



John Desmond "Des" Glynn

June 7, 1928 - January 6, 2017

John Desmond (Dessie or Des) Glynn, 88, of Lebanon Pennsylvania USA, passed away at Spang Crest Manor, Lebanon on January 6, 2017. Des was born in Dublin, Ireland on June 7, 1928, son of the late Thomas and Violet Graham Glynn. Des leaves behind his daughter Jacqueline, wife of Al Coleman of Reading, Pennsylvania, sons Desmond of Columbus, Ohio, Kevin of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and Alan, husband of Diana of Seaford, New York, and two grandchildren Emma and Aidan. His brother Alan Glynn of Foxrock, Ireland survives him as well as nieces, nephews and cousins throughout Ireland and elsewhere.

Dessie Glynn was a Republic of Ireland international soccer player who played in the top Irish league in the late 1940s and 1950s. He scored 111 goals in his League of Ireland career, which at the time of his retirement was within the top 5 all-time in that league. Glynn was capped twice by the Republic of Ireland men's national soccer team. Des made his international debut on October 17, 1951 at Dalymount Park in a famous 3-2 win against West Germany. In his hometown of Dublin, he scored the winning goal for Ireland in that game, less than three years before the Germans went on to win the 1954 World Cup. Des joined a fairly exclusive list of players to score in their debut with Ireland, joining legends such as Frank Stapleton and John Giles (who Des incidentally looked after when he coached by Johnny's father "Dickie" Giles at Drumcondra). Des earned his second cap for the Irish national team on May 25, 1955 in a 3-1 away win against Norway.

In 1958, Des spent nine months in the hospital, suffering from tuberculosis-a condition which effectively ended his playing career-which was diagnosed as he was preparing to move to the United States. Des later coached in New York with the German-Hungarian SC of the German American Soccer League. Des later moved to Lebanon, Pennsylvania where he worked for Buell Envirotech-GE, raised a family and retired.

A private celebration of a life well lived will be held by family members. Interment will be made in Dublin, Ireland. The family asks in lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made in the form desired by his friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Desmond "Des" Glynn*

October 22, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ *John Desmond "Des" Glynn*

October 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *John Desmond "Des" Glynn*

October 05, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ *I worked with Des for several years. He was a great guy. We kept in touch and visited each other after his retirement as well as my own. I only now realized he had passed although I thought so since we did not receive a Christmas card from him last year. I will always remember Des*

Bob Knightly - Cape Coral, FL - Coworker - June 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ At the age of 21, just graduated from LVC, I was blessed to have Dessie as my first boss and mentor. He treated me with so much respect and taught me so much - not only about Cost Accounting, but, more importantly, about being a kind and thoughtful gentleman in the workplace. I was so lucky to have been influenced by such a wonderful man. Also, Kevin, I remember the day that Dessie had to leave work early because you got stuck in a chimney, requiring the assistance of the fire department. You were covered with tar and soot!!! Ha! Great memories! Love you and God bless you, Des.

Steve Loser - York, PA - Friend - January 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ A very nice man, true friend, and sorely missed. RIP Des.

Bill Hoefling - Harrisburg, PA - Friend - January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ So sorry to hear about Des passing away. I have many fond memories of the years we worked together and socialized together. He was a lovely man with a great sense of humor. Rest in peace, Des.

Carol Murphy - Powder Springs, GA - Friend - January 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ with love to the Glynn family on the loss of your Dad. what a life well lived and beautifully written tribute.

Ann (Fitzgibbons) Chen - Westfield, NJ - January 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Glynn family, Sorry for the loss of your dad, a true gentleman. Glad we encountered each other recently. Surely a pleasure to know him over the years. Mary Leibig*

Mary Leibig - Lebanon, PA - Coworker - January 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Love you Des! A wonderful man that always treated me with the upmost respect. I smile at the memories that I have heard first hand regarding Des and Henry Boyd. Henry had always referred to Des as a great guy! I agree!*

SCOTT ORTENZIO - LEBANON, PA - Friend - January 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM