



Martin L. Gluntz, PhD

February 11, 1931 - November 10, 2016

Dr. Martin L. (Marty) Gluntz, age 85, a 19 year resident of Wachesaw Plantation, Murrells Inlet, SC and formerly of Hershey, PA died on November 10, 2016, while being cared for at the Tideland Hospice House in Georgetown, SC.

He was a native of Steelton, PA, son of Hazel (Westhafer) and Martin G1untz (both

deceased). A graduate of Steelton High School, Steelton, PA; Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA; and the University of Delaware, Newark, DE, where he earned a M.S. and PhD in Organic Chemistry. He was a US Army Veteran, serving at Camp Gordon, GA, in the Military Police, plus was a fitness training instructor and a member of the Camp's baseball team. His team participated in the 3rd Army Tournament where he played against men who went on to play in the major leagues.

Most recently, Dr. G1untz was an international business consultant, specializing in the food industry. He retired in 1996 from Hershey Foods as Vice President Technical Services, Hershey International Division. During his 26 1/2 years at Hershey, he was Production Manager of the Hershey Chocolate Plant; while working in product development, he was responsible for developing the Special Dark bar and the Kit Kat bar for the US market. Before joining Hershey he was a plant manager and

plant chemist with Tenneco Chemical Co., and a chemist with American Cyanamid.

Dr. Gluntz was a member of the Wachesaw Plantation Club where he enjoyed playing golf, tennis and socializing with friends. He was a long-time member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Pawleys Island where he served on the Church Council for 6 years, was an active member of the Property Committee and enjoyed volunteering for all the children's and youth programs. Throughout his life, he was a dedicated volunteer for many nonprofit and charitable organizations in the communities where he lived and worked. Most recently he served as a mentor in the Early College High School Program of Horry County, SC. He was a former President of the Lebanon Valley College Alumni Association and a long-time member of the Board of Trustees of Lebanon Valley College, currently a Trustee Emeritus.

During his four years at Lebanon Valley College, he played on the college's baseball and basketball teams. He was a member of the 1952-53 LVC Basketball Team (the Cinderella Team), which participated in the 1953 NCAA Eastern Regional Basketball Tournament (Sweet 16) in Raleigh, N.C. His team was inducted into the Lebanon Valley College Sports Hall of Fame and the Central Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. Marty enjoyed traveling, especially internationally (visited 64 countries); playing the guitar and spending time with his family and friends.

His first wife, Marilyn (Gingrich), died in 1976. In 1977, he married Karen McHenry, who survives him. He is also survived by his two daughters - Marti Lynn Gluntz Reese of Lancaster, PA; Marcia Lee and her husband, Lt Colonel (US Army) Robert D. Montz of Carlisle, PA; three sons - Michael and wife, Maureen Groden

Gluntz of Pittsburgh, PA; Matthew Gluntz and Marcy Perez, of Tampa, FL; Mitchell Gluntz of Harrisburg, PA; five grandchildren - Bradley Van Scyoc and wife, Monica; Kathleen and Emily Gluntz; Amber and Blake Montz; and one great-grandson Zachary Van Scyoc.

Contributions in memory of Marty may be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 65 Crooked Oak Dr., Pawleys Island, SC 29585, or to Tideland Community Hospice, 2591 N. Fraser Street, Georgetown, SC 29440.

There will be a private burial service at the Hershey Cemetery, Hershey, PA and a Celebration of Life Service held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 17th at 11:00am.

An online guestbook can be signed at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

ER

“ Many fond memories of Marty at Hershey, a wonderful man, always friendly with such a terrific smile to match. Remember his guitar playing at events with Bob Wilhite during the Hershey/Westvaco family picnics. Bob made sure he was looking out for his best friend and was responsible for introducing Karen to Marty and I am so happy that the two of you shared such a love filled life together all these years. I'm sure Bob was there to greet his friend upon arrival in Heaven.

Karen, my sincere condolences on your loss! Best wishes to you and Marty's family.

Sincerely,

Ernie Rudolph

P.S. We just relocated to the Greenville, S.C. area in 2014

Ernie Rudolph - December 01, 2016 at 02:11 PM

AN

“ I was sorry to hear of Dr. Gluntz's passing. I was friends with his daughter, Marty, in high school and have many fond memories of visiting their home in Glen Acres. Blessing to the family during this difficult time. Annette Cramer Newcomb



Annette Newcomb - November 21, 2016 at 09:21 AM

RM

“ Rick & I are so saddened to learn of Marty's passing. We will miss his cheerful smile at Wachesaw Plantation. Both Karen and Marty have been such great supporters of our SCJGA Can-Am Matches and helped to bring so much joy to our juniors. Lots of hugs and prayers going your way dear Karen and family.
Rick & Ellen Miller

Rick and Ellen Miller - November 17, 2016 at 01:10 PM

RS

“ So saddened by news of Marty's passing. He was such a great guy to work with at Hershey, and a great competitor on the court during lunchtime basketball at the Hershey Fitness Center, and softball diamond in the company league. He was 20 years older than many of us, yet he played like he was one of us younger guys! What a great guy and great athlete. Many wonderful memories.
Condolences to Karen and his children.

Rob Shelton

rob shelton - November 17, 2016 at 01:02 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Marty's passing. He was a wonderful guy and I have missed chatting with him on the driving range at the club. My deepest sympathy to Karen and the family.

Bob Pearson

Bob Pearson - November 17, 2016 at 10:59 AM

MA

“ I was so sad to read this news just now. You of course know how dear "Dr. Gruntz" was to our family and how much we loved him. I shared the news with Mom. We both are sorry we can't be with you in this difficult time. Please know we are there with you in spirit. Much love from old friends. —Maria Montesano Boyer



Maria - November 15, 2016 at 07:46 PM

BB

“ May God Bless you and your family in the coming days. Bonnie Boughton

bonnie boughton - November 15, 2016 at 11:59 AM

WU

“ Thanks for your service Soldier !!!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - November 15, 2016 at 08:24 AM

LG

“ I was so sad to hear of Marty's passing. He was a great mentor and he took a chance on a fellow LVC grad to work with him in his organization. I will never forget caroling down the halls at Christmas with Marty playing guitar and the rest of us "filling in" with bells and maracas!

Llaine Groninger - November 14, 2016 at 04:05 PM

AL

“ *AnnMarie Lightner lit a candle in memory of
Martin L. Gluntz, PhD*



AnnMarie Lightner - November 14, 2016 at 07:00 AM

PR

“ *Sincere condolences to Karen and family.
Marty was truly a man concerned for his
church, his family and his community. My love
and prayers are with you.
Patsye B. Robinson and family.*



Patsye B. Robinson - November 13, 2016 at 07:36 AM