



## Jay Lee Schmukler

October 20, 1934 - October 1, 2018

Jay L Schmukler, 83, of Dover, DE passed after a short illness on October 1, 2018. Jay was born October 20, 1934 to his Mother, Hilde Zimmerman of Brooklyn, NY. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force shortly after completion of High School. He retired after a 20-year career as a loadmaster on the C-133 and C-5. After retirement he owned his own liquor store in Dover and worked as a civilian at Dover AFB at the aerial port. In addition, he volunteered for a number of years at the Air Base Mobility Command Museum. Jay is survived by his wife of 61 years, Laura Schmukler, daughter, Sandra Cahoon, daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Rick Donahue, granddaughter, Kathryn Kane and grandsons, Matthew and Richard Donahue. He is preceded in death by his son-in-law, Dalton Cahoon and grandson, Jason Greenholt.

Friends and family may call on Friday from 11am-1230pm at Trader Funeral Home, 12 Lotus St. Dover, DE 19901. Services will follow at the Veterans Cemetery in Millsboro, DE at 2pm.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in his name to the Shriner's Hospital of Philadelphia or to the Dover AFB Mobility Command Museum. Letters of condolences may be sent to <http://www.traderfh.com>

# Cemetery

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## **Delaware Veterans Cemetery**

Millsboro, DE,

# Comments

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jay Lee Schmukler.



October 04, 2018 at 07:37 PM

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“ Over the last several years Jay and Laura became special friends in our lives. Jay would call me for a ride to medical appointments or to visit with Laura while he was away. We would share an evening just talking, go to dinner or Phil and I would bring in Chinese food to share a meal with them. During the past few weeks, I took Jay to several medical meetings. Jay joked about his new car had been driven more by me than him. He laughing begin to say, “our car”, when I took Laura to the hospital each day for a visit.

We will miss you “my buddy”,

We send our condolences to Laura and the family as they adjust without your presence,

Our sincere sympathies, Phil and Jonnie Stubbolo

**Jonnie Stubbolo** - October 04, 2018 at 10:54 AM

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“ A tear in my eye this morning after reading Jay's obituary. A longtime friend through or C-133, C-5 and subsequent years, having just spoken to him two weeks ago. To Laura and family our deepest sympathy. A great guy!  
Harry & Johanna Heist



**Harry & Johanna Heist** - October 04, 2018 at 10:48 AM

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“ Sandy, Katy and Erin; You all are in our thoughts and Prayers during your time of grieving. It's never easy to say Goodbye but now and then you'll feel your father's/grandfather 's presence in a familiar comforting way....and you'll feel as if he knows you're thinking of him. In time those moments will bring you comfort, and you'll know that his Live is never far away. Love     Uncle Garth, Uncle Don and Aunt Dawn

**Garth, Don and Dawn** - October 04, 2018 at 09:07 AM

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“ Garth, Don And Dawn lit a candle in memory of Jay Lee Schmukler



**Garth, Don and Dawn** - October 04, 2018 at 08:58 AM

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“ Jonnie Stubbolo lit a candle in memory of Jay Lee Schmukler



**Jonnie Stubbolo** - October 03, 2018 at 10:59 AM

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“ Jay was a special person. Over the years Jay and Laura and Phil and I would share an evening together just enjoying each other’s company. We have gone out to dinner and Phil and I would sometimes bring Chinese food in to share with Jay and Laura. Over the last few months, Jay and I became “Buddies “ as I would transport him to various medical appointments. We always shared a running joke, that I had more time behind the wheel of Jay’s new car than he did. When Jay went into the hospital we started a running “tab” on expenses. Jay would ask if I needed cash for Laura and My response would always to I added it to the tab and Jay would smile.

Phil spent many hours during the last two weeks taking time to. Is it our friend, Jay reassuring him that we were taking care of Laura and making Jay smile. We will carry those memories with us as we say goodbye to our friend and “my buddy”.

We send our sincere thoughts and sympathies to Jay’s family, especially his wife Laura.

With sincere respect, Phil and Jonnie Stubbolo



**Jonnie Stubbolo** - October 03, 2018 at 10:47 AM