It is with great sadness we note the passing of former Conklin Award winners. All these people truly lived their lives in the Barnegat Bay Tradition. With each passing year there are fewer and fewer people who can say they made their living from the bay and the woods. We thank all of them for sharing their lives with us as past Conklin winners:

William "Bill" Cramer
Passed away on June 17, 2008 while living in Little Egg Harbor. Bill received the Hurley Conklin Award in 1993. He was born and raised in Manahawkin. He lived many years in Spray Beach. Award winning, noted carver from 1931 to 1998.

Walter "Shorty" Hart
Passed away on June 18, 2008 while living in Fawn Lakes, Stafford Township. Shorty received the Hurley Conklin Award in 1995. During his life, Shorty worked the pounds in Beach Haven Fishery and Belford in Raritan Bay. He also worked the pots for lobsters, fished for cod, fished on the draggers, and fished winters in Florida.

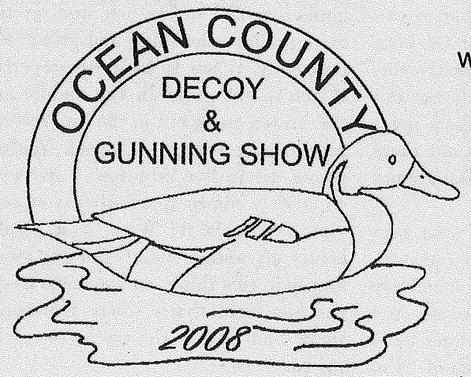
Elwood C. Harvey
Passed away May 14, 2008. Elwood received the Hurley Conklin Award in 2000. He was born and raised in Staten Island before moving to New Jersey. He lived in Beachwood for 16 years before moving to Toms River for 21 years and had been in Manahawkin since 2001. Elwood was a bayman for over 60 years.

Weldon T. Parker
Passed away May 5, 2008. Weldon received the Hurley Conklin Award in 1991. He was born in Parkertown and was a life-long resident and a bayman all his life. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II. He was a founding member of the Parkertown Volunteer Fire Company, a member of the Barnegat Bay Decoy & Baymen's Museum at the Tuckerton Seaport where his father's carving shed is displayed.

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