

Thomas J. Mahler

1944 - 2023

Thomas J. Mahler, 79, of Millsboro, DE passed away at home on July 16, 2023, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born on June 6, 1944, and raised in Collingdale, PA by his parents Esther (Krauskopf) and Louis Mahler.

Tom was a beloved husband to his wife of 54 years, Roberta (Winkler) and a loving father to his daughter, Patty and son-in-law, Steve Rivituso.

After graduating from Collingdale HS in 1962 he continued his education at Kutztown State College majoring in Comprehensive Social Studies and graduating in 1967. He also earned a Master of Education from Central Michigan University. Tom's first teaching position was at Haverford Junior High School where he also coached football. After two years in Junior High School, he secured a position at Christiana High School in Newark where he also coached the girls' track. In 1981 he accepted a Social Studies position at Sussex Central High School, Georgetown, DE at which time he moved his family to Millsboro. His next move was to Indian River High School, Dagsboro, DE where he took the position of Assistant Principal, touching the lives of countless students and colleagues. He finished his teaching career as a Career Counselor in 2002 after 35 years of service.

After retirement he devoted his time to Community Service. He held the position of President of the Lion's Club, President of the Sea Pines Homeowners Association and served on the Board of Adjustment in Bethany Beach.

Tom also found joy as a member of the Delaware Seaside Railroad Club beginning in 2004 as one of its founders. His love of Lionel trains began as a young child and carried over into his retirement hobby. He designed and built a beautiful layout in which friends and family could find their names on various buildings and businesses. Tom's picture from 2009 was taken at the Historic Georgetown Train Station when he was helping with the Club sponsored Kids Workshop. Tom will be remembered as a dedicated family man, accomplished educator, and active community leader. He made a lasting impact on those around him through his various roles and genuine character.













### John Walter Momot

1938 - 2022

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John Momot, a good friend and former member of the Delaware Seaside Railroad Club. John went home peacefully to be with the Lord with his daughter by his side on February 13, 2022, at The Delaware Veterans Home in Milford, Delaware after a lengthy illness. Of John's many hobbies and activities he was an avid collector of American Flyer and O-gauge model trains and greatly enjoyed going to train shows.



With Deepest Sympathy to the Momot family.

Please follow the link below to view John's complete obituary.

https://www.legacy.com/.../name/john-momot-obituary...

# Gary T. Cuppels

## 1946 - 2022

We are all very saddened to learn of the passing of Gary Cuppels, our good friend and fellow member of the Delaware Seaside Railroad Club. Gary had a passion for model trains. especially live steam, and regularly brought his G gauge engines into our former clubhouse in Dagsboro to run them on the club layout.

The Members of the Delaware Seaside Railroad Club extend our deepest sympathy to the Cupples family.

Gary's Obituary from the Watson Funeral Home:



Mr. Gary T. Cuppels of Millsboro, DE passed away on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at his home. He was 75 years old.

He was born in Kingston, PA on December 4, 1946, to the late Garrett R. and Marion Mailander Cuppels. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his brother Francis in 2003.

Gary was a veteran of the US Army, Army Reserves, Air Force Reserve and a Captain in the US Merchant Marine and spent a total of 17 years serving his country. He was a professional land surveyor and land developer. Gary was the President of ECI Consultants of Rehoboth Beach, DE.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Anna (Koschoff) Cuppels of Millsboro, DE and two sons, Christopher Cuppels and his fiancé Lindsey of Atlanta, GA and Garrett Cuppels, MD of Millsboro, DE. He also leaves behind three beloved canine companions Bentley, Molly and Nikki as well as extended family and friends.

A private interment will be held in the spring at the St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery in Kingston, PA.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations in Gary's memory to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

Arrangements by Watson Funeral Home, Millsboro, DE.

https://www.watsonfh.com/obituary/Gary-Cuppels



Jim O'Brien 1942-2020

The Delaware Seaside Railroad Club is saddened to learn of the passing of Jim O'Brien on July 15, 2020. Jim was a member of our club since 2014 and was very active in setting up our Dagsboro Clubhouse facility and especially in the building of the new HO scale permanent display. In addition to Jim's passion for model trains he had a lifelong love of sailing and was an avid

downhill skier. His recent illness was not typical of his very active life.

Services will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bethany Beach, Delaware on July 23rd, with visitation at 2 pm and a funeral mass at 3 pm.

With deepest sympathy to Jim's family.

To view Jim's complete obituary, please visit <a href="https://www.hooverfuneralhome.com/obituary/james-obrien">https://www.hooverfuneralhome.com/obituary/james-obrien</a>

### Dennis Allan Whitlock

#### 1951 - 2020

Dennis Whitlock, our dear friend and active member of the Delaware Seaside Railroad Club, passed away on March 8, 2020. He was a regular host, greeter and train operator on most Saturdays at the Clubhouse even while battling his terminal illness. Model railroading was one of Dennis's passions and a lifelong hobby which began when Santa brought him his first train as a child.

When Dennis moved from his lifelong home in Glen Burnie, MD to Selbyville, DE in 2015 he dismantled his home train layout he but found another way to share his hobby. He



added color and excitement to the O-Gauge Club layout by bringing in and operating his extensive collection of Lionel Disney themed trains. The Disney cars were especially attractive to the young children who visited the Clubhouse. Dennis loved to see the excitement in their eyes watching and running trains and especially enjoyed spending time with them telling stories about model railroading and real trains. We also cherish the memory of the time spent with Dennis learning about his career with the Baltimore County Fire Department and as a volunteer charter bus driver for Veterans Charity events.

Dennis was a great contributor to our Club and will be sorely missed.

In deepest sympathy, we extend our thoughts and prayers to his wife Sharon and to the rest of his family.

To see Denis's complete obituary and his appointed memorial charity, please visit https://www.kirkleyruddickfuneralhome.com/obituary/dennis-whitlock