowing that tomatoes go in the basket upside down so you don't bruise the one on top. It's knowing that if you are going to pick the strawberries, you aren't suppose to eat them while you are picking. It's feeding the birds. It's being told to stop jumping in the house. It's hearing you say "stop standing there with refrigerator door open"! It's learning that if you aren't in a room than the light doesn't need to be on. It's learning that you don't call someone after 9 p.m. unless its an emergency. It's learning that it is fun to sleep in the back of the truck if it means you can get up at 3 a.m. to be out in the middle of

the ocean at 5 a.m. to watch the sun come up while not seeing land anywhere in sight. It's knowing that my Mom is strong enough to reel a fish for 4 hours while you cheer her on. It's learning that the ocean can be as smooth as a sheet of glass. It's knowing that you need to sleep with the bedroom door shut to conserve heat because you can always put another blanket on the bed! It's learning that driving the lawn mower slowly will actually make it last longer! It's knowing that if it is raining and you are in the care, if you wait a few minutes before you get out, the rain DOES slow down and you won't get as wet. It's having the carport stocked with wood and it's washing the dishes after dinner. It's knowing that even though the family hunts, it's O.K. that I don't. It's knowing how to skin and deer and then quarter it. It's learning how to bait a crab line and how to put it "out". It's learning that true love DOES exist. It's learning that dinner is eaten together and its' dinner unless the news is on :) It's learning to enjoy the Reader's Digest and 60 minutes. And it's learning that white potato pie IS worth hiding. It's you knowing that right now we are "picking up sticks". As a family. One at a time. I have loved you from day 1 and I find comfort knowing that we will all be together again as a family. Until then, get that garden started! All my love, Traci###imported-begin##Traci Haas###imported-end##

March 13, 2011 at 09:50 AM



“ *Doris & Traci, So sorry to hear about Allen. Our prayers are with you. I suppose he is planning that garden now. He was such a quiet person but humorous.###imported-begin##Francis & Toni Breeding###imported-end##*

March 12, 2011 at 02:41 PM



“ *Doris and family: Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. Hold onto the many memories that you have and God will surely be by your side. God Bless your and your family. Gene and Lynda Palmatary##imported-begin##Lynda Palmatary##imported-end##*

March 12, 2011 at 02:29 PM