In past years we have dedicated this space to remembering devoted members who have departed our company. Often we don’t learn of a member’s death in a timely fashion and therefore miss a wonderful opportunity to tell you of their great enjoyment of the natural world around them. This year we lost a very important influence on the work of our organization – our president’s father Walter D. Morton. For many of us each time we look at an osprey platform we will remember his enthusiasm in developing a new design which is now prominently used throughout the state. And we shall remember him slogging through the mud, and ultimately in a weakened state almost succumbing to its entrapments. Recently his brother Robert wrote asking that we erect a platform in his name; we haven’t the heart to tell him that his daughter believes they are all erected in his honor.

Newspaper Obituary

Former Wheaton Industries executive

Walter Morton, 74 of Millville died Saturday, April 8, 2000 in Genesis Elder Care Center, Millville, after an extended illness.
Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Mr. Morton summered in Bellaire, Ohio. He graduated in 1949 from the University of Pittsburgh with a bachelor of science in economics.

Mr. Morton worked for 24 years for Wheaton Industries where he was an executive vice president and general manager until he retired in 1990. Before that, he worked for Hazel Atlas Glass, Wheeling W. Va., and earlier for the Continental Can Co.

Mr. Morton held membership in several professional organizations, including the Cosmetics Industries Buyers and Sellers Trade Association; the Twenty-One Limited Club, a professional cosmetics organization; the Cosmetic Toiletries and Fragrances Association; and the Glass Package Institute of Washington, D.C., which sets the standards for the glass industry.

He was awarded an honorary degree from Glassboro College where he taught seminars and developed a student mentoring and internship program.

Mr. Morton served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II.

He was a member of the Union Lake Sailing and Tennis Club, Millville, where he will be remembered for his tennis game. He also enjoyed hunting, swimming and skiing.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa M. (Gago) Morton; two daughters, Jane Morton Galetto and Joan Killpack, both of Millville; two brothers, Robert Morton of St. Louis, MO and William A. Morton of West Chester, PA; four granddaughters, Dallas Jublou of Arizona, Karla Killpack of Millville, and Ashley and Amanda Galetto, both of Millville.

A memorial service will be 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in The Christy Funeral Home, 11 W. Broad St., Millville.