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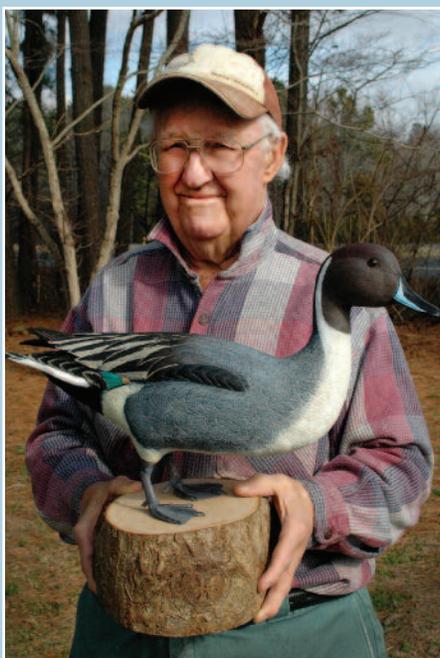
## Captain Harvey Lynch *Carver from Pocomoke, Maryland*

Neither tide nor time waits for any man. Decoy carver Captain Harvey Lynch of Pocomoke, Maryland passed from this world on November 28, 2014. He was 86 years old.

Capt. Harv started making functional decoys to gun over back in the 1960s with Bryce Tyler. In more recent years he focused his attention to making more realistic carvings. He started to improve his skills with each decoy he made and said he was always learning something new.

Harv was a true Eastern Shore character! He had a rough exterior, but a heart of gold. He would do anything for you if he liked you. He would also give his opinion about everything, whether you wanted to hear it or not. He was one of a kind. God broke the mold after he made him. He is gone but not forgotten.

- Casey Foltz



Captain Harvey Lynch.



## Merle Glick *Illinois River collector*

Merle Glick, one of the old guard Illinois River decoy collectors, died on Friday, November 7, 2014 at his home in Pekin, Illinois. He was 90 years old.

Merle had been an active supporter of the decoy collecting community since the 1960s. His father, Herman Glick, an old time Illinois River decoy carver, instilled in him a love of decoys, folk art and history that would sustain him throughout his life. Many will remember him assisting the Lakeview Museum staff when they exhibited at the Midwest decoy shows. He was a gracious man who willingly shared his knowledge with anyone who asked.

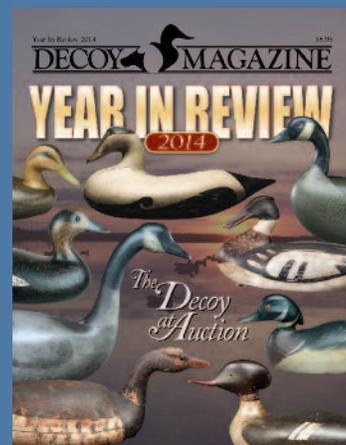
As a longtime member of the Peoria Riverfront Museum (Lakeview), he served as a board member and was eventually named Director Emeritus. Along with the late Don Clark, Merle was the driving force behind establishing a permanent exhibit of Illinois River decoys at the museum. Merle went beyond simply donating art to the museum; he encouraged members of the community to make donations as well. He curated at least seven folk art exhibits at Lakeview, helping write two of catalogs that accompanied them.

An exhibition presently on display at Lakeview, entitled "Legacy," attests to his dedication, as everything in the exhibit is part of the museum's permanent collection: either he donated it, convinced someone else to donate it, provided the money to purchase the item or influenced someone else to purchase it for the museum. In all, he personally donated 263 pieces for their collection. The exhibit includes examples by 24 decoy makers that lived along the Illinois River.

An exhibition of paintings by Olof Krans that opened in October 2014 was one of the highlights of his career, which culminated with an extensive book about his favorite folk artist. Just one week before his death he was able to attend a reception at the museum to view the fruits of his labor. He felt it was one of his greatest accomplishments.

- Donna Tonelli

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