



Melvin E. Tuck

February 2, 1930 - July 28, 2024

Melvin E. Tuck, 94, of Butler, passed away Sunday, July 28, 2024, at Sunnyview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born February 2, 1930 in Butler and was the son of the late Benjamin and Frances Tuck.

Melvin grew up in Unionville and at age 19 enlisted in the U.S. Army National Guard and soon went on four years Active duty in the 25th Division. He was stationed in Heilbronn, Germany where he earned the rank of Sergeant First Class. Member of American Legion and 25th Infantry Division Association.

Melvin served his community as Fire Chief of Unionville, and on the Center Township Zoning Board. He was self-employed and operated Tuck's Garage in Unionville for many years. He was a dealer for Coleman Trailers and Polaris Snow Mobiles. He also became known as an oval dirt track race driver and car builder. He ran successfully in the hardtop coupe division at area and tri-state tracks and eventually upgraded to sprint cars where he too won many races. Engines that he built endured 100 lap events without fail. He was also a fan of the Indianapolis 500. He and family members attended that event for 35 years. He enjoyed NASCAR, hunting, and boating as well.

On November 10, 1950 he married Marilyn M. Patterson and they shared 69

years until her passing in 2019. He is survived by two daughters, Pam Tuck of Unionville and Tamara Ferry of York, South Carolina; a son, Garry (Eileen) Tuck of East Butler and three grandsons, Ryan Tuck, Eric Tuck, and Joshua Ferry. He is also survived by a sister, June Johnston of Butler; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by brothers John and Norman "Dick" Tuck and a sister, Diana McAnallen.

Per Melvin's wishes there will be no visitation or services.

Private burial in Greenlawn Burial Estates.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Burial Estates

Butler, PA

Tribute Wall

VM

“ Pam, Tamera, Gary and Melvin's sister June. My deepest Sympathy for your loss. How Gentle Words, cannot take your loss away still, may this note of sympathy help comfort you today and forever more. Melvin and his brothers and sisters are my 2nd cousins through my Great Aunt Minnie Bell Miller Brandon. As kids we all went to Unionville school together. Back in the day there was a little room grades 1st to 4th the teacher was Miss Sanderson and the big room grades 5th to 8th the teacher was Mrs. Kniess. They were the greatest teacher. Growing up I remember Melvin was always helping his Dad in the garage. Melvin not knowing at this time he was learning from his father. Good people skills and working skills that he would use his entire life. Over the years during my many trips home to Butler. Melvin and I met up for a visit at the Fire House or at his favorite truck he was working on. Melvin was a great friend. I will miss him knowing he gone.

Victor Miller, Phoenix, AZ and formally 52 years San Jose, Ca

Victor Miller - August 14, 2024 at 08:06 PM

BA

“*“Permission to come aboard sir!”*, was how I greeted Melvin followed by a *“permission granted”* from Melvin was how I stopped on my bike rides to spend some time with an extremely interesting man.

We first met when he was walking over from the firehall wearing his Korean Veteran hat.

He gave me permission to come aboard and we talked for close to an hour. Just about every time after when I come to his house my bike ride would be extended by 40-60 minutes of wonderful tales.

While we talked about his family and military career, the stories I love the best was about his youth days growing up in that house where he lived until he passed.

My two favorite stories are how his grandma told him that Sunset was once a stage coach line.

But the best had to be there was a general store on Sunset that sold stick of dynamite in an open barrel in the store. He explained the farmers would use the dynamite to remove big stone and tree stumps.

The announcement in the July 30th Butler Eagle has brought the end to my talks with a very warm and caring Friend.

And now the Lord has granted Melvin E. Tuck permission to join him in heaven.

God Bless you Melvin, you will be missed.

Sincerely

Bob Arturo

Bob Arturo - July 31, 2024 at 05:52 PM

EL

“ Pam, Tammy, Garry & family- Sending all the love we can. We are so sorry for your loss. Melvin was a wonderful man and we were lucky to have called him our friend. Absolutely loved sitting and listening to all of his stories. NASCAR, hunting and the way it used to be in Unionville. He is missed, may he rest in peace.



Erica Loomis - July 29, 2024 at 10:10 PM

PS

“ My step dad and Mel Tuck belonged to Unionville fire department. He was a very nice man always open to say hi and greet anyone he saw. A lot of people called him Dad Tuck. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. He will be greatly missed.



Pati Schreffler-Kuty - July 29, 2024 at 09:52 PM

AR

“ This man was one of the finest human beings I had the privilege of knowing. As a 13 year old girl and Tammy's friend he always made me feel welcome. Chatting with him was always an absolute joy...I will truly miss seeing him sitting on the porch. But I am comforted knowing he is with his love again. May perpetual light shine on them always. Tammy,Pam,Garry and family please accept my sympathy...prayers for you all💔💔

Ann Raisley - July 29, 2024 at 04:58 PM

JJ

“ I started hanging out at tucks garage when I was 14 on fire company When Melvin was chief, I was a crewmember for his sprint car. He was like a second father to me one of the best men I’ve ever met and I share many conversations about the community our families and mostly agreed on things I drove school bus For him and help around the garage community certainly lost a great man. I know I’ll miss the rest of my life. My condolences to his family. Haven’t been ill the last couple years I haven’t seen him and I miss that very much always be in my mind John Jones

john jones - July 29, 2024 at 01:02 PM