



## Calvin Henry Duncan

September 12, 1945 - May 2, 2025

Calvin Duncan, age 79, of Ridgely, MD, passed away on May 2nd, 2025. He was the son of the late Kenneth and Violet Duncan. He was born September 12th, 1945 in Baltimore, MD.

He is survived by his siblings, Kenny Duncan, Peggy Gardner, Shirley Sperl (Rich), Carolyn Snyder and preceded in death by his brother Eddie Duncan, sister-in-law Kitty Duncan and brother-in-law Howard Gardner Sr.

He is also survived by his three daughters, Donna L. Barnes (Brian), Karen A. Stanavich (Steve) and Melinda A. Duncan (Greg). Grandfather to Laight, Kendall, Logan, Hailey, Sierra and Parker. Great-Grandfather to Tucker, Silas, Eden, Harper, Levi and Rhema. He also adored his many nieces and nephews, especially his nephew Howard Gardner Jr., (predeceased).

He spent many years with his significant other, Darlene Rhodes and her son Mike Rhodes along with his daughters Krystyna, Kaitlyn and Michelle. Darlene also had two sons Randy Rhodes and Page Rhodes (predeceased).

He grew up on Kent Island, where he enjoyed hunting, crabbing, fishing, but most of all his love for serving his community as a member of the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department. Calvin joined the department when he turned 16. He served from 1961-1991 and of those 30 years he was the Chief for 11. He worked on the water for many years crabbing, clamming and oystering then

moved on to be a crane operator for various companies throughout the remainder of his career, retiring from Wagman, Inc. in 2024.

Over the years he had a love for Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, “Chief”, “Bear 1”, “Bear 2” & “Buddy”.

In his later years Dad enjoyed his love for his purple martin houses. He looked forward to seeing the same birds return every year. He was also very proud of the garden he would plant each year and he would say “he had the best garden of all” and he sure did!

Though he is no longer with us he will always be our “Dad” and known to many as “The Legend”.

A Visitation will be held at Fellows Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home 106 Shamrock Road Chester MD 21619 from 2-4 and 6-8 on Monday May 12th. The Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday Mat 13th at 11am with a viewing beginning at 10am at Fellows Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home 106 Shamrock Road Chester MD 21619. Burial will take place immediately after the funeral at Stevesville cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street  
Stevensville, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAY 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAY 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

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MAY 13. 11:00 AM (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 Calvin Henry Duncan*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - May 09, 2025 at 12:32 PM

FB

“ *Prayers for comfort and peace for the family and friends of Calvin.*  
*Fran Barnes*



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**Fran Barnes** - May 12, 2025 at 06:01 PM

SM

“ *Steve And Nancy Martin lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan*



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**Steve and Nancy Martin** - May 12, 2025 at 08:24 AM

JY

“ *Joni Yancey lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan*



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**Joni Yancey** - May 12, 2025 at 07:16 AM

PI

“ *Rest Easy Calvin. Prayers and Condolences to the entire family.*



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**PHIL DAVIDSON II** - May 08, 2025 at 10:30 PM

RF

“ *Randi, Julie and your ELC family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Calvin Henry Duncan.*

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**Randi, Julie and your ELC family** - May 08, 2025 at 02:03 PM

RF

“ *Randi, Julie and your ELC family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Calvin Henry Duncan.*



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**Randi, Julie and your ELC family** - May 08, 2025 at 02:03 PM

KF

“ Kenneth Duncan and Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Calvin Henry Duncan.



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**Kenneth Duncan and Family** - May 08, 2025 at 11:29 AM

GC

“ Calvin was one of a kind. I was 19 when I joined the Kent Island Vol. Fire Dept. i was a terrible firefighter but I sure learned a lot from that man. RIP Calvin.

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**Gene Cullison** - May 07, 2025 at 07:56 PM

SB

“ Steve & Ximena Barnes purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Calvin Henry Duncan.



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**Steve & Ximena Barnes** - May 07, 2025 at 02:04 PM

JB

“ Jackie And Bobby Benton lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



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**Jackie and Bobby Benton** - May 07, 2025 at 01:10 PM

MR

“ Missy, Mark, Dustin, Wyatt & Rachael lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



Missy, Mark, Dustin, Wyatt & Rachael - May 07, 2025 at 10:54 AM

MR

Uncle Calvin, You will be so missed. Our family parties will never be the same without you. Love you!! Missy

Melissa Rousseau - May 07, 2025 at 10:55 AM

TL

“ Karen & family...so very sorry for your loss. May good memories fill your hearts with peace.  
Trudy Leager



Trudy Leager - May 07, 2025 at 08:56 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 06, 2025 at 09:30 PM

TD

“ Tracy And Vince DePasquale sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



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Tracy and Vince DePasquale - May 06, 2025 at 07:29 PM

TW

“ Tim Wynne sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



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Tim Wynne - May 06, 2025 at 04:54 PM

TL

“ Tammy Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



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Tammy Larrimore - May 06, 2025 at 04:20 PM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



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Tracy Schulz - May 06, 2025 at 03:57 PM

TS

*I learned a lot from Calvin when I first joined the fire department many years ago and he continued to share his knowledge of firefighting until he decided to retire from riding. We had a great time around the firehouse and a lot of fun hanging out. It was always good to catch up over the years and discuss how much the fire service has changed from what it use to be. We would always get telling stories about calls we use to run and things that we did at the fire conventions. Calvin was a great mentor to me and a great man who served the community and the Kent Island VFD well for many years. He has left us way too soon. Rest in peace Chief!*

Tracy Schulz - May 06, 2025 at 04:10 PM

BC

“ To all Calvins family i send my thoughts and prayers Im sorry to hear of his passing. Such a great person he was .



Bonnie Coleman - May 06, 2025 at 02:18 PM

LS

“ Lu Anne Smith lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



Lu Anne Smith - May 06, 2025 at 01:01 PM

LM

“ Loren & Tina Mayr lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



Loren & Tina Mayr - May 06, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Calvin Henry Duncan.



May 06, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ Debi -No Place sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



Debi -No Place - May 06, 2025 at 11:55 AM



Debi-No Place Saloon, he was a funny guy. One of my favorite stories was about how there was only 3 girls to choose from back in the day when he got married. He always sat beside someone, can't remember there name now. They were a pair of cards though.

Debi No Place - May 06, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ Cj A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Calvin Henry Duncan.

Cj A. - May 06, 2025 at 09:24 AM

ND

“ Neil Dadds lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



Neil dadds - May 06, 2025 at 08:08 AM

DH

“ Diane Hoxter lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



Diane Hoxter - May 06, 2025 at 08:00 AM

MB

“ Martin And Michelle Beville lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



Martin and Michelle Beville - May 06, 2025 at 07:40 AM

MP

“ Marlene Paul lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



Marlene Paul - May 06, 2025 at 06:33 AM

PJ

“ *Paul & Dawn Jones lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan*



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**Paul & Dawn Jones** - May 06, 2025 at 06:15 AM

MD

“ *Martha Duncan lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan*



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**Martha Duncan** - May 06, 2025 at 05:03 AM

DG

“ *David&Annie Gardner lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan*



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**David&Annie Gardner** - May 05, 2025 at 10:53 PM

JS

“ *The last of the real tough guys. He always took care of people and will be missed. RIP my friend*



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**Josie & Charlie Simons** - May 05, 2025 at 10:46 PM

DL

“ Doug And Michelle Leatherman sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



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**Doug and Michelle Leatherman** - May 05, 2025 at 10:11 PM

CT

“ We will miss Calvin, he could always bring a smile, laugh and kind words to all! We thank him for many years of dedicated service to the KIVFD! Keeping you all in our prayers for strength in the days ahead, cherish those wonderful memories and the love you shared!  
Colleen & Buddy Thomas



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**Colleen Thomas** - May 05, 2025 at 08:31 PM

BQ

“ Bruce Quinn lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



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**Bruce Quinn** - May 05, 2025 at 08:22 PM

RP

“ Rachel Phillips lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



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**Rachel Phillips** - May 05, 2025 at 05:22 PM

LW

“ Larry And Lynne Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



Larry and Lynne Wilkins - May 05, 2025 at 12:19 PM

AH

“ Angel & Mike Huffman lit a candle in memory of Calvin Henry Duncan



Angel & Mike Huffman - May 05, 2025 at 12:12 PM

JF

“ John & Jeannie Duty and family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Calvin Henry Duncan.



John & Jeannie Duty and family - May 05, 2025 at 11:33 AM

JF

“ John & Jeannie Duty and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Calvin Henry Duncan.

John & Jeannie Duty and family - May 05, 2025 at 11:33 AM