



Wayne Allan Stork

July 12, 1937 - August 2, 2025

Wayne A. Stork passed away on August 2, 2025, in Tallahassee, Florida. He was 88 and the spouse of Andrew A. Hartnagle.

Born in Brockton, Massachusetts, Wayne was the son of Norman and Loretta Stork. A graduate of Brown University, Wayne began his distinguished career in finance as a security analyst in 1962. He rose to become Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Delaware Management Holdings Inc. and Chief Investment Officer of Delaware Investment Advisers. The Philadelphia Business Journal once described him as "the quintessential gentleman head of an old-money firm," a testament to his integrity, leadership, and grace.

Wayne and Andrew curated a life of quiet elegance-defined by enduring partnership, refined surroundings, and a shared appreciation for the extraordinary. Over the decades of their relationship, they lived in many stunning properties, including the iconic Twin Silo Farm, a magnificent country estate that was an original William Penn Land Grant.

In retirement, Wayne dedicated himself to charitable work and public service. He was elected to the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors, where he continued to serve his community with the same thoughtfulness and commitment that defined his professional life. Wayne was a devoted dog owner whose love for animals reflected his gentle and compassionate nature.

He is survived by his dear friend and sister-in-law, Michelle Schoonover (Michael), nephew Christopher Schoonover (Allison) and niece Jennifer Early (Chase), and sister-in-law Karla Nurmela, brother-in-law Chris Harnagle, cousins Erica Curran, Faith Rushnak, Rich Zoino, and Larry Jaynes.

Wayne will be remembered for his wisdom, generosity, and the quiet strength with which he led both business and life. His legacy lives on in many lives he touched, the communities he served, and the love he shared with Andrew.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

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“ Wayne was truly a refined gentleman, respected and admired both those he embraced as friends. His professional accomplishments are well recognized. His relationship with his husband, Andrew Hartnagle, was keenly special. Wayne encouraged Andrew’s exceptional talents in architecture, interior and garden design. Together they shared a life surrounded by extraordinarily beautiful environments orchestrated by Andrew which they generously shared with many. They brought out the best in each other.

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“ I worked at Delaware Investments when Wayne was CEO. He was a very sharp investment executive. He made it a point to know the names of all the employees, and required the managers at year-end to submit a 'self written' performance review to him, which was somewhat unheard of as most CEOs rarely were as involved as he was with the performance of people several levels below him. And he read them, as he knew if people were just sending in prior years reviews. When he walked the halls, his quietness was mistaken, as he would tell people he was in deep thought. His home in Bucks County was one of the most spectacular residences in the County. He never acted to impress. I only met him a few times, and he was a genuinely nice person.

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