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Honoring Wayne Hiller: A Tribute by Jennings-Calvey Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc.

Wayne Hiller, the esteemed Manager of the Electric City Trolley Museum, left an indelible mark on his community and the staff at Jennings-Calvey Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc. Wayne, an avid outdoorsman and golfer, often enjoyed these activities with the Jennings-Calvey staff, who frequently volunteered alongside him for community projects. He was also a cherished guest at the funeral home's table during the annual black-tie Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick event.

Recognizing the deep bond between Wayne and the Jennings-Calvey staff, they sought to honor Wayne and his family with exceptional care and professionalism during his visitation and funeral services. After the visitation and Mass of Christian Burial, Wayne's casket was brought to the funeral home's onsite crematory as per his wishes. Observing the grief of Wayne's coworkers, the Jennings-Calvey team felt compelled to create a special tribute at his workplace, providing a serene environment for his colleagues to mourn and remember.

Thoughtful Gestures by Jennings-Calvey:

- **Floral Tribute:** A specially designed floral arrangement depicted Wayne's love for the outdoors, fishing, golf, and hunting. The tribute included live fish in a simulated pond, capturing the essence of Wayne's favorite activities.
- **Personalized Floral Card:** The floral card was carefully prepared, including the names of all his grieving coworkers, ensuring no one was left out.
- **Workplace Tribute:** The arrangement was placed at Wayne's workplace, where his coworkers contributed to the display by crafting an acrylic pond with artificial fish. Despite initial plans to modify the tribute, it was ultimately displayed in its original format, symbolizing Wayne's well-lived life.
- **Office Memorial:** Wayne's office door was typically kept closed. This presented an unwelcoming feeling.

The Closed-door appearance was transformed by the doorway being adorned with a crepe and his memorial card. The lighting was changed to a soft lamp, creating a welcoming atmosphere. The door now remains open, inviting coworkers to sit, chat, and light a candle in remembrance.

These gestures created an atmosphere of acceptance and comfort as friends and coworkers passed by Wayne Hiller's office, remembering his life and contributions.

The staff at Jennings-Calvey demonstrated exceptional care and respect in honoring Wayne Hiller, creating lasting memories for his family and colleagues and ensuring his legacy lives on.

Wayne Hiller, Director of Electric City Trolley & Museum, passes away
Lackawanna County Commissioner's Statement on Wayne Hiller's Passing:

The Lackawanna County Commissioners announced the passing of Wayne Hiller, Director of the Electric City Trolley & Museum, early on September 12 after a courageous health battle. Wayne began his career with Lackawanna County in 2003 in the Emergency Management Department, later taking over the Trolley Museum in 2008. His dedication and innovative ideas transformed the museum into a top tourist attraction.

Wayne was known for his professionalism, teamwork, and passion for his job. A 1975 graduate of Scranton Central High School and a Penn State University attendee, Wayne was an avid hunter, guide, golfer, and Yankee fan. He found peace in the great outdoors, especially at his hunting cabin.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Ann, and daughters, Joanna and Andrea.

Obituary Wayne Hiller September 12, 2024

Wayne R. Hiller, 66, died Tuesday at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia after a courageous health fight. He was the husband of Nancy (Burke) Hiller. The couple have been married over 39 years.

Born in Scranton, Wayne was the son of the late James and Mabel (Dommes) Hiller. He graduated from Central High School and furthered his education at Penn State University. Wayne began his professional career having worked at Haddon Craftsmen Book Binding Company, Scranton, where he was a supervisor and oversaw special projects. He was employed by Lackawanna County having begun with the Sewer Authority, Emergency Management Department and most recently as the Electric City Trolley Museum and facility director.

In 2008, Wayne took over supervising the Electric City Trolley Museum and turned it into one of the top tourist attractions in Lackawanna County. Despite his health battle, he still went to work every day and put every ounce of his pride into his job.

Year after year he continued to grow the popularity of the trolley by coming up with innovative ideas to promote tourists at the museum and riders of the trolley. He worked and supported the Electric City Trolley Museum Association.

Active in politics, he was a proud Democrat who served as a committee chair on East Mountain for years. He was a member of the Waldorf German American Federation, the Waldorf Golf League, Waldorf Hunting Club, South Side Bachelor's Club, and was a devoted Yankees fan who enjoyed annual trips to Yankee Stadium with his wife, Nancy. He was an avid golfer who enjoyed his weekly golf league and weekend outings with his golf buddies. He also enjoyed hunting, often acting as a guide at the Blooming Grove Hunting & Fishing Club where he led parties on turkey hunts. Wayne's true passion though, were his girls and Nancy. His daughters were the light of his life, his pride and joy and he would drop anything at a moment's notice for them.

A man with integrity, honesty and friendly manner will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved his gentle smile and great sense of humor.

In addition to his wife Nancy, surviving are two daughters, Joanna, companion, Andrew Scotchlas; and Andrea Hiller; both of Philadelphia; a sister, Wendy and husband, Tohme Tohme, of Los Angeles, Calif. He is also survived by loving in-laws, Don and Kate Burke, Alice Burke Krayner, Noreen Burke, Mary and CJ Hughes; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Saturday with Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. from St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 1403 Jackson St., Scranton, to be celebrated by the Rev. Richard Fox, pastor. Interment will be private at a later date in Abington Hills Cemetery, South Abington Twp. The family will receive relatives and friends Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Jennings-Calvey Funeral and Cremation Service Inc., 111 Colburn Ave., Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

In honor and remembrance of Wayne, the family asks that you perform an act of kindness and consider registering to be an organ donor. This gift could save a life, as Wayne awaited his to be saved.