

## Dennis James Messer

October 9, 1933 - December 29, 2019

Dennis James Messer of Crofton, MD, (formerly Queenstown, MD) passed peacefully on Sunday, December 29, 2019. He was 86 years old.

Born on October 9, 1933, in Norristown, PA, Mr. Messer was the son of the late James Messer of Norristown and Anna M. Vidia (Taylor) of Cape May, NJ. As a child, he could be found shining shoes to earn money and fondly referred to as Dennis the Menace. He attended Upper Merion High School in Bridgeport, PA, where he was an excellent student who enjoyed entertaining in the variety shows and playing his accordion and harmonica. In 1951, he joined the United States Marine Corps (USMCR C1 III (Ready) on where he achieved the rank of Sergeant serving as a Lineman in Korea earning the Korean Service Medal w/2\*, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Korean P.U.C. He was honorably discharged in 1954.

Mr. Messer worked as a bowling alley manager and semi-professional bowler at a bowling alley in Wilmington where he met his wife, Doris (Beecher). They were married in the summer of 1961, in Chestertown, MD. They moved to Norristown, PA, where Dennis became the manager of Facenda-Whitacre Lanes where his name/photo can still be found on their Legends board for bowling a perfect 300 game.

They lived in Norristown, PA until returning to Queenstown, MD, in 1972, where they raised their family. Dennis held several managerial positions and eventually retired after a career as store manager at Winchester Liquor Store in Grasonville, MD.

A devoted member of Shore Christian Fellowship in Queenstown, MD, he was involved in men's group, bible study, community service projects, and his favorite acting in the church plays. He enjoyed a wide variety of music to include country, bluegrass, and big band. The loves of his life were his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by a daughter, Marjory Mackes (Thomas Lanyon) of Annapolis, MD; his son, Vincent Messer (Julie) of Short Gap, WV; his stepson, Guy Schelhouse of Annapolis, MD; four grandchildren, Buffy Schelhouse of Stevensville, MD, Dennis A. Messer (Jamie) of Hagerstown, MD, Michael Messer of Ridgely, MD, and Erin Messer of Short Gap, WV; two great-grandchildren, Paisley Joy and Lily Grace Messer; and his brother, Merrill Taylor (Ruth) of Harleysville, PA. He was predeceased by his wife, Doris Jean Messer (Beecher); his father, James Messer; mother, Anna M. Vidia (Taylor); and his sister, Joyce Messer.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, January 4, from 10 to 11:30am, followed by a memorial service at 11:30am with interment immediately afterward. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 408 South Liberty Street, Centreville, MD

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 4217 Park Place Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060, or to Shore Christian Fellowship, 7401 Main St, Queenstown, MD 21658

# Cemetery Details

## Chesterfield Cemetery

406 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
408 S. Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617

## Service

JAN 4. 11:30 AM (ET)

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## Burial

JAN 4 (ET)

Chesterfield Cemetery  
406 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD



# Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis James Messer*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dennis James Messer*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM

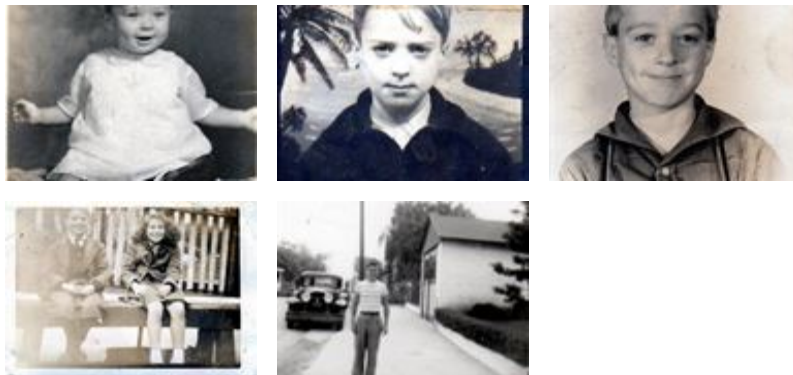


“ *Dennis James Messer*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *124 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 03, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis James Messer.*



January 03, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ *Vickie Bildstein lit a candle in memory of Dennis James Messer*



**Vickie Bildstein** - January 02, 2020 at 07:28 AM



“ *Brother Merrill, (Bro) & Ruth Taylor purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dennis James Messer.*



**Brother Merrill, (Bro) & Ruth Taylor** - January 01, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dennis James Messer.*



January 01, 2020 at 02:50 PM

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Marjory Mackes - December 31, 2019 at 02:40 PM

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