



## Dr. Donald Theodore Lewers

December 16, 1934 - October 6, 2019

Easton:

Donald Theodore Lewers “Ted”, born on December 16, 1934 in Salisbury, MD, passed away on October 6, 2019 at the age of 84, after an 11-year journey with Alzheimer’s Disease.

He was the first of his family to go to college and graduated from the University of Maryland in 1960, after spending a few years in the Army as a Medic in Alaska during the Korean War. He then realized his boyhood dream of becoming a physician when he moved on to the University of MD Medical School, graduating Cum Laude in 1964. He continued his training and started his professional career at Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore. Ted was proud to be appointed the First Chair of the Governor’s Commission for Kidney Disease in 1971 and was instrumental in the development of dialysis for the treatment of Renal Disease throughout Maryland. In 1975, he and his family moved back to his roots on the Eastern Shore where he was in private practice as an Internist with a specialty in Hypertension and Nephrology from 1975-2002. Concerned with the malpractice crisis affecting physicians in 1986, he became a lobbyist for the Maryland State Medical Society in Annapolis, later becoming its President. His desire to reach and help as many patients as possible led him to continue to serve in political medicine with the American Medical Association. He was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1993 and served as Chair of the Board in 1999 and 2000. His keen understanding of how malpractice suits and the cost of insurance impact physicians led him to serve as the Chair of the Executive Committee and on the Board of Directors of Medical Mutual Liability Insurance Society of Maryland from 1996-2006. He retired in 2006.

Ted grew up in Salisbury, MD and spent his summers in Chincoteague, VA, where his love for nature and the outdoors developed. As a young man in Salisbury, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, singing with a band, and playing football at Wicomico County High School. After moving back to the Eastern Shore, he spent as much of his time as he could hunting waterfowl in the winter and fishing from his boat appropriately named “On Call.” He showed his passion for conservation and nature through many volunteer hours with the Waterfowl Festival, Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage, Ducks Unlimited, and the University of Maryland Center for Environmental and Estuarine Studies. During retirement, he enjoyed

playing golf with friends, growing oyster spat at the end of his dock in support of oyster restoration efforts, fishing with his grandsons on his new boat “Kingfisher” and putt-putting up and down the local rivers with Pat at sunset.

Ted leaves behind his wife, Pat, whom he married after a whirlwind courtship that began while sledding at University of Maryland on Valentine’s Day. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Debbie, Linda (Mike), and Kim; 4 grandchildren, Amy (Evan), Michael, Matt, and Tre; one great-grandchild, Russell Lewers Stiegel; and his sister, June Terry.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 11:00 AM at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church 100 Peachblossom Road, Easton, MD 21601. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Waterfowl Chesapeake 40 S. Harrison St. Easton, MD 21601, the AMA Foundation 330 N. Wabash Ave. Suite 39300 Chicago, IL 60611, or St. Mark’s United Methodist Church 100 Peachblossom Road Easton, MD 21601.

# Cemetery

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**St. Mark's Memorial Garden**

Easton, MD, 21601

# Events

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**OCT 15 Memorial Service 11:00AM**

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St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
100 Peach Blossom Road, Easton, MD, US

# Comments

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“ We received the notice of Ted's passing from the Blizzards, and we were sorry to hear the news. We're now living in South Carolina but have wonderful memories of Salisbury and the Eastern Shore. Our condolences to his family! Walter and Phyllis Phillips

Walter Phillips - October 15, 2019 at 05:16 PM

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“ A brilliant, caring, country doctor and a true Eastern Shoreman. We need more like him in the medical community. My sincere sympathy to all who loved him,

I was his patient in the 70's and 80's.

Ava Honeycutt

ava honeycutt - October 12, 2019 at 03:17 PM

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“ Ben Gale purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Donald Theodore Lewers.



Ben Gale - October 10, 2019 at 06:33 PM

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“ Dear Pat,  
This is the third attempt to send this message to you. Me and computers don't get along. I'm sorry to hear about your loss. I lost Debbie last year in March, so I know how strange it feels to be alone after so many years of love.  
Ted was a dear friend to both Debbie and I. He was a magnificent physician ,councilor, always enthusiastic about life and whatever was on the platter. He was one of the truly good people.  
Now that I am traveling down the railroad track toward the final station, being 81years old and possibly diagnosed with some lung cancer, just recently, it is so nice to look back on great memories of good friends like you and your family and the enjoyment we had together.

I wanted to call you but could not find your phone number. So, if you would like to share a little chat together, I would love it. My Number is 540-687-3310  
I pray this note gets to you

**Ben Gale** - October 10, 2019 at 06:22 PM

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“ Vickie Bildstein lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Theodore Lewers



**Vickie Bildstein** - October 09, 2019 at 07:26 PM

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“ I haven't seen Dr Lewers in years but have fond memories from the good old days when the Green Team of 4 doctors were THE doctors at Easton Memorial Hospital. Healthcare was so much simpler then. My condolences to his family. A very intelligent and caring doctor.



**Lynn Crouch** - October 09, 2019 at 04:24 PM



“ I agree! Dr. Lewers was a very caring physician.

**Andrea Shoener** - October 23, 2019 at 01:58 PM

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“ I came to know Ted when we formed a business relationship to bring outpatient dialysis to the Easton Shore. We developed an outpatient center in the back of his office on Dutchman's Lane. As a result of this relationship, I moved my company, DCA, and my family to Easton 39 years ago to a town we have come to love for which I am in debt to Ted. RIP Ted. The Pelstring Family



**Bart Pelstring** - October 09, 2019 at 08:36 AM

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“ Ted and I formed a business relationship when we opened the first outpatient dialysis center at the back of his office on Dutchman’s Lane. As a result of this relationship, I moved the company, DCA, to Easton along with my family to Easton over 39 years ago. I am in debt to Ted for our relationship and helping to cause our move here to Easton, a town we have come to love. RIP Ted .

**Bart Pelstring** - October 09, 2019 at 07:46 AM

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“ Pat my heart goes out to you and your family. It was such a long goodbye. Bless you for your dedication! Dr Lewers is finally in a peaceful resting place. He was a great doctor and a wonderful man.  
Thoughts and prayers,  
Phylis Pope

**Phylis Pope** - October 08, 2019 at 07:00 PM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald Theodore Lewers.



October 08, 2019 at 01:31 PM

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“ glad to have this opportunity to both offer my condolences to ted's family and to salute this dedicated, warm, determined and genuinely decent fellow. he left a lasting impact on both med mutual and me. he fought the good fight as we knew he would. a good man has left us. mark wasserman

mark wasserman - October 08, 2019 at 11:29 AM

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“ Dr Lewers taught me a lot during the many hours spent in ICU with him doing dialysis on his critical patients.

Georgianna LeCompte - October 08, 2019 at 09:28 AM

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“ Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Theodore Lewers



Phil Foster - October 08, 2019 at 03:14 AM

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“ Dr. Lewers played a significant role in helping to bring outpatient kidney dialysis to Chestertown. Thank you! Blessings to his family.

Maryann Ruehrmund - October 07, 2019 at 01:59 PM

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“ Chester River Health Foundation lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Theodore Lewers



Chester River Health Foundation - October 07, 2019 at 01:25 PM