

**OCEAN CITY, Md.-** Granville D. Trimper, one of the resort town's icons and patriarch of his family's 118-year-old family amusement park, has died at age 79.

Trimper died early Monday morning at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. His cause of death has not been released yet.

In 1980 Trimper became the vice-president and manager of Trimper's Rides and Amusements on South First Street and the Boardwalk. He was also heavily involved in community service for many years. He served on Ocean City Town Council for 18 years, many of those as council president. In addition he served briefly as Ocean City mayor in the spring of 1985 after Harry W. Kelley died in office.

Trimper also served on the Worcester County Commissioners as president for four years. He was recently elected Citizen of the Year (Millennium) by the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce.

Commenting on his friend's passing, Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan said, "His family business and his family being here on the boardwalk was the most important thing to him and he poured his life into that business."

Meehan served with Trimper on the Ocean City Town Council back in the 1980s. He said Trimper always had Ocean City's best interests at heart.

"Granville was what Ocean City was all about," Meehan said.

Even when a sudden tax hike put his amusement park in jeopardy of closing, Trimper fought hard to stay in business.

"You always knew while Granville was here, he would fight to keep it here," Meehan said. "He knew what it means to Ocean City and the Trimper family and to himself."

Trimper's Rides and Amusements will reopen next summer under the care of Trimper's family. Meehan said Trimper's legacy will continue on through his grandsons.

"He was very proud of his grandsons taking over the business and he was just very proud of his family," Meehan said.

Meehan said Trimper is truly an icon and Ocean City is lucky for the time it had him.

"They can be very proud of a great man," Meehan said. "His legacy and Granville Trimper will live on."

No funeral arrangements have been announced yet.