



Charles Elliott Risley

June 9, 1920 - December 28, 2009

Charles Elliott Risley was born in Grasonville, MD on June 9, 1920, the son of Fred and Katie Parks Risley. He passed away after years of ill health on December 28, 2009.

He was educated in the local school and went to work on the water at an early age. He was also a carpenter and worked with the local contractors after oyster season was finished.

Mr. Earl Coursey got Elliott interested in the local politics and he ran for the office of Delegate and the Legislature in Annapolis from Queen Anne's County. He won the office and stayed for three consecutive sessions (12 years). Later after politics, he was employed by the State Department of Natural Resources in the Oyster Preparation Department. He traveled Maryland and Virginia and stockpiled oyster shells at Longfelder's Company at Love Point.

He was interested in his family and their activities. He was also a baseball fan and enjoyed watching the games on TV. He has a close relationship with his coworkers from the state. He was also the past commander of the VFW Post 7464 in Grasonville for a term of office.

He was involved with the Knights of Pythias in Grasonville. He was in the

Army from 1941-1945 and traveled extensively overseas in the Radar Division of the 8th Air Force. He was active in the Grasonville Volunteer Fire Department and held the office of Treasurer for several years.

When the bill came up in the Legislature for the establishment of the Chesapeake College, Ellicott Risley was on the Ways and Means Committee that passed the bill to make the College a prospect for the future of Queen Anne's County.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia Risley Downes and her husband Crosley Downes of Queen Anne, MD. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Risley of Grasonville, a son Peter Risley and his wife Kay and two grandsons, Jeffrey and his wife Angie and Jason of Grasonville, MD and daughter, Peggy Risley and her husband Leland Dong of Denver, Colorado.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 2, 2010 at 12 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD where family and friends may call one hour prior. Interment will follow at Stevensville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, friends are requested to send donations to the Grasonville Volunteer Ambulance Department, P.O. Box 626, Grasonville, MD 21638. For online tributes, please see www.fhnfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Elliott Risley*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Charles Elliott Risley*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Charles Elliott Risley*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dear Margaret and family,
Due to weather, distance and "old age" Charlie's co-workers from the MD DNR Oyster Propagation will unable to attend the service today. Charlie was a "good" friend to all, especially the MD watermen and he will be greatly missed! You are in our thoughts and prayers.
With deepest sympathy,
Harold, Frank, Wilson, Bing, Bradley, Dixon & Taylor##imported-begin##Carol##imported-end##*

January 01, 2010 at 10:42 AM



“ *TO RISLEY FAMILY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS MY PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY##imported-begin##phyllis##imported-end##*

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