



## Charles A. Schelts

September 6, 1925 - October 20, 2011

Charles A. Schelts of Church Hill, MD, died at the Queen Anne's Hospice Center, Centreville, MD, on Thursday, October 20, 2011. He was 86.

Born September 6, 1925, in Chesterville, MD, he was the son of the late, Bulie Kenneth and Margaret O'Neal Schelts. He was a graduate of Galena High School, Galena, MD. In 1948 at the age of 23, he began his career with Church Hill Lumber Company. He started working as a carpenter's helper, and in three years he became a carpenter. He split his time for five years, working as a carpenter by day and an architectural draftsman by night. In 1957, he was named as secretary on the Board of Directors. In 1972, he and his wife, Betty, bought out the shares of the company making him the sole owner.

The company has built more than 5,000 homes in Queen Anne's and Kent counties since 1933. At one time the business had six seven-man crews. Projects the lumber company built include the Galena Community Hall, St. Luke's Episcopal Church Meeting Hall, Church Hill Fire Dept., Sudlersville Bank, an addition of the Church Hill Bank and the housing development Chester Harbor and Harbor View.

Charles gave a lot of time to the community as well. He served as secretary/treasurer of the Church Hill Lions Club from 1981-1995, he was on the Board of Directors for Chestertown Bank, also a member of the Queen

Anne's County School Board from 1971-1981, the Chesapeake College Board of Governors. He has also served on the Economic Development Board, the Masonic Lodge 180 in Centreville, president of the Association of Builders and Contractors from 1971-1972, a lifetime member of the Church Hill Volunteer Fire Dept as well as past lay leader of the Church Hill United Methodist Church, a member of the Queen Anne's County Historical Society, a Magnolia Hall Board Member, one of the first Board Members for Queen Anne's County Hospice, Centreville Chapter #69, Order of the Eastern Star, Worthy Patron five times; Queen Anne's County Ethics Board member, and Treasurer of the Historical Society.

In addition to his wife, Margaret Elizabeth Turner Schelts of 67 years, he is survived by three daughters, Carol Bennett, Sandi Sheahen and her husband, Edward, and Debbie Bitter and her husband, Henry; a son, Lawrence Schelts and his wife, Toni; brothers, William Earl Schelts and the late B. Kenneth Schelts, Jr.; grandchildren, Judy Solverson, Amy McCauley, Erica Wendler, Morgan Baker, David Baker, Lauren Abbott; great grandchildren, Crystal Alford, Jason Solverson, Ashley Solverson, Corin McCauley, Logan McCauley, Bobby Wendler, Anton Wendler and Evan Wendler.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, October 24, 2011, at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Centreville, MD at 11 a.m. Friends and family may call at the funeral home on Sunday, October 23, 2011, from 4 – 6 p.m. where a Masonic Service will be held at 5:30. Interment will be at Church Hill Cemetery, Church Hill, MD.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Queen Anne's Inc., 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617 or the Church Hill Volunteer Fire Company, 316 Main Street Church Hill, MD 21623.

# Cemetery Details

## Church Hill Cemetery

Cemetery Road  
Church Hill, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

OCT **24**. 11:10 AM (ET)

Centreville Location  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles A. Schelts* ”



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 28, 2023 at 08:20 PM



“ *Charles A. Schelts* ”

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Charles A. Schelts* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Charles A. Schelts* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

NC

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Schelts passing. Church Hill has always been a very special place in part thanks to people like Mr. Schelts. The world has an empty spot now, much like the empty corner which used to be Church Hill Lumber. My sympathy and prayers to the family. Love you all!  
Nancy Hall Coleman

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**Nancy Hall Coleman** - October 28, 2011 at 02:38 PM

JS

“ Dear Betty and family  
As members of The Gideons International, my wife and I enjoyed Charlie Schelts' warm personality at our monthly camp meetings. Charlie always had a word of encouragement for everyone and felt blessed to love the Lord Jesus and wanted to share His love with others thru the Gideons ministry. Even when his health did not permit him to participate physically, he supported the ministry in every way he could. The members of the Queen Anne's West camp will miss Charlie but know that he is with his Lord and Saviour.

Jim and Barbara Snyder

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**James Snyder** - October 25, 2011 at 01:56 PM

SH

“ Sharonmstafford lit a candle in memory of Charles A. Schelts



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**sharonmstafford** - October 24, 2011 at 08:20 AM

SH

“ *Morgan & Family,*

*So sorry to hear of Mr. Charlie's Passing. What a wonderful man he was & he will surely be missed by all who knew him. Hold on to all your wonderful memories & know we are keeping you in our thoughts & prayers.*

*In Christian Love,  
Sharon & All of Us*

*@  
Double Creek UMC*

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**sharonmstafford** - October 24, 2011 at 08:18 AM

IT

“ *In Memory Of Charles Howard Thompson lit a candle in memory of Charles A. Schelts*



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**In Memory of Charles Howard Thompson** - October 24, 2011 at 08:16 AM

TF

*Mr. Thompson "Charlie" worked at the lumber yard for Mr. Schelts for 14 years. We lost Mr. Thompson to a long battle with cancer in September. He always enjoyed working for Mr. Schelts and respected him. I know they have joined each other again and are telling stories of the good ole days. RIP*

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**Thompson Family** - October 24, 2011 at 09:30 AM

DB

*Yes, we remember him well and are sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. The lumber yard and his men meant alot to my dad so I am sure that is a very good possibility. Thank you for your kind words.*

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**Debbie Schelts Bitter** - October 27, 2011 at 08:24 PM

RC

“ Carol,  
We would just like for you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Your Avon Dixon and WM Freestate family

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**Regina Crossley** - October 24, 2011 at 08:14 AM

WB

“ So sorry for your loss. Wheeler thought Charlie was just a great guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this time.

*Wheeler and Holly Baker*

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**Wheeler and Holly Baker** - October 24, 2011 at 07:26 AM



“ Kathy Crew lit a candle in memory of Charles A. Schelts



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**Kathy Crew** - October 23, 2011 at 01:40 PM

ST

“ Steve & Terrie lit a candle in memory of Charles A. Schelts



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**Steve & Terrie** - October 23, 2011 at 10:00 AM

BB

“ Beverly And Tink Blakeney lit a candle in memory of Charles A. Schelts



Beverly and Tink Blakeney - October 23, 2011 at 08:57 AM

DC

“ Dear Betty and family, We are so sorry to hear of Charlie 's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and and your family. David and June Clark

David and June Clark - October 22, 2011 at 07:42 PM

LP

“ Lynda And Gene Palmatary lit a candle in memory of Charles A. Schelts



Lynda and Gene Palmatary - October 22, 2011 at 11:08 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Betty,  
Please allow me to offer my condolences. To lose a mate is hard and to lose him after 57 years(a lifetime), surely adds to the pain of death. Psalms 56:8 says, "Do put my tears in your skin bottle. Are they not in your book?" this lets you know that God is aware of the tears you are shedding. He will soon wipe away tears of sorrow by fulfilling what is stated at Revelation 21:4, Isaiah 26:8 and Acts 24:15. May these word bring you hope. Draw comfort from them, your family, friends and many fond memories.

R. Cole - October 22, 2011 at 07:18 AM

JE

“ *Joan Chance Enfield lit a candle in memory of Charles A. Schelts*



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**Joan Chance Enfield** - October 22, 2011 at 05:56 AM

LP

“ *Mrs. Schelts & family: Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you and your family in the loss of Mr. Schelts. He was surely a wonderful man and helped so many in the community. Daddy always enjoyed being with him in the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. They had many good years together. May God give you the love and strength to face each new day. God Bless each one of you at this time and Mr. Schelts will always be remembered. Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.*

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**Lynda H. Palmatary** - October 21, 2011 at 09:13 PM



“ *Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Charles A. Schelts*



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**Rhonda Jewell** - October 21, 2011 at 08:24 PM



*Carol and Family, We are so sorry for your loss! May God, Bless, and Comfort you through this difficult time!! In our thoughts and prayers, Ronnie, Rhonda & Gavin Jewell*

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**Rhonda Jewell** - October 21, 2011 at 08:39 PM

DO

“ *Dawn Owens lit a candle in memory of Charles A. Schelts*



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**Dawn Owens** - October 21, 2011 at 03:50 PM