



Charles Dietz Theobald Sr.

February 9, 1919 - October 8, 2012

Charles Dietz Theobald, Sr., died on Monday, October 8, 2012, at his home in Rock Hall, MD. He was 93.

Born on February 9, 1919, in Philadelphia, PA, Charlie was the son of the late Frederick and Martha Cutler Theobald. In 1942, Mr. Theobald enlisted in the United States Navy. Charlie served for eight years on the U.S.S. Yew, U.S.S. Lumen, U.S.S. PC1399 and U.S.S. Ashtabula. After being honorably discharged from the United States Navy, Charlie became an operating engineer. Charlie worked with the Local 542 on many bridge jobs. In 1947, Charlie married his late wife, Hannah Erb Theobald. They were married for 64 years until she passed in January of 2012. Charlie liked to entertain with his stories and vaudevillian style comedy that made everyone laugh who he came in contact with.

Charlie and Hannah were original Levittown homeowners for 24 years before moving to Rock Hall.

Charlie was a member of the Operating Engineers for 60 years, and commodore of the Anchor Yacht Club in Bristol, PA. Charlie enjoyed boating on the Chesapeake Bay with his family.

Mr. Theobald is survived by two sons, Charles Theobald, Jr., (Linda) of Mt. Laurel, NJ, Stephen Theobald (Barbara) of Levittown, PA; four grandchildren,

William Brumbach (Valerie) of Clementon, NJ, Dale Theobald and wife Rebecca of Hamilton, NJ, Sean Theobald and friend Emily of Philadelphia, PA, Christiana Theobald and her fiancé Kirk Brunstetter of Easton, PA; three great grandchildren, Billy, Benny, and Hazel Brumbach, a brother-in-law, John Erb (Florence); one sister-in-law, Freda Erb; and many loving nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2012, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. 130 Speer Road in Chestertown and on Monday, October 15, 2012, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Beck/Givnish Funeral Home, 7400 New Falls Road, Levittown, PA, where a memorial service will follow.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 6 Herndon Street, Annapolis, MD 21403.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-0055
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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Dietz Theobald Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Charles Dietz Theobald Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Charles Dietz Theobald Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *It was awesome meeting those who I didn't know and seeing old family and friends. I think grandpop would have approved. Keep his stories in your hearts and keep the jokes going strong.*

Christiana Theobald (granddaughter) - October 16, 2012 at 02:13 AM



Charlie was one of a kind and I am honored that I was able to call him my friend for several years. He has gone to be with Hank...God Bless...

Carol Knight - October 18, 2012 at 03:55 PM

CT

“ 12 files added to the album *Granddaughter Theobald's Collection*



Christiana Theobald - October 15, 2012 at 10:49 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album *Photos from their house*



Christiana Theobald - October 15, 2012 at 10:37 AM

“ *Just A Simple Sailor.....*

*He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.
Of a war that he had fought in
And the deeds that he had done.
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, everyone.*

*And 'tho sometimes, to his neighbors,
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened,
For they knew whereof he spoke.*

*But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For Mr. Charles has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer,
For a Sailor died today.*

*He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.*

*He held a job and raised a family,
Quietly going on his way,
And the world won't note his passing;
'tho a Sailor died today.*

*When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.
Papers tell of their life stories,*

*From the time that they were young,
But the passing of a Sailor,
Goes unnoticed and unsung.*

*Is the greatest contribution,
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise,
And cons his fellow man?*

*Or the ordinary fellow,
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his Country
And offers up his life?*

*The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are sometimes disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.*

*While the ordinary Sailor,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.*

*It's so easy to forget them,
For it is so long ago,
That our Bob's and Jim's and Johnny's,
Went to battle, but we know.*

*It was not the politicians,
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom,
That our Country now enjoys.
Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out,
With his ever waffling stand?*

*Or would you want a Sailor,
Who has sworn to defend,
His home, his kin, and Country,
And would fight until the end?*

*He was just a common Sailor
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us,
We may need his like again.*

*For when countries are in conflict,
Then we find the Sailor's part,
Is to clean up all the troubles,
That the politicians start.*

*If we cannot do him honor,
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage,
At the ending of his days.*

*Perhaps just a simple headline,
In the paper that might say:*

*"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING, FOR A SAILOR DIED
TODAY"*

Author Unknown

*Rest in peace.....It was my good fortune and pleasure to have
known you.....may you and your wife together now enjoy calm seas
and fair winds for all eternity. And may all of your loving family and
friends be blessed with the support they require during this difficult
time.*

Vince Paulauskas



“ *Barbara Theobald lit a candle in memory of Charles Dietz Theobald Sr.* ”



Barbara Theobald - October 12, 2012 at 10:09 AM

JY

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name* ”



Jeff Yund - October 10, 2012 at 07:48 AM

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“Charlie and Hannah were such an important part of my parents' golden years in so many ways. There were so many boat building or repair projects, and also all the good times spent on the water. Trips to Florida, and trips to Maine. Their anniversaries were a year and a day apart, and the foursome frequently celebrated together, often at anchor somewhere. Marty and I came home to visit Lowell and Ruth often, and it was a good bet that we'd see Charlie and "Hank" at Mill Creek for a crab dinner or other feast. Charlie could always be relied on for a string of fascinating stories about his life experiences. If those present had heard a particular story before (as happened once in a while!) and Hank knew it, she'd say "re-run, re-run"; but on occasion she'd sit silent until the end, and then remark "now there's one I've never heard before". And then there were the jokes and gag acts. Besides boats and boating, Charlie and I had the Navy in common, although our experiences in the Service could hardly have been more dissimilar. Nevertheless, it was a bond. And my father was a bond for Charlie and me as well. The two of them were quite a pair together. The retired tug boat driver and retired orthopedic surgeon just had such a great time in all their exploits. Since Lowell died in 2005, I've seen less of Charlie, but I will always treasure my memories of coming to Rock Hall to split or stack wood, have lunch at Ford's, and hear a few stories - occasionally a new one. Now I wish I had come more often.

Jeff Yund - October 10, 2012 at 07:40 AM

JS

Rest in peace, Mr Theobald. You are now enjoying eternal happiness with your beloved Hannah.

Jay Brook Sr. - October 13, 2012 at 01:23 AM