



Perry A. Stutman

April 7, 1947 - November 23, 2019

My heart is breaking as I announce the sad departure of his life on earth of my amazing husband of 34 years, Perry Allen Stutman. Perry faced several major illnesses that tried to defeat him, but his strong heart, his strength and his courage, rallied his positive spirit and kept up the “good fight”. He was well known for his dry wit and humorous stories.

The only son of Herman and Lorraine (Titelman) Stutman, of Baltimore, born April 7, 1947, Perry had one sibling Myra Perel-Cerrone also of Baltimore.

The following paragraphs open a snapshot of Perry’s education and career, recently discovered on his computer: “I spent my youth in various Baltimore neighborhoods with my family, graduating in 1965 from Baltimore City College and continuing my education at Baltimore Junior College. I have particular fond memories of my coach and teammates there – playing lacrosse and wrestling. In 1967 I began my cadet training at the Calhoun MEBA Engineering School as a Shipboard engineer. I sailed on many assignments initially serving as a ship’s engineer delivering ammunition and bombs to our troops in Vietnam. While a merchant seaman I developed a tankship training course for licensed deck and engineer officers and constructed the original full scale working centrifuge system for oil treatment. In addition, I concurrently finished my college degree in Environmental Science at Towson University and successfully completed training for my pilots license from the FAA. The finale of my sea-going career was as Chief Engineer on the SS Cape Archway, which I helped ready to make seaworthy after an 11 year lay-up – for Desert Storm/Desert Shield.

Shortly after the conclusion of The Persian Gulf War and after retirement from active maritime service, I accepted the position of Engineering Section Chief with the US Coast Guard. As a civilian employee, I moved to Examination Branch Chief and ultimately Division Chief of Course Approval and Examinations at the National Maritime Center in Washington, DC.

While serving as a Merchant Mariner, I was an instructor for the MEBA school in Easton for 14 years. It was during this time I met and fell madly in love with my lovely wife Shelia. We married and made our home in Queenstown.”

Not long after our wedding, Perry authored a technical textbook of shipboard systems called “Applied Marine Hydraulics” (published by Cornell Maritime). In addition, he was

asked to author a chapter for an International Training Manual produced for The Nautical Institute in the UK. And... He was working on an autobiography!

In 2008 Perry tossed his signature Greek fisherman's hat in the political ring where he successfully was elected as a member (and President) to several terms as Queenstown Commissioner. He was devoted to our charming town and for many years was a member and past chairman of the planning commission and Board of Appeals. He was instrumental in drafting a Risk Management manual; an Employee Manual; and assisting with the community and comprehensive plans.

He continued his service as Vice President (2013) and President (2014) of the Eastern Shore Association of Municipalities and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Municipal League.

In November 2019 he was recognized as Volunteer of the Year, and the official Queenstown flag currently in use was designed by him.

Perry was also a generous and remarkable step-father to Bradley, Robert, and Bryon Callahan, and he was a devoted loving "Popeye" to 12 grandchildren Bobby Callahan, Jr; Christopher Reid; Maddie Zuschnitt; Austin Callahan; Victoria Callahan; Jack Zuschnitt; Jordan Callahan; Alexandria Callahan; Nicholas Callahan; Cameron Callahan; Laila Callahan; Braydon Callahan and 5 great grandchildren Marley; Rory and Zachary; and Jett and Clover.

He kept busy between careers and volunteering with his talent for construction and renovating our homes; co-owning (with his wife) Ladies Boutique and Tux Rental, C. R., Bottoms, Inc; Member and sometime "Santa" at Grasonville Senior Center; working on the Committee Boat for Miles River Log Canoe Races; and 'actor extraordinaire' of Church Hill Theatre.

In addition, he was member and past officer of Miles River Yacht Club, St. Michaels Rotary Club, and Charter member and officer of Kent Island Rotary Club.

He adored his fur-baby "Sootie", enjoyed telling jokes and stories around early morning coffee at ROFO with Queenstown friends, and loved watching Jeopardy! And Perry Mason reruns.

A Celebration of Memories will be held in the spring to honor this accomplished officer and gentleman.

Memorial donations, rather than flowers, may be offered to Queenstown VFD or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

My heartfelt thanks to wonderful friends for their support and love helping us through this devastating time.

Perry has now sailed home to his Captain- Job well done, Perry. Amen.

Fair winds and following seas, My love.

Condolences may be sent to Shelia Stutman, PO Box 296, Queenstown, MD 21658

Comments



“ I will miss seeing Perry in my office during the summer months... he would always make me laugh or give some interesting 'words of wisdom'! My prayers are with the Sheila and the entire Stutman family during this time of morning. May God touch you with comfort!

Deborah Wilson
Manager, Our Place at the Beach

Deborah Wilson - 59 minutes ago



“ Dear Sheila
I came to know Perry while we served together on the Planning Commission. He always brought fun and knowledge to the Board. I will miss seeing him as he always had a story or something to add to make me smile. May God help you heal your broken heart but continue to live your life fully as Perry would have wanted you to do. With deepest sympathy, Betty White

Betty White - 2 hours ago



“ Bob & Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Perry A. Stutman



Bob & Sheila Willis - December 01 at 09:20 PM



“ Sharon Coker lit a candle in memory of Perry A. Stutman



Sharon Coker - December 01 at 08:13 PM



“ CHS Class Of 1966 lit a candle in memory of Perry A. Stutman



CHS Class of 1966 - December 01 at 04:19 PM



“ Lynn Hirschauer lit a candle in memory of Perry A. Stutman



Lynn Hirschauer - November 30 at 10:04 AM



“ I knew Perry for many years in both a professional capacity and on the personal level and always enjoyed working with him. He was a good friend and a true gentleman who will be missed very much. The family is in my prayers.
Jack Shaum

Jack Shaum - November 30 at 10:00 AM



“ Sheila so sorry to hear about Perry. You are in my thoughts and prayers



Tammy Holmes - November 29 at 06:57 PM



“ Jim Ewing lit a candle in memory of Perry A. Stutman



Jim Ewing - November 27 at 08:02 PM



“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Perry A. Stutman



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - November 27 at 02:04 PM



“ Sheila....thinking of you in our prayers and thoughts. Always enjoyed talking with Perry. God is with you during this difficult time. God bless. Gene and Lynda

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - November 27 at 02:06 PM



“ Sheila, my thoughts are with you and family during this time of loss. May you find comfort and strength in the beautiful memories and the deep devotion that was shared. Love and hugs to you my dear friend.

Connie Todd - November 27 at 01:21 PM



“ Connie Todd sent a virtual gift in memory of Perry A. Stutman



Connie Todd - November 27 at 01:14 PM