

In Memoriam

The Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society wishes to honor the lives and contributions of three long-time Society members, George and Jean Harlow, of Paoli, and Len Gottliebse, formerly of Berwyn.

George and Jean Harlow

George Richardson Harlow III was born on June 7, 1927 in Evanston, Ill. and raised in Wilson, N.Y. and Oberlin, Ohio. George served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1945 to 1947. He was a graduate of both Dartmouth College (1949) and the University of Washington, and worked as a geologist and systems analyst for Exxon for over 30 years. An avid genealogist, George was a lifetime member of the Geological Society of America and the Boy Scouts of America. He is remembered by his family as “an outdoorsman, a teller of stories and a giver of hugs.” He died on April 26, 2011 in Paoli after a brief hospitalization.

Jean Stilwell Harlow was born October 29, 1928 in Paoli, where she was raised and graduated from Tredyffrin-Easttown High School. She went on to graduate from Brown University and the University of Houston, and worked as a geologist in Massachusetts and Minnesota before marrying George and starting a family in 1956. She and George, who were married for 54 years, had four children (Bill, Tom, Betsey and Peggy). Jean was a lifetime member of the Girls Scouts of America, volunteered at the Diamond Rock Schoolhouse, and served on the board of the Descendants and Friends of the 314th Infantry Regiment. She is remembered as “a fun loving individual, dedicated Scout, amateur historian, and a warm and generous friend to all.” Both she and George were faithful congregants at St. Francis-in-the-Fields, Malvern. Jean died on July 26, 2016.

George and Jean were very active members of the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society for many years, and faithfully served together as the “distribution team” for the Society’s *History Quarterly*. I well remember the many times I would deliver the boxes of *Quarterlies* to their home for stuffing into envelopes and mailing to our membership, and would be welcomed in. They were a very bright couple, and invariably each visit would result in much eclectic discussion—and always much laughter. They are both missed. — *Roger D. Thorne*

Len Gottliebse

Lenius H. Gottliebse, 91, of Lancaster, died on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at Willow Valley Communities. He was the loving husband of Mary Bernhardt Gottliebse with whom he shared 68 years of marriage.

Born in Kenosha, Wis. on July 28, 1927, Len was the son of the late Lenius and Edith Gottliebse. Len was in the Naval V-5 Training Unit and trained on a Stearman biplane. After World War II, he graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering (BSEE) and was a registered professional engineer in both Indiana and Pennsylvania. He worked for General Electric Company, Reliance Electric, Electric Regulator, and Engineered Specialty Products before retiring from B & G Engineering.



Len was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and serving as a Scoutmaster. He was elected into the Order of the Arrow. Before relocating to Lancaster, Len and Mary lived in Berwyn, Pa., and were members of the Tredyffrin Easttown History Club (later Historical Society). They spent many years as active participants in the sport of curling and Len was past president of the Philadelphia Curling Club. Together, they wrote a history of the club for the *History Quarterly* in 1994. Len also served as president of the Philadelphia Lodge of the Danish Brotherhood of America. Len was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, where he served as a past Moderator of the Board of Deacons. He was also an active member of the Willow Street Lions Club. Len enjoyed bowling, golf, dancing with his lovely wife, computer-aided drafting, video photography and travel. Len and Mary celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking a trip around the world.

In addition to his wife, Len is survived by two sons, Douglas A. Gottliebse (Carol) of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Thomas W. Andersen (Barbara) of Lancaster, Pa. He is also survived by four grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and a sister, Elga Rohrer, of Kenosha, Wis.