

It is with the utmost sadness and regret that we report the passing of the Honorable Donald F. Tinari, former and somewhat legendary Mayor of the Town of Cheswold.

Mr. Tinari served the community of the Town of Cheswold for almost ten years, in the capacity of Mayor, Councilperson and consultant. He was honest, diligent, sacrificing, dependable, and operated with integrity as he worked to improve the standards of living for the Town.

He had a unique way of communicating that combined facts with humor, while maintaining an atmosphere of public service rather than politics. And although appreciating the benefits of the electronic age more than most of his generation, he consistently coached and reminded that the written exchange will never supersede the spoken exchange.

In his efforts to introduce Cheswold to the greater municipal environment of the State of Delaware, Mr. Tinari served as a member of the Executive Board of the Delaware League of Local Governments, (DLLG); and a representative member of small towns to the Kent County Municipal Planning Organization, (MPO).

He was a World War II Veteran, an accomplished pilot and a retired employee of NASA.

The depth of our sorrow in his passing cannot be put into words, and he shall always be remembered as the Mayor in the sports car tooling down Main Street.

He was predeceased by the love his life, Ms. Ethel and leaves his memories to his daughter Donna and his son Victor and to the employees, volunteers and members of the Town of Council.