



# Albert Joseph Califano

February 5, 1949 - June 12, 2024

Albert Joseph Califano, beloved husband, devoted father, cherished grandfather, dear brother, esteemed colleague and friend, passed away on June 12, 2024, at the age of 75.

Albert was the beloved husband of Diane Califano, with whom he shared an abundance of love, joy, and treasured memories.

As a devoted father, he was the guiding light for his four children: Anthony Califano, Joseph Califano, Ann McLaughlin, and Gina Califano. He nurtured them with boundless love and wisdom, leaving behind a legacy of integrity and kindness. His role as a father extended to his cherished role as a grandfather to 11 grandchildren, each of whom brought immense joy to his life.

Albert (Buddy) was a dear brother to his four siblings, including three sisters and a brother, with whom he shared countless moments of laughter, support, and camaraderie.

Albert's professional life was marked by dedication and service. He spent 30 years with the Maryland State Highway Administration as a highway designer, contributing significantly to the development and safety of Maryland's roadways. Following his tenure there, he continued his career with

Streetscapes Inc. for 20 years, further showcasing his expertise and passion for creating functional and beautiful urban spaces.

A proud Army veteran, Albert served his country with honor and bravery, embodying the true spirit of patriotism and duty.

Albert's love for the water was well-known among family and friends. He found solace in crabbing, boating, and simply being on the water. The tranquility of the eastern shore life brought him immense peace and happiness.

Albert Joseph Califano will be remembered for his warm heart, steadfast dedication, and the profound impact he had on all who knew him. His legacy of love, hard work, and devotion will continue to inspire and guide his family and friends.

Family will receive visitors at the Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam funeral home in Chester, MD at 106 Shamrock Road on Monday, June 17, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Further visitation will be held on Tuesday morning from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. A funeral service will be held at 12:00 pm with interment to follow at St. Peter's Cemetery.

Albert's spirit will forever be anchored in the hearts of those who loved him. May he rest in eternal peace.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center, P.O. Box 519, Grasonville, MD 21638, donations can also be made to Compass Regional Hospice <https://compassregionalhospice.org/how-to-help/donate.html>

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

5319 Ocean Gateway  
Queenstown, MD 21658

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619

## Visitation

JUN 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619

## Funeral Service

JUN 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

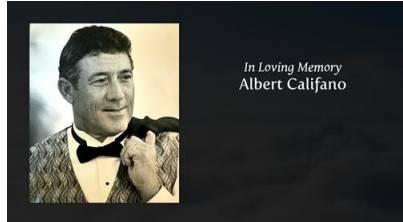
Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619



# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Albert Joseph Califano*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - June 14, 2024 at 03:45 PM

LS

*Bud and his Family were our neighbors in Woodbridge Valley. We raised our families together. Tony, Joe, Annie, and Gina were constant visitors at our home playing endlessly in our backyard together. On Friday nights, a few neighbors including the children would get together for pizza and subs and sing karaoke until the early hours. Bud was our lead singer, and he knew every word. He was also our sons' baseball coach and was always willing to put in the extra time with the children. Through the years, many wonderful memories. Thanks for the memories, Bud, we will miss you! Lynn and Paul Swidersky*

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**Lynn Swidersky** - June 18, 2024 at 06:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.*



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June 17, 2024 at 12:17 PM

HL

“ Harvey L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Joseph Califano.

Harvey L. - June 17, 2024 at 11:02 AM

EC

“ Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Albert Joseph Califano



Eastern Shore Dental Care - June 17, 2024 at 10:17 AM

LK

“ Love, Christina, Jayson, and the kids purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.



Love, Christina, Jayson, and the kids - June 16, 2024 at 10:12 PM

LC

“ Love Charlie and Connie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Joseph Califano.

Love Charlie and Connie - June 16, 2024 at 08:40 PM

LC

“ Love Charlie and Connie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.



Love Charlie and Connie - June 16, 2024 at 08:40 PM

L(

“ Love, Dottie Surrette (Nana) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.



Love, Dottie Surrette (Nana) - June 16, 2024 at 08:33 PM

L(

“ Love, Dottie Surrette (Nana) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Joseph Califano.

Love, Dottie Surrette (Nana) - June 16, 2024 at 08:33 PM

YJ

“ Your loving sister, Cathy & John purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.



Your loving sister, Cathy & John - June 16, 2024 at 07:37 PM

YJ

“ Your loving sister, Cathy & John planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Joseph Califano.

Your loving sister, Cathy & John - June 16, 2024 at 07:37 PM

BR

“ Bob Reick purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.



Bob Reick - June 16, 2024 at 07:29 PM



“ Robin and I lived next door to Al and Diane when we first moved to the eastern shore in 2011. We couldn't have picked a better place to get started here. I used to go crabbing with Al and he taught me so much about enjoying the water. He made us feel so welcome. I wish you eternal peace where no pain or sorrow can find you, rest in peace my friend. Robin and Dave Ferro

Dave Ferro - June 16, 2024 at 07:22 PM

BW

“ Bernard W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Joseph Califano.

Bernard W. - June 16, 2024 at 07:10 PM

BW

“ My sympathy goes out to the Califano families, I knew Buddy when we both worked at Milford Mill Pool. We started to pal around and do the crazy things we did in the 60's , Ocean City, Gino's, Amechies all the hang outs. Couldn't be around Buddy and not have fun. His family was the best working on Joe's car patching muffler and little league where Joe was coach and Kenny was a smooth Lefty. Buddy friend you will be missed.

Bernard L Wheeler - June 16, 2024 at 06:50 PM

SH

“ Sharon and Mary Hatcherson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Joseph Califano.

Sharon and Mary Hatcherson - June 16, 2024 at 01:29 PM

SH

“ Sharon and Mary Hatcherson purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.



Sharon and Mary Hatcherson - June 16, 2024 at 01:29 PM

JK

“ Jerry, Kim, Katie, Carly & Kristie purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.



Jerry, Kim, Katie, Carly & Kristie - June 16, 2024 at 08:45 AM

RG

“ Rossi Group purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.



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Rossi Group - June 16, 2024 at 12:30 AM

SF

“ Sean Witt and Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.



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Sean Witt and Family - June 15, 2024 at 08:20 PM

SF

“ Sean Witt and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Joseph Califano.

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Sean Witt and Family - June 15, 2024 at 08:20 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.



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June 15, 2024 at 05:49 PM

DB

“ *Dot Burk purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.*



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**Dot Burk** - June 15, 2024 at 05:12 PM

CS

“ *Carole and Frank Sanchez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.*



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**Carole and Frank Sanchez** - June 15, 2024 at 01:22 PM

CD

“ *We first met when some of us started working at State Highway around the same time 1967-68. Albert, Terry and I use to carpool to work together for the longest time. He always arranged for people at work and other friends to get together and have fun. He was a great guy, devoted to his family and will surely be remembered by many. RIP my friend. Charlotte Disney*



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**Charlotte Disney** - June 15, 2024 at 12:48 PM

DB

“ Diane, I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your husband. May the special memories you made together help you through this difficult time.



Debbie Brobst - June 15, 2024 at 12:41 PM

LE

“ Many wonderful memories as a child knowing the Califano family on Yakona Road. Buddy was several years younger. Little league, endless Summers, sisters, neighborhood kids forever playtime. It was a wonderful life dear Bud. Rest in peace, we will meet again in the sweet bye n' bye.  
Linda Rogers Eaton

Linda Rogers Eaton - June 15, 2024 at 10:21 AM

KL

“ Kirk Leonard lit a candle in memory of Albert Joseph Califano



kirk leonard - June 15, 2024 at 07:43 AM

LM

“ Love, Ann Mergerian purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.



Love, Ann Mergerian - June 14, 2024 at 04:31 PM

LF

“ Linda McCracken and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.



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Linda McCracken and Family - June 14, 2024 at 04:17 PM

LF

“ So many fond memories of Bud and the Califano Family. Lots of fun each summer when Nita and Buddy came to stay the summer with their Grand Pop in Pa. Then more happy times when Sue and Joe and rest of the family arrived at the farm to take them home. Then the memories of visiting the family on Milford Mill Road with homemade pizza and card playing. Also memories of going to the beach with them. I would have to drive across the Chesapeake Bridge while Sue would cover her eyes. So much fun together. I miss those days. Buddy was always so happy, so much fun and full of kindness and love. Sympathy, prayers and hugs to Diane and all family members!

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Linda McCracken and Family - June 14, 2024 at 02:40 PM

RS

“ We were pretty close friends with Bud through high school, Milford Mill Pool and even later. Sometimes circumstances change the closeness but not the true friendship. Cherished memories of OC, billiards, poker, and his mom's homemade pizza! Glad to have had the opportunity to sing karaoke with Bud a few years back. RIP Bud 🥹. Ray & Connie Schultheis

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Ray & Connie Schultheis - June 13, 2024 at 10:20 PM

BK

“ Buddy & Katie Kaler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Joseph Califano.

Buddy & Katie Kaler - June 13, 2024 at 05:51 PM

BK

“ Buddy & Katie Kaler purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.



Buddy & Katie Kaler - June 13, 2024 at 05:51 PM

BS

“ Bill and Carolyn Szekely purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.



Bill and Carolyn Szekely - June 13, 2024 at 05:51 PM

HS

“ My family has so many great memories with Uncle Bud! He lit up the room and was loved by everyone. 💔

heather sanchez - June 13, 2024 at 05:25 PM

MF

“ Mike & Heather Sanchez and Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Albert Joseph Califano.



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**Mike & Heather Sanchez and Family** - June 13, 2024 at 05:20 PM

HL

“ I first met Buddy in 9th grade and we worked at Milford Mill swim club throughout our high school days He was a good friend, a good person, and a great host when we went crabbing together every summer. I will miss him and my deepest condolences to his family.  
Harvey Levy

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**HARVEY LEVY** - June 13, 2024 at 01:43 PM

KL

*my deepest condolences to Diane & family! AL was such a good friend! I will miss him dearly! ! going to miss crabbing fishing & karaoke parties! rest in peace my dear friend! till we meet again! your friend captain Kirk*

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**Kirk leonard** - June 15, 2024 at 06:43 AM

MM

*We first met Buddy at Frank & Carols house for our Tanya's softball team reunion. He got us all going with his Karoke. I will always be thankful for taking me crabbing. I had not been crabbing since my father died.Diane made lunch for us, You both will be in our prayers. God bless you both.*

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**Milton & Donna Mazan** - June 16, 2024 at 12:53 PM