



## Don Pocher

November 19, 1928 - July 17, 2019

POCHER, Donald W. – 90, of Cape May, passed away at his home on Wednesday, July 17, 2019. Born in Wildwood, with multi-generational roots in Cape May, he was a graduate of Cape May High School (1946) and furthered his education at Rider College on the GI Bill where he earned his Bachelors Degree. A man of honor, he proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II. At an early age Don worked for Pocher & Co. Insurance in New York City and later moved on to a management position with Lloyds Insurance Co., also in New York City. He enjoyed so many things in his life; open ocean racing – sailing in many of the Newport to Bermuda races and the Transatlantic from Norway to Bermuda; an avid post card collector, he wrote the book “Cape May and Vintage Postcards;” playing tennis (member of the Cape May Tennis Club) and above all things precious time with his family and those he loved. He was a lifelong member of the Corinthian Yacht Club, Cape May and a member of the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church. He is predeceased by his wife, Patricia and his three brothers, Joseph, Charles and Walter. Don is dearly missed by his loving family which includes his two children, Carolinn Pocher Woody and Christian (and Meg) Pocher; sister, Joan Green and longtime companion, Marjorie Wetherill. Don’s memorial ceremony and celebration of life will be held on Monday (July 22nd) at 11am in the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, 780 Seashore Rd., Cape May where friends will be received from 10am until 10:50am. Interment will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the C. Wallace Stuard Sailing Foundation c/o Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May, P.O. Box 260, Cape May, NJ 08204. (Spilker Funeral Home, Cape May) info and condolences: [spilkerfuneralhome.com](http://spilkerfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **22**. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (ET)

Cold Spring Presbyterian Church  
780 Seashore Road  
North Cape May (Lower Township), NJ

## Memorial Service

JUL **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DM

“ Dear Don's Family, It was with sadness I heard of Don's death, first through a church person, and again with the notice you were kind enough to send me. I was the previous pastor at Cold Spring Presbyterian Church and it is in that capacity I came to know Don as he faithfully attended with his dear companion Marge W. Every Sunday morning we shared a smile and some brief words of greeting as they entered church, and then again as they departed. Of course many other church events I could count on seeing him.  
I came to count on those brief encounters. For my first couple of years a nasty group were trying to chase myself and my wife Patty out, but when I looked into Don's eyes and slight smile, I knew he stood there supporting me. Of course we talked about postcards and we received a signed copy of the book he and his wife created.  
I have been gone due to illness 3 years now and quietly reside in Villas. My wife and I were sorry to hear of Don's passing but tinged with the knowledge that he is home in heaven. Truly our loss is heaven's gain. We will think of you all in our hearts and offer prayers for you for comfort and to remember the joy you had sharing your lives with him. God bless! Rev. Doug & Patty Madden

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**Douglas A Madden** - July 22, 2019 at 05:09 PM

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“ Ken Bruce lit a candle in memory of Don Pocher



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**Ken Bruce** - July 22, 2019 at 02:32 PM

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We spent so many wonderful summers in Cape May with the Pochers growing up. Pat and Don were like Aunt and Uncle to us. They were both very special people and I am grateful they were a part of our extended family. RIP Uncle Don

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**Ken Bruce** - July 22, 2019 at 02:34 PM

DP

“ Don and Pat were wonderful and memorable people. They visited us at our home when we lived in Merchantville. Don was always helpful during the three years in the '90s when I wrote a column about South Jersey in the Inquirer. My wife and I send our condolences.

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**David Lee Preston** - July 21, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ Jennifer Kopp lit a candle in memory of Don Pocher



Jennifer Kopp - July 19, 2019 at 08:13 AM



“ When I began writing about Cape May's history, Don reached out to me and spent untold hours sharing stories, pictures, and telling me about the kinds of things that weren't in history books. He freely shared his postcard collection with me for use with my articles in Exit Zero, my online posts on Cool Cape May, and in my book, "The First Resort."

Prior to us releasing the first edition of TFR, Don came to the old Exit Zero offices over at the airport to proofread it for us, as did Harry C. Bellangy. I will forever be in both their debt for that kindness.

My deepest and sincerest sympathies to Carolinn, Joan, and all of Don's extended family.

Ben Miller - July 18, 2019 at 10:14 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ben Miller - July 18, 2019 at 10:10 PM

JS

“ Joseph Scull sent a virtual gift in memory of Don Pocher



Joseph Scull - July 18, 2019 at 03:46 PM