



## Earl Packard Dewees

July 24, 1940 - November 3, 2024

It is with heavy heart and great sadness that we announce the passing of Earl Packard Dewees on November 3rd, 2024, at the age of 84. Earl was born on July 24th, 1940, to Thomas Hubert and Helen Packard DeWees in Cedar Rapids, IA.

After graduating from George Washington High School in 1958, he attended Parsons College, graduating with a business degree. During his college years, Earl spent summers driving tractor trailers and trucks for his father's company, Hawkeye Motor Express. He also spent one summer as a wildland firefighter in Idaho. Sharing his father's passion for civic responsibilities, Earl was a proud member of the El Kahir Shriner Temple in Hiawatha, Iowa.

After college, Earl enlisted in the United States Navy and was selected for officer candidate school, finishing his naval service with the rank of Lieutenant. While stationed in Norfolk, VA, Earl met Dana Jacklyn Meekins, who was just starting her career as a practicing nurse. They were married in 1967. After completing his time in the navy, Earl and Dana moved to Austin, TX where he worked in data management for MRI Systems Corporation. They started a family in Austin, welcoming their first child, Emily, in 1969 and their son, Tom, in 1973. A few years later, the Dewees family moved to Durham,

NC where their youngest daughter, Molly, was born in 1977. After MRI was acquired by Intel Corporation they took their family to Severna Park, MD.

Earl enjoyed spending time with extended family in Iowa, Texas, and North Carolina. All three Dewees children were members of the Severna Park High School Marching Band. Earl loved supporting his kids and was an active band booster for a period spanning over 12 years. He also loved operating and maintaining family-owned steam traction engines at the Old Threshers Reunion in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Earl's other passions included sailing and cycling.

Earl is preceded by his parents, Hugh and Helen Dewees. Earl is survived by his wife Dana Dewees, his daughters Emily Dewees and Molly Brockett, his son Tom DeWees, and his son-in-law Warren Brockett and daughter-in-law Ashley DeWees. He is the loving grandparent (Poppie) of: Thomas Brockett, Harrison DeWees, Marshall Brockett, William DeWees, and J.P. Brockett. He is also survived by his brother, Thomas Herbert DeWees, and his nieces, Debbie Aughinbaugh and Julie Sparks.

A memorial service will be held at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in Severna Park, MD on Saturday, November the 16th at 1:00pm with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *Our sincere condolences*

**The McDermott Family** - November 18, 2024 at 02:10 PM

DF

“ *Uncle Earl I miss your cheerful attitude and that MUD you brewed and that you called coffee at Grandmothers house in Scotia. You inspired a bunch of men to be better husbands and fathers! Your kids are a testament to your life!*

**Dave F** - November 12, 2024 at 11:34 AM

TL

“ *Earl was such a kind and gentle man. He will always be remembered with fond memories and love. Earl meant the world to our whole family. Love from,*

**The Family of Joe and Violet Liverman** - November 12, 2024 at 09:43 AM

AN

“ *Earl was a wonderful person and I am so glad he was in my life. Sending everyone my prayers to find peace. Love you! RIP Earl*

**Anonymous** - November 12, 2024 at 08:07 AM

RS

“ *All the best from our family to yours.*

**Robin, Eric, Ruby, Doug, Marcus Schwartz** - November 11, 2024 at 05:00 PM

TG

“ Thinking of you Molly and Family during this difficult time. May the beauty of nature benefit from your loss.

The Greningers - November 10, 2024 at 07:23 PM

TD

“ May you find comfort in the love and support of those around you, and may cherished memories bring you peace.

The Dickstein's - November 10, 2024 at 07:21 PM

LS

“ We love you all and y'all are all in our thoughts. We will treasure the memories we have of Uncle Earl.

Love, Andy, Melissa, Alex, and Sophie - November 10, 2024 at 12:13 PM

JD

“ I served with Earl in the Navy in Norfolk in the early 60's and room with him at Virginia Beach where I met Dana. Earl, Dana my wife and I spent a wonderful weekend in 2015 in Virginia Beach visiting reminiscing about our days in the Navy.

Joe Dorfmeister - November 09, 2024 at 01:13 PM

JR

“ I knew Earl through Dana, as we are neighbors for several years. Earl and Dana would always invite me and my dog, Bella for a visit as I passed by. Both Earl would love me as well as Bella. I will miss Earl and Dana both since she will relocate to her daughter's lovely home. Condolences to Dana and to all members of their families. Love, Janet and George Randolph

Janet Randolph - November 09, 2024 at 12:17 PM

AD

“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Earl Packard Dewees** - November 09, 2024 at 10:28 AM