

Daniel Testa Obituary

TESTA, DANIEL W., 70 - of Ocean City, formerly of Hershey, Pennsylvania, died Saturday, January 20, 2007, at The Shores at Wesley Manor, Ocean City. He was born on December 15, 1936 in Vineland, to Matthew and Barbara (Simi) Testa, where he graduated from Vineland High School. He received his BA from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania in 1958. He served as an officer in the United States Navy aboard the USS Boston CAG-1 from 1958-61, where he attained the rank of Lieutenant. He then obtained his MA from the Annenberg School of Communications, University of Pennsylvania in 1962. He began a broadcasting career in radio as an announcer on WSNJ in Bridgeton, in 1962 and in later years on WFLN FM and KYW AM in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dan moved from radio to television where he was a reporter for WCAU TV in Philadelphia and later holding the anchor desk at WFGA TV in Jacksonville, Florida. After moving to Hershey, he became co-host of The People's Business, broadcast from PPTN to the Central PA area. Following a successful broadcasting career, he became a business development officer with H.B. Alexander & Son., in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania from 1979 to 1990. In 1991, Dan, his wife Kathy, and son Daren, opened one of the first Auntie Anne's pretzel franchises in New Jersey. He eventually owned and operated stores at three locations throughout the state, becoming an accomplished entrepreneur. Dan was a prayerful Christian and avid reader of the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer. He was a member of St. Peter's United Methodist Church in Ocean City, where he sang in the choir. He was a former member of Derry Presbyterian Church in Hershey, Pennsylvania, where he served as an Elder and choir member. He was a volunteer with the Girls Club of Harrisburg, the United Way, Telerad and was a member of various church committees. Mr. Testa is survived by his wife, Kathleen; his children, Leigh-Anne T. Dornberger of Hershey, Pennsylvania, Daren S. Testa of Brick, Michelle L. Testa of Ocean City; his sister, Irene Testa of Vineland; & four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Phyllis Giacalone. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163 or at www.michaeljfox.org. Mr. Testa donated his body to the Hospital of University of Pennsylvania for Parkinson's Research. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 11:00a.m., from St. Peters United Methodist Church, Ocean City, where friends may call from ten o'clock until the time of service. To email condolences, visit