



OBITUARY: David Thomas 'Tom' Mills Sr., 66

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MILTON, Del. — David Thomas “Tom” Mills Sr., of Milton, formerly of Smyrna, passed away Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010 in the Delaware Hospice Center, in Milford, surrounded by his loving family. He was 66.

Mr. Mills was born in Dover, the son of the late David Mills and Emma (Scott) Mills Lynch.

He was an Insurance Agent with the Williams Insurance Agency in Rehoboth since 1988 and previously owned and operated The Gladstone Inn, also in Rehoboth.

He graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy in 1964 and Union College, in Barboursville, KY, in 1967.

Tom served on the Smyrna Town Council and also served as Mayor.

Tom served as Past Master and was a member of Harmony Masonic Lodge, in Smyrna. His memberships also included Shriners International, Scottish Rite Consistory, Nur Temple, Son of the American Legion Squad #28, Elks Lodge #2540, in Lewes and the Dewey Beach Lions Club.

He joined the Dewey Beach Lions Club on February 1989, was a life member, and received the Ralph Helm Fellow and Melvin Jones Fellow awards. He was Past President for two terms. He represented the Dewey Beach Lions Club at three International Conventions, 2002 in Osaka Japan, 2003 in Denver, Colorado, and 2004 in Detroit, Michigan.

Tom was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother who enjoyed spending time with his family, especially annual vacations. He will be remembered by his great sense of humor and ability to comfort others. Tom will be dearly loved and missed by many.

In addition to his parents, a sister precedes him in death: Joanne Mills.

Tom leaves behind his adoring wife, Linda Ann (Biddle) Mills; his loving children, David Thomas Mills Jr. and wife Kaylon of North Bend, OR, Shane Biddle and wife Jennifer of Felton, Elizabeth Kennedy of Germany, and Tabitha Masten of Smyrna; five grandchildren whom he loved dearly, Austin and Ellie Biddle, Danielle Schenneman, Justin and Meghan Masten; his sister, Marijane Copes and husband Charlesof Smyrna, and his two dogs, Emma and Ernie.

A funeral service will be held Monday, Jan. 3, 2011 at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Short Funeral Services, 609 E. Market Street, Georgetown, where friends may call after 12 noon. A graveside service will be Tuesday, Jan. 4, in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna, at 1 p.m.

Flowers will be accepted or contributions can be made to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.

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To the Family of Tom Mills: Tom and I went to school together and I always considered him a good friend and loved his sense of humor. I live in NJ and did not find about your loss until late today. If I had known in time I would have paid my respects. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Karen Kraus Kochis
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I also went to school with Tom and knew him all of my life. I am honored to consider myself as his lifetime friend. We were members of the Smyrna Fire Department during high school and used to run together to answer alarms during the day, from the school to the fire house to suit up and respond. Everyone that knew Tom, loved his personality for his humor and his large heart to help others around him. He will be missed by all, but we especially extend our prayers and condolences to his immediate family. He is now smiling while looking into the face of God, and feeling the greatest love of all.

James 'Butch' Wessel

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