

My Dad, Philip (Tip) Alwine lived his entire life in New Oxford. He graduated from New Oxford H.S. in 1931. His first job was at Musselman's. I am not sure how long he worked there, but not more than a couple of years, after which he worked at the brickyard for the rest of his career.

He married my mom in 1939 and my oldest brother was born in 1942. Doug didn't see much of Dad for the first four years of his life, because Dad was overseas during WWII, in the army. I was born in 1946, and I have two younger sisters, born in 1949 and 1952.

One of my first memories of my Dad was him rushing off when the fire siren rang. He was a volunteer firefighter in New Oxford for almost 50 years. I have a picture of him somewhere riding on one of the fire trucks during a parade. Dad was also a member of the Lion's Club. Some of the things he contributed to the Lions include driving the truck to Florida to pick up the oranges they sold in the square every year. He also decorated the square every year for Christmas. Some of the decorations in the square (maybe not used any more) were made by my Dad, and he put up the lights for years. .

Dad was named Man of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in 1981. He was pretty well known for his service to the community.

He was also a member of the school board for many years. I am not sure how many, but he was on the school board when I was in junior high, so from about 1960 until he stepped down in 1997.

Other things of interest about him – he was a history buff, and loved taking people to Gettysburg. He read a lot about the Civil War.

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