





Louis John Callaghan

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Born in Southampton, England to Louis Walter and Winifred O' Callaghan. He was one of seven children with five sisters and one brother. He is survived by one sister, Peggy Raybould, her husband Ken and their son Mark. Emigrated to Pennsylvania at age 9 when his father agreed to give him up to the notable American Drexel family so he would be safe during World War II and have the opportunity for a better life. Being an independent type, Lou did not feel he fit in with such a wealthy lifestyle. In fact, he was expelled from Haverford Prep for punching a bully in the nose! He eventually chose to join the local Vander Veur family where he felt more at home.

He enlisted with the U.S. Marines as the smallest member at that time and he served in the Korean War. Lou was proud to be a Veteran for his country and that is how he earned his U.S. Citizenship.

Lou joined the Gladwyne Fire Company as a volunteer for over 40 years as well as serving on their regular paid shifts. Retirement came in March 1988. He drove trucks professionally, including with Sylvan Seal Milk Company for 19 years.

Lou later joined Franks Beverages in Philadelphia holding various positions with them. At one point he was in charge of three divisions simultaneously.

Married Maija and for 55 years they were ever the best of friends. Lou loved boating which included water skiing and weekends cruising the Chesapeake Bay for over a decade. He realized a lifelong dream of flying on the Concorde super jets to England.

Lou moved to Berwyn in the early seventies where he continued to live with his beloved wife Tina Dillon until his death. He was famous for his summer pool picnics where family, friends and the entire block gathered for good food and great times. Lou was the cornerstone of the street. Friends and neighbors knew that he would happily share his wealth of knowledge on building or lend them a tool. He was always working on various projects on his own home which gave him great satisfaction and pleasure. Many of which are still "unfinished"!

And he was a great lover of animals, especially horses and dogs. In his younger years he was a talented rider and competed in both Western and English events such as barrel racing and fox hunting as well as training horses. Lou deeply loved his own dogs, ranging over the years from a Springer Spaniel to two German Shepherds and two Labradors.

Lou spent his semi retirement years as a building contractor of home additions and renovations. During the past 20 years he also managed and worked at his beloved Peace and Plenty Farm in Honey Brook. Lou strove for perfection in all things and he usually achieved it. Rest in Peace "Lou the Shoe".