



Donald O. Oesterling

June 2, 1927 - January 20, 2013

Donald O. Oesterling, 85, of Bedford, VA, formerly of Butler, PA, Harrisburg, PA and Fort Myers, FL passed away Sunday, January 20, 2013 at Elks National Home in Bedford, VA.

He was born June 2, 1927 in Butler, PA, the son of the late Victor K. and Marjorie (Oswald) Oesterling.

Donald was a PA Senator from 1964-1972, past state President of PA Elks, past Exalter Ruler of Butler Elks 170, a member of the American Legion Post #0852 and VFW Post #249.

Surviving are his wife, Ann (McDowell) Oesterling of Bedford, VA; a daughter, Dawn Prebula of Los Angeles, CA; 2 sons, Michael J. Oesterling of Potomac, MD and Peter J. Oesterling of Baltimore, OH; 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Samuel Oesterling of Cabot, PA and Thomas O. Oesterling of Naples, FL.

He was also preceded in death by his son, Matthew Oesterling.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Contributions may be made to the Peter J. Oesterling Family Scholarship at

Slippery Rock University, c/o The Alumni Association, 1 Morrow Avenue,
Slippery Rock, PA 16057.

Tribute Wall



“ Prayers with you Ann.##imported-begin##Kay##imported-end##

January 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Ann- We are so sorry to hear of Don's passing. We have missed you both at the GO See Um's campouts and remember so many good times. John and Jackie##imported-begin##John and Jackie Ringley##imported-end##

January 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Richard and I are deeply sorry to read about Don's passing. We were both very fond of him, and enjoyed his company, when he and Anne belonged to Go-See-Um Sams in Florida, He was a true gentleman. Rest in peace Don. You will be missed.##imported-begin##Richard and Jean DuPont##imported-end##

January 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We just saw Don's obituary in the Butler Eagle. We are so sorry to hear of his passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Please let us know if there is anything at all we can do to help you. With much love - Cousin Paul and Karen##imported-begin##Paul and Karen McDowell##imported-end##

January 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Ann,
We are so sorry to hear of Don's passing. I always enjoyed talking with you both and hearing all the stories of your years in politics. I love telling others about the time you all met John Kennedy. Please let us know if we can do anything for you. Love Ray, Pam, Hannah and Raymond Jacob##imported-begin##Ray and Pam McDowell##imported-end##

January 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Ann. It is with sadness that we write to express our condolences for the passing of the "Senator". We loved knowing you both thru theGo-See-Um Sam's of Southwest Florida. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers throughout the coming days as you go thru a very sad part of life, losing a spouse. Love & hugs to you and your family at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Hal & Norma Hauschild##imported-end##

January 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Pete,
Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your father. If there is anything I can do, please contact me.##imported-begin##Kevin Spitzer##imported-end##

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“ Oesterling family

Senator Oesterling , was a big part in my life . Senator Oesterling was my second canindate . That i campain for , i have been campaining now over 40 year .

Senator Oesterling was the first time i got to vote . I'm now 59 , I just had a birthday Jan 7 .

Icampain for Senator Oesterling in 1972 . That year Tom Andrews won . I made sre to keek a log book on every bill he voted on .

When I seen him @ the Butler Farm show, i made sure to show Andrews , my log book . After he seen all the bills in it & how I kept all the dates. Like i was taught in debate.

Andrews did not run , the next time !

My prays are with you all @ this time . Each of you need to think , Don is with my mom & other friends. She liked him alot . Also with his other veteran friends .

God bless you all , help you through this .

love gloria##imported-begin##Gloria Rodgers##imported-end##

January 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Don's passing. I only met him twice but he will always be remembered by me as a fine man and father.##imported-begin##Mario Beguiristain##imported-end##

January 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry Ann about Don wish we could be with you, hope to see you back in Bedford Va###imported-begin###Johnny & Jane Caldwell###imported-end##

January 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Ann, I was so sorry to hear about Don from both Lisa and Olga.
I immediately, as a child remembered you both coming over to the red house and reminiscing with dad on the porch overlooking the creek. The stories & laughter are something I'll never forget. I can picture it in my mind as I write to you like it was yesterday. My thoughts are with you and yours. Sincerely, Joshua###imported-begin###Joshua Nicholas###imported-end##

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