



Harry Wilson Grunden

August 9, 1931 - March 3, 2021

Harry “Butch” Wilson Grunden, of Easton, passed away on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021 at the Dixon House. He was born on August 9th, 1931 in Easton to the late Harry W. and Frances Marguerite (Gay) Grunden.

Butch graduated from Easton High School and began working as a brick layer and often referred to himself as a “burnt clay artist.” He rose to be the vice president of the largest masonry company on the eastern shore where he was engaged in the building of schools, hospitals and universities.

Butch was the consummate outdoorsman who enjoyed the cathedral of nature to its fullest. He was a charter member of the Dorchester Dove Club and deeply enjoyed the camaraderie that accompanied hunting and fishing. Known by his fellow outdoorsmen to be an expert shot who had an affinity for big Buick station wagons and down vests.

Constantly drawn to the local waterways, Butch mastered the intricacies of fishing and crabbing. He showed a dogged determination to never return empty handed. On many occasions people were known to seek his advice regarding fishing techniques and best fishing locations.

He was a man who preached and lived the moral code of “do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” He had the sort of quiet dignity an unflappable stoicism that all men strive for, and few ever attain. Because of the strength of his character, it came to him with ease. The way is does for all good and decent human beings.

Butch was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Jacqueline Cheezum Grunden, in 2017. He is survived a son, Hugh E. Grunden of Easton; a daughter, Johanna G. Walter of Easton; 3 grandsons, Andrew E. Grunden of Berlin, MD, Nicholas W. Grunden of Barcelona, Spain, and Jackson E. Walter of Easton, MD.

The family will receive friends at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home – Easton, MD on Monday, March 8th, 2021 from 5pm until 7pm. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 at 11am at Springhill Cemetery, Easton.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a donation in Butch’s memory may do so to the Dixon House, 108 N. Higgins Street, Easton, MD 21601.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit: www.fhnfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

New Spring Hill Cemetery

Easton, MD

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

Graveside Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Spring Hill
Aurora Street
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall

DD

“ *Hugh and Johanna*
My deepest condolences to you and your family..Sorry but I just now saw your dad's obituary...I have many fond memories growing in the neighborhood..hanging around the Grunden house..then later always talking to Butch on his daily walks..such a gentle man..will surely miss him



Darrell Doupnik - March 23, 2021 at 06:53 PM

JC

“ *Dear Johanna & Hugh-- So sorry for your loss. Wishing you peace in the days to come. May his memory be a blessing to you and your families.*

Jim Chance - March 10, 2021 at 08:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harry Wilson Grunden.*



March 09, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harry Wilson Grunden.*



March 07, 2021 at 05:39 PM

WS

“ The town of Easton's light has dimmed this week by the passing of Harry "Butch" Grunden. The Eastern Shore has lost one of its time honored treasures - a true gentleman.

Mr. Grunden was a person who loved his family and friends, believed in hard work and truly enjoyed Mother Nature. He shared these values with his daughter, Johanna, son, Hugh and grandsons, Andrew, Jackson and Nicholas. He taught them to love family above all else and to respect and honor true friends; that hard work means to do a job well and thoroughly otherwise don't do it at all; and to use and enjoy nature to the fullest while taking good care of her in return.

Mr. Grunden had an uncanny knack for assessing a situation and putting it into perspective through humor and common sense. A simple man, he was witty, insightful, gentle and understated. He will be sorely missed by all who had the honor to know him.

Winnie Sewell

Winnie Sewell - March 07, 2021 at 03:31 PM

MJ

“ Our deepest condolences to Hugh & his family on the loss of Hugh's father.

Mike & Maureen Jacobs

MIKE JACOBS - March 07, 2021 at 09:43 AM

DC

“ Johanna - so sorry to hear of your Dads passing. Thinking of you.💔

dolly milby callahan - March 07, 2021 at 07:50 AM

LO

“ Lewis And Sandy Outten lit a candle in memory of Harry Wilson Grunden



Lewis and Sandy Outten - March 07, 2021 at 07:49 AM

TW

“ To Hugh and Family, Kevin and I extend our condolences on the loss of your father whom we met on occasion over the years. His legacy is no better illustrated than through the characteristics of honor, hard work, and goodness we see in Hugh. Wishing you comfort in the coming days and weeks. Tracey and Kevin Wood

Tracey Wood - March 06, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harry Wilson Grunden.



March 06, 2021 at 01:23 PM