



Earl T. Champion Jr.

July 13, 1950 - October 24, 2011

Earl T. Champion Jr. 61 of Vineland, and formerly of Fairton passed away Monday afternoon in Cumberland Manor, where he had been a patient for the past year.

Born in Bridgeton, July 13, 1950 to the late Earl T. Sr. and Elizabeth nee Schoonmaker Champion, he was the husband of Lauren S. nee Sills Champion. Mr. and Mrs. Champion were residents of Fairton, until moving to Vineland in 2002. This January they would have celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary.

Earl was a graduate of the Bridgeton High School class of 1968 and had worked as a maintenance manager for the former Farmers and Merchants National Bank and Hudson United Bank until his health failed him in 2005. He had also previously worked for Quadra Graphics in Pennsauken, NJ, Poplar Brand Farms in Fairton, and the George T. Burt Company in Fairton, NJ for several years. He was a life member of the Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 Fairton, joining the company in 1971. During his active time with the fire company, he served in the capacity of Secretary, Lieutenant, 2nd Assistant Chief, Treasurer, and 1st Assistant Chief. Earl was also a former officer with the Fairfield Twp. Police Dept. He was a member of the NJ State Fire Chief Association, and a former member of the Fortescue Chapel Church. Earl was a collector of the state quarters and half dollars, he loved spending time with his family and grandchildren, camping in Lancaster and Ocean City Maryland, vacationing in Disney World and riding his four wheeler. He was well known for his quick wit and humor, and could always put a smile on your face, he will be truly missed by all.

Surviving him besides his wife Lauren, are his children Jill Champion of Upper Deerfield, Ami Coia and her husband Henry of Vineland, and step son Scott K. Hepner of California, his sister Carol Champion of Oregon, his four grandchildren Katherine Delgado, Robert Delgado, Henry L. Coia III, Katrina M. Coia, and many many friends, cousins and various relatives.

Comments



“ i will always remember popop no matter what but i will always remember all the times we went to the cafe down the street from vineland high school and all the good times we had together i will always love you popop

funda delgado - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Champion; We send our condolences to you and your family. May God continue to comfort you.

Denise & Joyce Taylor and Family - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Lauren, my prayers and condolences to you and your family. Earl was a good friend and coworker and i enjoyed the time we worked together at Quadra. I hope you find solace in the good memories you have to keep in your heart. Your friend in Christ , Clay

Clay Stiles - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Lauren, Carol, Jill & Ami, my heart goes out to all of you for the loss of a funny, sweet and lovable cousin of mine. There were sure enough of us, 31 in all. He is with his Lord now along with many relatives. Notably for me anyway are his mother & father my aunt Betty and uncle Earl and my mother & father his aunt Evelyn and uncle Bill and way too many other aunts, uncles and cousins. May he rest in peace, we know he will. I have such fond childhood memories of staying with Carol and Earl in the house in Fairton. I can picture myself there now and will never forget the heat vent in the bathroom floor where you could see into the dining room hoping no one could see up at you. Again, my love and support to you all.

Phyllis Mathews Bennet - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Champion Family - I am sorry to hear about Earl's passing. I will always remember coming over after church for "cake and coffee". I was a little girl then, but I'll never forget the laughter and fun times we shared. At least we know that he's in Heaven with Pop-Pop Champ, and we will join them there someday. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, April

April P. - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM