New Jersey News

Former Middlesex County Ag. Agent, Warner H. Thurlow, Died on September 15, 2018 at 93

For 32 years, Warner served as County Agricultural Agent for Middlesex County, where he was responsible for adult education programs for County residents. He was noted especially for his work advising homeowners on landscaping and gardening problems, and worked closely with commercial nurseries, landscaping businesses, and public agencies. He also regularly hosted gardening programs on radio station WCTC, in New Brunswick, NJ.

Warner was an old-school county ag agent. He was a generalist and a servant to all. He was predeceased by his first wife, Ruth (Gruner), his second wife, Amelia (Hamilton), and his son-in-law, Timothy Meaney. He is survived by his third wife of 25 years, Jean (Walker), his daughter, Marjorie Meaney, son and daughter- in-law, Ernest and Joanne Thurlow, and several grandchildren to whom he was affectionately known as "Pop": Scott Thurlow, Breanne Meaney, Caitlin and her husband Ryan Lormel, and a great-grandson Ryan Timothy Lormel,

Born in Newark, Warner grew up in Spring Lake and graduated from Manasquan High School. After serving in the U.S. Navy during WWII, he enrolled at Rutgers University, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and later a Master of Science Degree.

Warner served on the Board of Directors of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis & Health League, was Chief Financial Officer of the American Lung Association of Mid-Jersey, and, for more than 30 years, served on the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association of New Jersey.

He was a parishioner of Pinelands Reformed Church, Toms River, where he served as a deacon, elder, and vice president. A proud veteran, he was a member of the Tin Can Sailors, the National Association of Destroyer Veterans, and the USS O'Hare DD-DDR 889.

To his entire family, Warner "Pop" Huntington Thurlow will forever live in our memory, a stalwart figure of life, wisdom, and light, who never failed to remind us that simply gathering together to share is, in and of itself, sublime, and something always to be celebrated.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Pinelands Reformed Church, 898 Rt 37 West, Toms River, NJ 08755 or to Grace Healthcare Services, 105 Fieldcrest Ave, Suite 402, Edison NJ 08837 (www.gracehcs.com/donation-program). For further information or to send condolences, please visit www.ryanfuneralhome.com.

Several Spotted Lantern Fly sightings have been reported in Northwestern New Jersey this growing season. Pictured here is one of our findings on the host of Spotted Lanternfly, Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus altissima), at a vineyard in Hunterdon County. Tree of Heaven serves as a trap or indicator for this pest.

E. Randall Miller, Delaware Valley College Graduate, Passed Away September 26, 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of E. Randall Miller announce his passing on September 26, 2018 at the young age of 66. Randall will forever be remembered and loved by his wife of 35 years, Debbie Magner Miller, his mother, Phyllis Miller, his daughters, Dawn Miller and Justine Sillers, her husband Matthew and their two children, Parker and Griffin and family members Tom, Lynn, Jessica, Zachary and Courtney Magner, Steve, Donna and Evan White, Sarah Baybutt and Elizabeth Miller. He was predeceased by his father Edwin G. Miller and his brother Geoffrey B. Miller.

Many of us knew E. Randal as an enthusiastic friend know for his energy, quick whit and Randallisms!

Randall was born and raised in Lancaster, PA where he was a standout athlete in baseball and football at Manheim Twp. High School. He graduated from Delaware Valley College where he further developed his passion for agriculture. E. Randal was well known for his love of the Angus Cattle industry and the many years he worked in it. We all knew Randal as the cow guy! He was also a career Horticulturist. Upon retirement, he served as a substitute teacher for Ocean Twp. Schools and was loved by all. The thing he enjoyed most in life was spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandsons. He will be remembered for his "Heidi-Ho" energetic personality and his love of roses, the JETS, and Oakland Mills Baseball Team.

Burial was held in Lancaster, PA on Sat Oct 6, 2018. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be sent to the Oakland Mills Baseball Program. 9410 Kilimanjaro Rd, Columbia, MD 21045. For more information on arrangements: https://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/.

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