



Wayne "Tiger" Thomas Litchford

January 26, 1939 - March 29, 2014

DELMAR- Wayne Thomas "Tiger" Litchford, 75, of Delmar, died Saturday, March 29, 2014 at the Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, surrounded by his loving family.

Wayne was born January 26, 1939 in Richmond, Virginia, a son of the late John Herbert Litchford, Sr. and Grace Elizabeth (Venable) Litchford.

"Tiger," as he was known to all who loved him, graduated from Seaford High School with the class of 1957. He proudly served his country in the Delaware National Guard for 5 years during the 1950's. He retired in 1995 from Delmarva Power as a System Operator with 35 years of service. Following retirement he worked as a courier for Peninsula Cardiology and for several years worked as the manager and caretaker for St. Stephen's Cemetery in Delmar. He was an active and vital part of the Delmar community. He served on the Delmar Town Council for a number of years and was past president of the Delmar Little League, where he held various positions. Memberships include St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, the Salisbury Elks Lodge, the Delmar VFW Post 8276 men's auxiliary, the Delmar Kiwanis and a past member of the Delmar Lions Club. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, golfer, card player, Sudoku player, bowler and shuffleboard player. He enjoyed the friendships and camaraderie with his local card group, and was a self-proclaimed "CARD-iologist." He enjoyed the outdoors, working in his yard, gardening and loving the hummingbirds.

Most important to him were his faith, his family and his friends.

He is survived by his wife, Diane E. Litchford, to whom he married in 1989; a daughter, Allyson M. Grinnan (David) of Berlin; 3 sons, Stephen Michael Litchford (Dawn) of Delmar, James G. Lewis and Brett C. Lewis, both of Elkridge; 2 granddaughters, Grace Delaney Grinnan and Madelyn Virginia Grinnan; a grandson expected to be born this summer, Jase Thomas Litchford; and 2 brothers, John Herbert "Herbie" Litchford, Jr. of Seaford and James Anderson Litchford of Goodlettsville, Tennessee. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Frances Smith; and a brother, Harold Edward Litchford.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 101 E. State Street, in Delmar, and also Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., followed by a memorial service, which begins at 11:00 a.m. The Reverend Phyllis A. Walton will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Delmar Fire Department, P.O. Box 143, Delmar, DE 19940, the St. Stephen's Cemetery Trust, 101 E. State Street, Delmar, DE 19940 or Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home of Delmar.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Stephen's Methodist Church
101 E. State Street
Delmar, DE

Visitation

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen's Methodist Church
101 E. State Street
Delmar, DE

Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen's Methodist Church
101 E. State Street
Delmar, DE

Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne "Tiger" Thomas Litchford*



Short Funeral Home - March 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Diane and Family,*

We sure will miss our good friend Tiger. We have many fond memories of playing cards and playing golf.

Pat Wood and family

pat wood - April 03, 2014 at 10:20 AM

TH

“ *Diane and family*

Our hearts are saddened at the loss of Tiger. Please know all of you are in our thoughts and prayers and that we will miss our neighbor and friend.

Alan and Tami Harris

Tami Harris - April 03, 2014 at 08:27 AM

DM

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. When I have experienced the loss of a loved one, I found great comfort in the words of Jesus at John 11:11, where he likens death to being asleep, and at John 5:28,29 - "All those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." What joy to be able to see our loved ones again !!
For more comfort, I turn to the website: www.jw.org

Dennis Mathewson - April 02, 2014 at 02:01 PM

ER

“ To Ally and Family,
Sorry for your lose. I'll keep you all in my prayers through this hard time.
Love Always, Erica T.

erica rios - April 02, 2014 at 07:41 AM

PP

“ Diane - I was so sorry to hear about Tiger. I still remember how you both helped me at the Polynesian Village in Hawaii and kept an eye on me that day. He was a wonderful man and will be very much missed. My heart goes out to you and your family. Pat Petersen



Pat Petersen - April 01, 2014 at 07:56 AM

MW

“ *Diane, my heartfelt prayers are with you and your family.*

Marty Whaley - March 31, 2014 at 09:51 PM

MW

“ *Marty Whaley lit a candle in memory of Wayne "Tiger" Thomas Litchford*



Marty Whaley - March 31, 2014 at 09:49 PM

BK

“ *Wayne provided much entertainment during our early years of marriage. A couple of stories that come to mind, but certainly over the next few days, I am sure many more will surface. We were having dinner at the Gold Dragon in Ocean City and of course were partying when Wayne decided to take a stainless lid from the the entree and wear it like a hat and attempted to speak their native language. We laughed until we cried and when he took it off there was a round circle of grease on the top of his head. Not too sure the staff at the restaurant thought it was as funny as we did. When we bought our farm and was in the process of upgrading, Wayne came to help us for a full day and and by his own admission he worked harder that day than he had ever before. RIP Wayne, you will never be forgotten and we will cherish the memories.*

Bill and A. Kaye Kenney - March 31, 2014 at 10:28 AM