



Rudolph Solar

April 25, 2015

Wantage - Rudolph "Rudy" Valentine Solar, Jr., age 68 passed away on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Karen Ann Quinlan Home for Hospice in Fredon. Born on June 28, 1946 in Weehawken, Rudy grew up in Ridgefield and lived in West Milford before moving to Sussex County 35 years ago. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam Era. He was the owner of Solar Tire and Automotive Service in Lafayette and had been an aide for Congressman Scott Garrett for nine years. He enjoyed farming and owned one of New Jersey's first Certified Organic Farms. Rudy was a founding member and Past President of the Sussex-Wantage Taxpayers Association, a leading component of the Wantage Township Open Space Program and committee member of the Open Space Committee, the Wantage Township Republican County Committeeman, a former member of the High Point Republican Club, and was formally involved with the Sussex County 4-H. He was predeceased by his father, Rudolph Valentine Solar, Sr. in 1976. Rudy is survived by his son, Rudy Valentine Solar, III, his wife Christine of Wantage and their children Rudy Valentine, IV and Rieden Valentine; his daughter, Rene Solar of Fredon; his mother, Clara Solar of California; his sister, Carol Musterer, her husband Allan, and their son, Randy of California. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 1 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Interment will follow at Mt. Salem Cemetery, Wantage. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.. Online condolences may be

offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *My friendship with Rudy was a meaningful one in high school. I am grateful that we had time to talk and share a few years ago at a reunion. And I am very saddened by his passing and send sincere condolences to Carol, Rudy, Rene and the rest of your family. I am holding you all in the Light. Shalom and love,*
beth-ann

Beth-Ann Buitekant - April 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *We were SO sad to hear of Rudy's passing. Each time we would bring out truck or car to Solar Tire for repair, we'd enjoy our long chats with Rudy about anything "farm" -- his past chicken business, his sheep and goats, organic farming, etc. We remember waving to him at the Sussex County Fairs each year as he drove his antique tractor around! We had no idea he served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, or that he was so thoroughly entrenched in local Republican politics! We never talked about those things. It was always about farming. I guess that was his love. We will miss you, Rudy, but we know you are now free from pain and disease and that we will see you again in God's light. Our deepest condolences go out to Rudy's family. God bless you all.*

Denise and Bob Konopka - April 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *One of the nicest people I've known !*

Fred Schofer - April 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Rudy's passing. We knew each other professionally For many decades. He was a kind and generous soul who will be missed

Carol Speck - April 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ So sad to learn of the passing of Rudy . We were classmates at Ridgefield for many years . He was a kind and gentle soul and a friend . There are many of us from Ridgefield that still remain friends and realize it was a great town to grow up in . I see Rudy had a productive life and a loving family which is not surprising . Please know even his friends from long ago extend their condolences and are saddened by his passing .

frank bickel - April 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM