



Theodore Francis Wells III

September 23, 1932 - June 12, 2022

Theodore F. Wells, age 89, died Sunday June 12, 2022 at Christiana Care in Stanton. He was born September 23, 1932 in Wilmington, the son of Theodore F. Wells Jr. and Catherine J. Slattery. He grew up in Elsmere. Ted graduated from Alexis I. du Pont in 1950 where he was president of his high school senior class. After working for three years at Bancroft Textile Mills, he attended the University of Delaware based on advice from his supervisors at Bancroft. He graduated with a B.A. in Chemistry in 1957. Additional education included graduate studies in organic and polymer sciences. Ted worked as a Senior Chemist at Thiokol Chemical, Northern Petrochemical, Enron, and Quantum Chemical. He worked in Trenton, NJ; Morris, IL; and Cincinnati, OH before retiring in 1993. During his long and varied career, he carried out research in the preparation and evaluation of plastic and elastomeric products and was granted many patents. He took pride in being hands-on, either in the laboratory or at the extruder.

Ted loved sports; he was captain of several teams including his high school and CYO baseball teams. While in college, he played for the Crawford All-Stars, an exhibition team that took on local American Legion, church, and company teams. The team was an aggregation of former Negro League stars and younger local players. He played outfield, first base, and sometimes drove the bus as far as Atlantic City and Townsend. He continued to play semi-pro baseball even after college graduation. He was a Dodger's fan throughout life.

Ted married Rose Mary Rominiecki on January 17, 1959 at Our Lady of Fatima in New Castle. Ted and Rose settled in Morrisville, PA and loved community involvement. They worked in the civil rights movement, elections, the ecumenical movement, and were highly active at school board meetings. Ted particularly enjoyed teaching his children about chemistry. After retirement Ted volunteered at nursing homes, was a high school tutor, and went back to college where he took a variety of subjects including politics and creative writing. Later in life Ted became an avid reader and self-published poet. He spent his last years at Paramount Senior Living at Newark where he formed relationships with staff and residents alike. He enjoyed close proximity to the Newark Senior Center and Main Street in Newark.

Ted was a diligent Catholic for many years. He firmly believed, as stated in scripture, that simple charitable acts such as giving water to the thirsty opens the gates to heaven. Ted's favorite scripture was 1 Corinthians 13, "There are three things that endure: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love."

Ted was predeceased by parents, his wife Rose Mary, two sisters, Marguerite Barbour and Kathleen Wells, and daughter-in-law Cheryl Wells. He is survived by his brother, John Wells. He is also survived by four children, Ted Wells and wife Katie, Ken Wells and wife Maggie Adams, Rose Wells and husband Edmond Elburn, and Maria Wells and husband Karl Hickey. Also surviving are 7 grandsons, Ken Wells, Peyton Wells, Andy Wells, Tommy Wells and wife Stephanie, Evan Wells, Eddie Elburn, and Tucker Wells.

A celebration of Ted's life will be planned in a few weeks.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to worthy organizations that work in low-income nations to provide food, water, and medicine. Helping the neediest was very important to Ted. To send an online condolence please visit www.stranofeeley.com

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Family Funeral Home

302-731-5459

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our condolences for your loss. Prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.*

David Hart (Air Products) - June 27, 2022 at 09:30 AM

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“ *I remember your dad when I was a young girl. I always admired his kind face and big heart. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. I am sure you are so proud of a life well lived and his kindness throughout his lifetime.*

Judy Lewandowski Beck - June 14, 2022 at 02:18 PM