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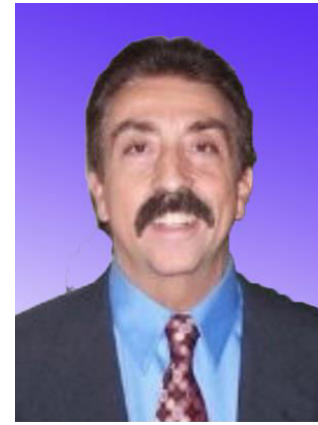
Peace on earth. Good will
Towards men.



Be sure to bring up politics at Thanksgiving dinner. It's going to save you money on Christmas gifts. Follow me for more holiday tips.

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Ralph J. Storti Sr., 72, of Willow Grove, passed on October 17, 2021, at Jefferson Abington Hospital surrounded by his loving family.



Ralph was a beloved husband, father, Pop-Pop, brother, uncle and friend who loved to make people happy. He was most passionate about his love for his wife, children and grandchildren. He was a gentle and kind soul to everyone whose life he touched. He will always be remembered for his overwhelmingly positive and optimistic outlook on life. He lived each day to the fullest in humble service to his family, community and God.

He was preceded in death by his parents

Ralph J. Storti, and Clara R. Storti (nee Caligiuri), and his sister Katherine Storti.

He is survived by his wife Linda Storti, with whom he shared 50 wonderful years, his children Ralph J. Storti Jr. (Eileen), and Justine M. Lacey (Shane); his grandchildren Skylar, Jake, Ava, Nicholas, Peyton, Katy, Kevin, and Patrick; his brother Dennis H. Storti (Sherry), his sister Patricia A. Petersen, and many loving nieces and nephews. He is a retiree of PECO and later the founder of Storti Consulting. He was active in the Willow Grove Rotary, Willow Grove VFW Post 3612, and was instrumental in the redevelopment of War Memorial Park in Willow Grove. Ralph was the prime mover establishing the MCB 53 Alumni Association. He created the organizations primary data base while serving diligently as treasurer. During the formative years he additionally created and distributed the quarterly news letter. His Funeral Mass was on Thursday October 21, 2021 at 10:30am at St. David RC Church, 316 Easton Rd., Willow Grove PA 19090. Interment will be held at a later date at Washington Crossing National Cemetery.

[Obituary for Ralph J. Storti | John J Bryers Funeral Home \(bryersfh.com\)](#)



December

Harrison P	Barton	VIETNAM
Joseph G.	Bilak	VIETNAM
Ronald J.	Bush, Sr.	VIETNAM
Ronald R.	Cox	VIETNAM
John M.	Dienst	VIETNAM
Donald G.	Fernandez	VIETNAM
Richard H.	Gallagher	VIETNAM
Lester W.	Garden	VIETNAM
Stephen	Garrett	VIETNAM
Gerald L.	Hayward	VIETNAM
Orval F.	Hoenike	VIETNAM
William P.	Kalbach	VIETNAM
Clifford W.	Keener	VIETNAM
Robert W.	Kinsman	VIETNAM
Charles R.	Markley	VIETNAM
Frederick	Pais	VIETNAM
David S.	Ramirez	VIETNAM
Cpt. Bruce	Runberg	VIETNAM
William G.	Rydalch	VIETNAM
Charles P.	Schmaidinda	VIETNAM
Wayne G.	Schwetje	VIETNAM
Carmine	Serapiglia	VIETNAM
Cary L.	Snow	VIETNAM
Robert D.	Tansley	VIETNAM
Clifford L.	Thorburn	VIETNAM
Howard R.	Vanscoy	VIETNAM
Willis L.	Walker	VIETNAM
Larry D.	Whitely	VIETNAM
Lyle W.	Beckman	VIETNAM
Harper P.	Duelly	VIETNAM
Joseph R.	Hayden	WW II
Cap L.	Jeannerett	VIETNAM
John E.	O'Daniel	VIETNAM



January

Fred L.	Allen	VIETNAM
Ronald P.	Bieri	VIETNAM
Joseph M.	Bridgers	VIETNAM
Stephen M	Cutting	VIETNAM
Robert J.	Dupallo	VIETNAM
Lyle J.	Forsythe	VIETNAM
Theodore	Glover	VIETNAM
Charles W.	Guenzel	VIETNAM
David C.	Hanos	VIETNAM
Donald D.	Hicks	VIETNAM
Charles C.	Iliff, III	VIETNAM
Donald C.	Jentsch	VIETNAM
John M.	Kearns	VIETNAM
Dennis R.	Kiebach	VIETNAM
Robert W.	Kilber	VIETNAM
Nathan P.	Laborde	VIETNAM
Albert J.	Lanoie	VIETNAM
Frank J.	Lavin, Jr.	VIETNAM
Ross E.	Likens	VIETNAM
David N.	Mc Cord	VIETNAM
John H.	Mc Intosh	VIETNAM
Jeffrey M.	Musburger	VIETNAM
Ronald D.	Quinn	VIETNAM
Richard A.	Reda	VIETNAM
Randall L.	Schneider	VIETNAM
William	Shehab	VIETNAM
Robert D.	Simpson	VIETNAM
Thomas M	Smith	VIETNAM
Manley M.	South, Jr.	VIETNAM
Thomas J.	Van Eynde	VIETNAM
Paul L.	Wertz, Sr.	VIETNAM

Is 21 a lucky number? Could be. The week of 21 Sept. 2021 twenty-one MCB53 veterans and their guests deployed at the Holiday Inn Balston, Arlington Va. Neither wind, nor rain, nor sleet, nor covid bureaucracy b.s. can stop the Bees from their cold beer. An opportunity for renewal of friendships with the enhancement of sea stories.

After an evening of lubrication, the next day it was on to the cattle car, I mean bus, to enjoy Arlington National Cemetery, and Mt. Vernon. We also stopped at the Air Force Memorial.

Thursday evening it was mount out on the bus again. We spent the evening viewing monuments under their lights. Now that is really special. Gut wrenching reflection at the Vietnam Memorial. Other memorials visited that evening included the Lincoln Memorial, Navy Memorial, Martin Luther King and Jefferson Memorial.

Friday was a free day for everyone to take in the sights of Washington. For some it was the first time on the Metro. An easy way to get to the Capital Mall and return.

Saturday the members assembled for our meeting. Past minutes were read and other old business covered. Under new business we were pleased to have Arthur McCollum step up and offer to host the next reunion in Lockport N.Y. during the fall of 2023. We wish them the best as we are all looking forward to getting together again.

That evening our banquet was held. Our guest speaker was Ross Schwalm who is the cousin of Master Chief George Tallman. In country George was a First Class in charge of the asphalt plant with the Vin Di detachment. The presentation included photos and background of the detachment.

Sunday it was time to pack it out. Now we can look forward to our next reunion at Lockport, N.Y.

I wish to again thank those that attended and those that helped put our 2021 reunion together. My wife Mary with Jim and Wendy Donahue. Thank-you - Jason Abell



Reunion Photos



IN MEMORIAM
 DEDICATED TO
 THE MEN OF THE UNITED STATES
 NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALIONS

THE SEABEES
 BORN IN THE EARLY DAYS OF WORLD WAR II
 WHEN THE NATION WAS IN DIRE PERIL.
 THEIR MISSION WAS TO BUILD BASES FOR THE
 COMBAT FORCES, TO DEFEND THOSE BASES
 AND TO PROVIDE OTHER SUPPORT
 OF WHATEVER KIND REQUIRED.

ORGANIZED AND COMMANDED BY OFFICERS
 OF THE CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS OF THE
 NAVY, RECRUITED LARGELY FROM THE
 BUILDING TRADES OF ORGANIZED LABOR,
 BUTTRESSED BY THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY
 THE SEABEES QUICKLY PROVED
 THEIR TOTAL COMPETENCE.

HIGH MORALE, EXPERT SKILLS, VERSATILE
 INGENUITY, STRONG DEVOTION TO DUTY
 AND DEEP SYMPATHY FOR THE NEEDY
 ARE THE HALLMARKS OF THEIR RECORD.

THEIR MOTTO "CAN DO" SYMBOLIZES
 THEIR TRADITION AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.

GENERATIONS OF SEABEES HAVE ADDED
 TO THE LAURELS OF THEIR FORBEARS.
 IN WAR AND IN PEACE THEY HAVE MAINTAINED
 THEIR HIGH REPUTE AS BUILDERS,
 FIGHTERS AND HUMANITARIANS.

