

Wilson Greenwood Sr

May 12, 2015

Wilson Greenwood, 92, of Moorestown, died peacefully at home on May 12, 2015. He was the devoted husband of Rachel Ann Bitzer for 58 years. She died in 2007. Living in Moorestown since his parents Horace, Cora and their five sons moved there in 1928, he was a 1941 graduate of Moorestown Friends School. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, a member for over 80 years and twice President of the Moorestown Field Club, a member of Pine Valley Golf Club and for 10 years, a volunteer with the Moorestown Emergency Squad. Certified as an EMT from 1985 to 1995, he responded to radio calls from his home on Sunday nights.

After three semesters at the University of Pennsylvania he entered the Army Air Corps serving as a radioman on transport planes in the Pacific. Returning to Penn, he was president of his fraternity and captain of his Ivy League champion soccer team. After graduating from the Wharton School, he joined the family textile business, retiring in 1990 as President of Globe Dye Works Company. He was a past President of the Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Northeast Advisory Board of Philadelphia National Bank.

A man of many parts, he appreciated the countless friends he made in his business life, the annual road trips to Florida, always returning in time to enjoy the spring, summers on LBI with the 52nd Street Gang, and being on the waterways of South Jersey, fishing or just exploring and soaking up the sun with his first mate.

He was dedicated to his family and is lovingly remembered by them all, including, his son Bill, wife Debby and their sons Daniel, and Philip; his son Peter, wife Beverly, their son Kyle, his wife Megan and their children Kayleigh and Kylie, and their son Ryan, his wife Jessica and their children Casey, Karyme and Tyler. Also, his son Craig, wife Anne, and their daughters Abigail and Samantha, and his son Paul. He is also survived by his brother Sydney Greenwood and several cousins, sisters-in law, nephews, nieces and their children.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Church , 207 W. Main Street Moorestown, NJ 08057 on May 21 at 1:00 PM., with interment next to his wife in the church's Memorial Garden.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Episcopal Church Memorial Garden

207 W. Main Street
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church
207 West Main Street
Moorestown, NJ 08057
(856) 235-0811

Tribute Wall



“ Wilson Greenwood Sr

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ Wilson Greenwood Sr

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

“ Dear Bill Greenwood,

I suppose I might have expressed my grateful feelings about your father, Wilson Greenwood, at some earlier time than now. But it is only in this time that I find my voice and so it will have to do.

The opportunities and experiences which he made available to me many years ago at Globe Dye Works, and especially including chance to work with you at the advent of personal computing and your explorations of Deming's revolutionary quality methods, have had a profound and ongoing influence on my working life. In addition to that exposure and a chance to play a part and to experiment at an important moment in manufacturing, was the enriching milieu of Globe Dye Works and the Greenwood family.

For me Globe Dye Works seemed to inherit a spirit of optimism and a determined faith in the opportunity of America from the moods in play at the time of its founding, an era in more intimate proximity to the founding of our country than today's. In that spirit and faith the Greenwood family managed Globe Dye Works generation after generation and by their commitment provided a rich ground of opportunities for many families and for the development of technologies and markets related to their business.

Your father carried those inherited traditions of the family and the business in a creative and generous way, using his position in the community to strengthen with love the America which he and his generation had discovered and which he was uniquely positioned respond to and to appreciate.

The most important achievement may have been the healing relationship which you and he and Globe Dye Works had in the aftermath of Vietnam. It stands for me always as an example of what shared work on a common endeavor can mean to families and business and country in times of great stress on all of that. And the outcome for Globe itself, the transformation from manufacturing to space for the arts, stands in my view as among the most daring of movements in light of the claims of the past on both of you.

There have been so many life lessons for so many from his generous example. You have been a great son and equal to the challenges of that example.

*Warmly,
Peter Small*



Stephen
Masters

“ *To Bill and Deb and the entire Greenwood Family. ..our thoughts and prayers are with you..*

From : Stephen and Becky Masters

Stephen Masters - May 21, 2015 at 08:38 AM

CH

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Wilson while doing research for an exhibition, Catagenesis at Globe Dye Works, held in 2012. He shared his work and family memories with me and my colleague, Leslie Kaufman. We produced a video about the history of the company and know the family will have these stories for perpetuity. Rest in peace, Wilson. You had a long life with a positive energy that left your mark.*

*Cheryl Harper
Independent Curator*

Cheryl Harper - May 20, 2015 at 12:28 PM

PK

“ *The partners of Globe Development Group were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Wilson Greenwood.*

It was a pleasure to have met Mr. Greenwood on his visits back to the Globe Dye Works property. And it was important for us to hear his oral history of Globe Dye Works, and of the generations of Greenwoods that contributed to its success.

We have enjoyed the interest that members of the Greenwood family have shown in our efforts to renovate and re-purpose the Globe Dye Works property. And we feel privileged to be able to transition the property from its proud industrial past into a new center of creative activity.

*Charlie Abdo
Matt & Ian Pappajohn
Brendan Kilroy
Mark Gallini
Mike & Rich Pantalone
Pete Kelly*

Peter Kelly - May 19, 2015 at 12:13 PM

WF

“ I was saddened to read of the loss of your loved one. When we lose our loved one in death it is the most difficult time in our life. However, there is loving comfort in Psalms 55:22 to “throw your burden on God and he will sustain you..” Yes, no matter what we are facing God is there to help us get through it. May you continue to have the love and support from family and friends. I sincerely hope that this Bible message brings you a measure of comfort during this difficult time.

Williams' Family - May 18, 2015 at 07:21 PM

GG

“ Craig, Anne, Abby and Sam,
We are so sad to hear of the passing of your father/grandfather. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We lift you up with strength during this difficult time.

Love,
Voltaire and Geri Gonzaga



Geri Gonzaga - May 18, 2015 at 08:01 AM

RB

“ My sincere condolences to the Greenwood family. I am a friend of Paul's. Seeing what a kind, gracious and good person Paul is, I have to believe that his father was a good and gracious man himself, one clearly beloved and valued by the community he lived in and served for so many years.

Robin Beckhard

Robin Beckhard - May 17, 2015 at 05:04 PM

MB

“ Dearest Bill, Debby, Dan, Phil and all of the Wilson Greenwood Sr. Family,

Please know that we offer our deepest sympathies to you all during your time of loss. We will always remember what a kind gentleman Bill Sr. was, to us (on the few occasions we were able to be together), and also to our parents that enjoyed his company when they were on this earth, Charles and Dorothy Fowler, as well as Charlie Borden.

Love,
Bruce and Molly Fowler Borden



Molly Fowler Borden - May 16, 2015 at 04:00 PM

EL

“ Dear Paul,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your beautiful father...
My love and prayers are with you and your family.
May he rest in peace everlasting.
Time and Love, Elynn

Elynn - May 16, 2015 at 11:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wilson
Greenwood Sr.



May 16, 2015 at 10:53 AM

HS

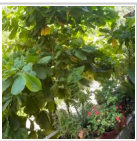
“ One of the classiest people I ever had the fortune to work with Harry Satinsky

Harry Satinsky - May 16, 2015 at 09:56 AM

LI

“ Paul and family: I remember the lovely note your dad sent me a few years back.
Please accept my deepest condolences. Sincerely, Linda Bianchi

Linda - May 16, 2015 at 09:55 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss Paul.
Love
Orlando

Orlando Cole - May 16, 2015 at 09:46 AM

BM

“ Shortly after Rachel passed away I went to visit Bill. He described a scene that took place in his living room a few months earlier which I've never forgotten. I believe it was around Christmas. Bill's son was on the piano. Once the music started, Bill and Rachel started to dance. They danced and held one another and escorted the moment. Not long afterward Rachel's health declined quickly. As Bill recalled the event, he described it as "our last beautiful moment together." I've often thought about those words and trying to savor each moment of life as a potential "last beautiful moment". Bill gave me many beautiful moments of conversation, friendship and golf together. I'll treasure it all. He was a gift to the world. Bruce Main

Bruce Main - May 16, 2015 at 06:57 AM

JM

“ Bill was a true gentleman. It was nice to see the GAP magazine article about him last month - I hope he was able to enjoy it. He did many great things for the Field Club, and the tournament named after him will take on even more special meaning for us.
Jon Mabry

Jonathan Mabry - May 15, 2015 at 05:22 PM

CC

“ Elizabeth and I were blessed in every sense of the word when Bill became our nearby neighbor. We learned very quickly what a wonderful, loving, sharing, understanding and generous person Bill was. We feel very, very privileged to be able to count him as one of the finest friends a person could have. Our only regret is that we had such a small fraction of Bill's 92 years to be his friends.

Elizabeth and Charles Clauss

Charles J. Clauss - May 15, 2015 at 02:35 PM

RD

“ Bill, sorry to learn of this. Reading the obit brought back memories of Globe. Saw you there once from an Amtrak train!
Can't make it to Moorestown for the service. Will think of you.
Peace,
Roddy

Rod Day - May 15, 2015 at 10:34 AM

KJ

“ I met Mr. Greenwood through his son Paul. He was a true gentleman and always kind and friendly, as well as intelligent & engaging. Sending warm, loving thoughts to all his family. I know he will be missed, yet all his loved ones can rejoice at having had such a wonderful man touch their lives for so long !

Keith Jurosko - May 15, 2015 at 08:50 AM