



## Donald Everett Marvel

December 11, 1942 - July 28, 2015

Donald Everett Marvel died on July 28, 2015, after a four year “marathon” battle with kidney cancer. He was 72.

He was born in Easton on December 11, 1942, the son of L. Everett Marvel and Martha Butler Marvel.

He graduated from Easton High School in 1960. While a student, he lettered in cross-country, wrestling, and baseball.

After graduation, he entered the United States Army and in 1961 completed the 101st Airborne Jump School at Ft. Campbell, KY.

He and his wife, Carol, were married on July 23, 1961.

Don graduated from the Army’s Ranger School in June 1962. Although he never talked about it, he was proud to be an Airborne Ranger.

He was discharged from the Army in September, 1963, and enrolled at Salisbury State College. Donald began his 32 year career at Easton High School in 1967. He loved teaching, and he loved his students.

Another passion was distance running, which he continued until 2014. He competed in over 35 marathons, many even longer races and uncounted 5K races.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; his daughter, Laurie Wade, and her husband, Rob, his son Christopher Marvel and his wife, June; and seven grandchildren, who were the light of his life. They are Courtnie M. Massey and her husband (Matt), Matt Wade, Caroline Marvel, Emma Wade, Carlie Marvel, Cecily Marvel, and Drew Marvel. He is also survived by his sister, Wanda and her husband, Jim Ransom, his sister-in-law Nancy Anthony, and her husband Jack, along with four nephews and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Martha B. Marvel, father, L. Everett Marvel, and his brother, Robert A. Marvel.

He loved his life, his running buddies, and all the other friends and ex-students he leaves behind.

He will be deeply missed and always remembered by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, August 5, at 11:00 a.m., at St. Mark's Methodist Church, 100 Peachblossom Rd., Easton.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Don's name may be made to Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service**

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
100 Peach Blossom Road  
Easton, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Everett Marvel*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - August 03, 2015 at 02:10 PM

DL

*Beautiful! What a tribute to a wonderful man and his lovely family.*

**Debbie Luthy** - August 06, 2015 at 05:35 AM

KW

*So many beautiful memories, cherish them forever and know that he will live in your hearts always. When someone you love becomes a memory..that memory becomes a treasure. Courtnie, I never had the honor of meeting your Grandy, but I know how special he was to you and I'm so happy he was able to see you in your wedding gown before the wedding and I know you and Matt will carry on his legacy.. Heaven has gained another member of our precious families. My prayers and love to you, Matt, your family and the Marvel family. Love MomMom*

**Kathleen Wanner** - August 06, 2015 at 03:34 PM

KI

*Memory pictures of Mr Marvel down through the years*

**kim** - August 12, 2015 at 08:15 PM



“ *Donald Everett Marvel*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Donald Everett Marvel*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *To the family: "To live in the heart of those who live you is not to die". Run on Don!!*  
*Howard Moore*

**Howard Moore** - August 12, 2015 at 02:05 PM



“ *Don Marvel was a good, kind, thoughtful man who helped me so much when I began my job as Social Studies Specialist in the county schools. He could have made my job hard since he knew more about Social Studies than I could ever know. But, he listened and offered his help in any way he could. He put me at ease.*

*I remember him running on Oxford Road and how much I admired his dedication.*

*Most of all, he was proud of his grandchildren and it was fun to see him supporting them at their athletic events.*

*Dear Carol and family, the Greenhawk family sends their condolences to you. I hope your memories and love will be of some comfort to you.*

*Jan, Jim, Corey and Cassie Greenhawk*


**Jan** - August 11, 2015 at 01:46 PM

JA

“ Dear Carol and Family,  
Please accept my most sincere condolences for the loss of Donald. It was a very long time ago, but I vividly recall you both. Seems that Vera and I enjoyed a date or two with you both, and, in spite of our youth, I was very aware at the time of Donald's character, intensity and very high potential. I see that he has left his most positive mark on the community, and has touched many people deeply through his teaching and other gifts that I know he gave freely. As time passes, I hope that you and the family will be sustained by shared love never forgotten, and by preservation of the most precious memories of the very best times that you shared together with Donald. May you find healing, comfort and peace in the coming days.  
Most respectfully and with best wishes,  
John M. Anderson  
Bothell, WA

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John M. Anderson - August 07, 2015 at 09:19 PM

 Tracey Sturm

“ The Sturm Family send their condolences for the lost of a great, wonderful, kind man. Don would watch his granddaughter play softball and he was always very supportive and an active grandfather. We loved talking to him about sports, wrestling, and running. Our prayers are with the entire family. Best regards, Chuck, Tracey, Christine, Rachel

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Tracey Sturm - August 07, 2015 at 01:05 PM

SJ

“ I was privileged enough to have had Mr. Marvel as a teacher. I remember everything from his class. He had a way of teaching that left a huge impact. Mr. Marvel was funny and incredibly well respected. After I graduated in 92 I ran into him several times. We always exchanged a few lines and he remembered who I was ... He was sure to let me know by always calling me by my last name "Hey there De Wald". My thoughts are with his family. Heaven definitely received an angel.



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**Shannon De Wald Jester** - August 06, 2015 at 03:59 PM

SL

“ I never had Mr. Marvel as a teacher but was honored to have worked with him my first year of teaching. He was a great mentor and friend - hope to see you one day running in Heaven - you will be missed!

*Sean Lennon*

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**sean lennon** - August 06, 2015 at 08:23 AM

TB

“ Some of my fondest memory's of high school include you. Thank you for being part of my life. My God bless your family in their time of need.

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**Todd Brittingham** - August 04, 2015 at 09:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Everett Marvel.*



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August 04, 2015 at 08:48 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We know this wonderful man you called Grandy will forever be in your hearts and shining down on you.?*

*Love,  
Steve and Sherri Massey*

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**Sherri Massey** - August 04, 2015 at 07:58 AM



“ *It's been many years since I was a student at Easton High, but I remember Mr. Marvel; he had a very kind smile. I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Patti Smith (Kelly)*

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**Patti Smith** - August 03, 2015 at 06:34 PM



“ *Frank Gunsallus lit a candle in memory of Donald Everett Marvel*



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**Frank Gunsallus** - August 03, 2015 at 03:09 PM

FG

*Mr. Marvel was a wonderful teacher and person... I'm certain he will be missed by many.*

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**Frank Gunsallus** - August 03, 2015 at 03:10 PM

RP

*I looked for you at every race but they got farther and few in-between. Now I know you will be at every race because god will grant that privilege! While we will miss your smiling face and positive attitude, your spirit will be with us. Rest in peace my friend.*

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**Ray & Roxann Parker** - August 04, 2015 at 10:02 PM

PF

*Don Marvel touched my heart. I waited a year and a half for him to show up for a yoga class. His good friend and running buddy Steve Radis kept telling me he was going to join our Men's Yoga class. Then one day he did. He was a wonderful addition to the class and to my life. Don and Carole Marvel are my Eastern Shore historians and a couple I hold in great esteem not only for their enduring love but for the legacy of family they have created. Not only did I learn much about the history of Easton and Talbot County from them as true natives of the area, I was also privileged to experience the wonderful extended family that they had created. Don managed to introduce his sister Wanda and many of his grandchildren to yoga. He brought them to his classes, educating them all as he always did as the wonderful grandfather I know know him to have been.*

*Today, at the service that celebrated his life, I learned even more about this man that I came to love dearly.*

*Such a gentle, kind soul and loving family man.*

*I actually met Everett Marvel first, his father. We were both ballroom dancers. Little did I know that Don was Everett's son. Small world.*

*Don was a dedicated and wonderful son to his father which also bonded him to my heart.*

*My heart is now with Carole. Such a long history of love and companionship is to be envied. I envy their longevity. What a special love they shared. After 52 years of marriage they still spoke of each other so lovingly. We should all be so fortunate.*

*Godspeed Don. You will be forever missed but forever in all our hearts.*

*You can bet we will all be in some way a part of the new annual Don Marvel Memorial Run. I broke out my running shoes today to honor your memory and friendship. And I will run each year if not each day to honor your memory and our friendship.*

*My love to you and your family now and always.*

*Lovingly,  
Paulette Florio*

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**Paulette Florio** - August 05, 2015 at 09:09 PM

DU

“ *Mr. Marvel was one of the kindest people I have ever known. A long time ago we worked together in the Summer Youth Employment Program. He truly loved working with young people. One year when I was working with a program for academically and economically students at risk of dropping out of school, I asked the EHS Faculty if any of them would be willing to be a mentor to one of these students. We would make sure they were not taking classes from that teacher. The day of the meeting came and Don Marvel was the only teacher who showed up. He was amazing and he was always there to help.*

*My sympathy goes out to his family and close friends. His light will shine on and we will all have special memories of a very special man.*

*God Bless.*

*Debbie Urry*

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**debbie urry** - August 03, 2015 at 03:00 PM

DS

“ *Deborah Bringman Skipper lit a candle in memory of Donald Everett Marvel*



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**Deborah Bringman Skipper** - August 03, 2015 at 02:58 PM

DT

“ *Mr. Marvel was a wonderful teacher. I think about his class often even though it was 40 years ago. I was never a good runner but he led a weekend running club that welcomed plodders like me. I'll truly miss him.*

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**Doug Tallman** - August 02, 2015 at 03:28 PM

HI

“ Don Marvel was the best contemporary issues teacher, or just teacher he could be. He spoke fondly and proudly of his airborne ranger days the day we graduated in 1988. he instilled civic responsibility and citizenship long before character counts. He lived his values, loved his students and his community!! Hugs and love Mr. Marvel



Holly Ireland - August 01, 2015 at 10:13 PM

DG

“ Mr. Don Marvel will be missed by many, more so by me Dana Gibson. He was a great teacher and a friend, I can still hear him saying Gibson how are you today, he never called me by first name. He would rin pass my house an say in that voice hey Gibson how r you. He is the only reason why I stayed straight in high school. So rest peacefully my good friend, gonr but you will never be forgotten.

Dana Gibson - August 01, 2015 at 06:48 PM

AS

“ How do I share I life time of memories? I have been blessed to have been a part of the family. I have many memories of Don from a little girl to the smile he gave me Monday. Whenever I think of him I will have a smile. Love to the Marvel, Wade, Anthony families.

Alicia Summers - August 01, 2015 at 03:55 PM

TO

“ My Prayers go out to the family of this wonderful caring man. I had the pleasure of being one of his students and he was such a kind man. He will be greatly missed. Tonia Sherwood

Tonia - August 01, 2015 at 02:37 PM



“ *Mr. Marvel was the best teacher and wonderful man. Over the years I would see him run. We chatted a few times. He always had a positive attitude. I think of him often and his impact on my life. Rest in peace. May God grant his family and friends peace beyond understanding.*

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**Cindy Scaglione** - August 01, 2015 at 08:02 AM



“ *Mr. Marvel was one of teachers. Used to get so mad when I goofed off. When I was a child it was fun. As a now 35 year old adult. I feel bad. I apologize Mr. Marvel I was wrong and it was disrespectful to you. Funny how we look back and something as small as helped me become a better man. It was my pleasure to meet and know you. Thanks for your time and teachings to me both in and out of the classroom.*

*Jason Lee*

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**Jason Lee** - July 31, 2015 at 11:20 PM



“ *My family and I are saddened to know that Don has passed on from the world as we know it. We have had the most wonderful fortune to live in the home in which he and his siblings were raised by such amazing parents. In fact, his Easton High School stickers stilled adorned the full length mirror of his childhood room when we purchased his home and he and his Dad toured us through so many special memories of their lives. Don, May you find peace and life ever after without pain or suffering. You contributed so much to our town and the many lives you touched! Always a dmile and never a name forgotten.*

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**Adeline, Tim and Harry Brown** - July 31, 2015 at 10:04 PM



“ *What a wonderful person, I am so glad to have been able to call Mr. Marvel my teacher*

Charlie Wooters - July 31, 2015 at 09:30 PM

DE

“ *Rest In Peace Mr. Marvel.*



Doreen Enzor - July 31, 2015 at 09:02 PM

BS

“ *So sorry about Donald. He was a great person. We know he touched so many lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family*❤️

Budgie Saulsbury - July 31, 2015 at 08:48 PM

KF

“ *So sorry to hear. He was such a great teacher and always had a kind smile. RIP Mr. Marvel*

Kathy Fox - July 31, 2015 at 08:40 PM

LD

“ *Lou & Sonny Diefenderfer lit a candle in memory of Donald Everett Marvel*



Lou & Sonny Diefenderfer - July 31, 2015 at 08:32 PM

CB

“ *One of the greatest teachers I was blessed to have.*

Christine Benefiel - July 31, 2015 at 08:03 PM

JP

“ *Jim & Carol Prettyman lit a candle in memory of Donald Everett Marvel*



Jim & Carol Prettyman - July 31, 2015 at 05:16 PM

DD

“ *Donnie And Amy Dulin lit a candle in memory of Donald Everett Marvel*



Donnie and Amy Dulin - July 31, 2015 at 11:49 AM

MI

“ *Carol and family, our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you! ❤️*



Michael&Elaine - July 31, 2015 at 11:23 AM



“ Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. May the Dear Lord wrap His arms around each of you and provide comfort. - Jay & Shelley Chance and Family

Shelley Chance - July 31, 2015 at 08:13 AM

PW

“ Carol, thinking of all of you. So many memories, so many thoughts. He always had the nicest smile. As Win says he is our hero and will always be.

Polly & Winnie

Polly & Winnie - July 30, 2015 at 07:16 PM

MW

“ I have many fond memories of Donald. Via summers spent at grand mom butlers as well as summers spent here in Easton as a child. As a adult there were not many days I didn't pass Donald running while I was on my way to work, One of my favorite families and relatives.



Mary Wood - July 30, 2015 at 06:35 PM

LP

“ Through the 5k series in Dover I got to know some wonderful people that I would not have known otherwise. It was a pleasure to compete against and become great friends with Don. I share your loss. Larry Price

Larry Price - July 30, 2015 at 04:12 PM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Donald Everett Marvel*



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**Phil Foster** - July 30, 2015 at 03:17 PM

LL

“ *Carol,  
So sorry to learned of Don's passing. I have great memories of trying to keep up with him in my running days, but like all of us that had the honor to run with him, we could never outlast him. What wonderful memories.*

*I know now is a tough time, but like many of us who knew and ran with him, hang on to the wonderful memories with friends and family.*

*Lou Lister*

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**Lou Lister** - July 30, 2015 at 02:46 PM

SM

“ *Stephanie Day Merritt lit a candle in memory of Donald Everett Marvel*



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**Stephanie Day Merritt** - July 30, 2015 at 01:59 PM

JH

“ Carol and Family,  
It was with much sadness I learned of Donald's passing. You were such a nice couple and always seemed to enjoy each other. I know you have many cherished memories.  
Hang on to them and one day you will smile again when you recall them.  
Donald was always the nicest person and one of the best . You have my deepest sympathy.  
With love and sympathy,

Joyce Andrew Hollingsworth  
(Class of 1960 EHS)

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**Joyce Hollingsworth** - July 30, 2015 at 11:11 AM

EP

“ Eddie Price lit a candle in memory of Donald  
Everett Marvel



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**eddie price** - July 30, 2015 at 07:49 AM

PS

“ Phyllis And Bill Seymour lit a candle in  
memory of Donald Everett Marvel



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**Phyllis and Bill Seymour** - July 29, 2015 at 09:46 PM

TB

“ *One of the best all-time runners in Seashore Strider history...He will be missed...RIP Donnie...Race Director Tim Bamforth*

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**Tim Bamforth** - July 29, 2015 at 06:47 PM

AB

“ *Ann And Gene Butler lit a candle in memory of Donald Everett Marvel*



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**ann and gene butler** - July 29, 2015 at 04:18 PM