



## Mr. Mearl Herbert Kemberling

July 17, 1942 - July 31, 2020

Mearl H. Kemberling of Stevensville, Maryland died at his home, Friday, July 31, 2020. He was 78.

Born in Everett, PA on July 17, 1942, he was the son of the late John H. and Bertha Margaret Adams Kemberling. He graduated from Everett High, Valedictorian and went to Penn State, specialized in Geology and Ceramics; served in Army ROTC and stationed in Germany as Munitions Officer. He went to California and worked in Computers, Ceramics, Mortgages and Property Appraisals. When he moved to Maryland, he began a 20-year career in Telecommunications before retiring in 2019.

Mearl is survived by his loving wife Diane Kraft Kemberling; sons, John, Adam, and Jesse Perkins Natal, wife Katia Perkins Natale Sejas, granddaughter Michelle, David Lee Natale fiancé Kathleen and younger sister, Mary Kemberling Gundlach and husband Robert Gundlach. Older sister Sarah Kunz is deceased.

A visitation will be on Wednesday August 12, 2020 from 1-3pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester. Contributions can be made in his name to Christian Community Presbyterian Church, 3120 Belair Drive, Bowie, MD 20715. Phone 301-262-6008 (Leave a message and contact #) or to a charity of your choice.

Mearl will be greatly missed by family and friends.

# Events

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**AUG**   **Visitation**   01:00PM - 03:00PM

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Chester Location / Kent Island

106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD, US, 21619

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - August 11, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ Each picture is worth a thousand words - a life lived and celebrated - thanks!

**Les Stano** - August 12, 2020 at 05:29 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album LifeTributes



**David Sullivan** - August 18, 2020 at 07:28 PM

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“ I have lost a dear friend.

I met Mearl in 1961 at Penn State where we both were engineering students. I liked Mearl from the start. We went down to the town diner often at night for hamburgers or we just ordered pizza. We were buddies. Mearl had such a sharp wit. He livened conversations with a funny quip and a big smile. Mearl was also quick to toss out a comment with skilled insight on current events or situations close to us. He talked with his hands with the right hand thrown out palm down as if to cut the air as he made a point.

Later, we landed in California, San Francisco Bay Area. We went on lots of backpacking trips in the Sierras and drove north to fish the northern California rivers for Steelhead. Thinking back, it was Mearl who always rallied us for a fishing trip or called me to go backpacking. Many trips were in Mearl's 1947 green GMC Suburban. Over the recent years, I traveled back to Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay Area and got to see Mearl. Last summer we spent a day fishing on the eastern shore of the Chesapeake and had lunch at a dockside restaurant.

I miss him.

David Sullivan - August 18, 2020 at 07:15 PM

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“ 35 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 11, 2020 at 10:39 AM

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“ Lester & Carol Stano lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mearl Herbert Kemberling



Lester & Carol Stano - August 07, 2020 at 09:00 PM

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“ Mearl was a great friend and supported. When working with him in Washington, DC; York, Pennsylvania and Indiana, PA he not only taught me how to watch for and track key details, but also how to support and influence others when key decisions were needed. He always was careful to unselfishly recognize the needs of others. He was a true mentor-and made even difficult work fun!  
But more than that, he was a great and lasting friend. Work does not usually give the possibility of true friendship, but it was impossible not to get close to Mearl. In the years together he became more a brother than a co-worker.  
I will always remember how he made my aging parents when we met and lunched in Rehobeth Beach. His work stories from our times together made the meal fly by, and my Mom and Dad were so excited and comfortable as he entertained with anecdotes from our time together.  
I will so miss and never forget him.  
With love and respect, John Cunnington

**John Cunnington** - August 05, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ I am saddened to hear of Mearl's passing.

Mearl frequented my antique shop in Stevensville. He was very knowledgeable about antiques so I asked his opinion quite often regarding items that we had for sale.

I always looked forward to his visits. Even though I never met his wife Diane - I feel like I know her due to Mearl's love and admiration for her which he expressed so often. We analyzed so many of the troubles currently in the world though we never solved any of them. You could talk to him about a vast array of subjects and learn so much.

At the end of June, Mearl stopped by to my empty shop which I had permanently closed and was completing some final tasks. I thought he looked well compared to the past when he had gone through some health challenges. We reminisced and said our goodbyes. Sadly, I did not know it would be a final goodbye.

Mearl was a wonderful person. His smile warmed your heart. My condolences to his family for the loss of Mearl. He will be so sorely missed by many!

Maria

**Mimi** - August 08, 2020 at 10:43 AM