



## Edward Stevens Gillespie

December 8, 1930 - March 14, 2016

Edward Stevens Gillespie of Chestertown, MD, died on March 14, 2016, at his home. He was 85.

Born on December 8, 1930, in Sudlersville, MD, he was the son of the late Victor Power and Juliet Stevens Gillespie. Mr. Gillespie graduated from Charlotte Hall Military Academy and attended University of Maryland, College Park and was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He served with the Maryland National Guard for over 20 years and was company commander of Chestertown, Denton, and Easton.

In 1952, he married Jane McCauley, and they were married for 14 years. He later married Jean Brown in 1969, who predeceased him in March of 2014.

Mr. Gillespie joined his father and grandfather in their family concrete company, Gillespie & Son, Inc., in Sudlersville, MD, after World War II. The business prospered over the years under his ownership and the company moved to Chestertown. Today, sons, Jim and Todd, and grandson, Andrew, are continuing the 94 year old family tradition.

Over the years, Mr. Gillespie served on the Board of Directors of Sudlersville Bank of MD and Chestertown Bank of MD. He also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Kent School and Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital. He

was a life-long member of the Chestertown Lions Club.

Mr. Gillespie and his wife, Jean, had a passion for traveling, seeing many parts of the world and especially enjoyed their winters in Barbados and Florida.

He is survived by his children, Deborah Gillespie Gazzo and her husband John of Warwick, MD, Steven Victor Gillespie and his wife Patricia of Charlotte, NC; James Edward Gillespie and his wife Erin of Chestertown, MD; Todd Stevens Gillespie and his wife Julie of Chestertown, MD, and Mary Elizabeth Evans and her husband Leonard of Chestertown, MD; a sister, Margaret Gillespie Albertsen of Chestertown, MD; along with fifteen grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. A son, Richard Baxter Phillips, Jr., predeceased him.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Andrew's Chapel, PO Box 38, Church Hill, MD 21623 or Chestertown Lion's Club, PO Box 265, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Services will be held on Friday, March 18, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD, where relatives and friends may call on Thursday, March 17, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Sudlersville Cemetery

Sudlersville, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-0055  
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

## Service

MAR 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Stevens Gillespie*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *This is a bit late but we did not know "Eddie" has passed. Ed was my favorite Eastern Shore cousin. I seldom saw him but I cherished our visits to my grand parents and later to Aunt Juliet. We always made a point of visiting Ed.*

*We are sorry for your loss.*

*Ed and Trudy Stevens*

**Ed Stevens** - March 12, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ *Edward Stevens Gillespie*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Edward Stevens Gillespie*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the family. Boy do I have some great memories, especially of dad and Mr. Gillespie. Rest in peace.*



**Nancy Coleman** - March 23, 2016 at 05:02 PM

CA

“ Cheryl Anderson lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie



Cheryl Anderson - March 21, 2016 at 11:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward Stevens Gillespie.



March 18, 2016 at 09:40 AM

RJ

“ ROBIN-ROBBIE JOINER lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie



ROBIN-ROBBIE JOINER - March 18, 2016 at 07:54 AM



“ Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Edward Stevens Gillespie.



March 17, 2016 at 04:10 PM

FI

“ From all of your friends at Cirillo Bros., Inc. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Edward Stevens Gillespie.



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**From all of your friends at Cirillo Bros., Inc.** - March 17, 2016  
at 03:32 PM

GC

“ Gail Claggett lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie



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**Gail Claggett** - March 17, 2016 at 03:13 PM

GC

*Genuine, kind, generous, great sense of humor! Had the greatest laugh. Loved being around him. Gail Claggett*

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**Gail Claggett** - March 17, 2016 at 03:15 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Stevens Gillespie.



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March 17, 2016 at 01:42 PM

SC

“ Sue & Guy Comegys lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie



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**Sue & Guy Comegys** - March 17, 2016 at 01:32 PM

GC

*Gillespie Family. We will miss Eddie and all of his many stories he shared with us over the years. Guy started 1st grade with Eddie at Sudlersville Elem. School. I worked for Gillespie & Son, Inc for almost 33 years. There never could have been a better employer than Mr. Vic, Eddie, and Jim. He was so proud of Jim and Todd for their accomplishments in taking the company where it is today, also Steve and Debbie for their accomplishments in this world. He will surly be missed by all of his family and friends. I could not attend the serv1ces but, I will be thinking of all of you.*

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**Guy & Sue Comegys** - March 17, 2016 at 02:20 PM

AC

“ We were totally shocked to see that Mr. Eddie had passed. He was such a good friend of Sudlersville and St Andrew's Church there. I grew up in that church with many fond memories of his lovely parents, Peggy and of course, Mr. Eddie. As I visited with him in the Chestertown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, he would talk so lovingly about his family, trips, adventures and about Sudlersville when he grew up there. He appreciated and enjoyed the beauty of flowers as I quickly learned. Several times I took a flower arrangement to him from church when the flowers were given lovingly in his family's honor. Peggy would tell me that she always took a bouquet from her garden for him to enjoy in his home . We will miss that bright smile, the twinkle in his eye and the times we got to walk down memory lane together May he rest in peace and continue to marvel at God's remarkable gardens.  
Love, Ann Orem Campbell and Bob Campbell

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**Ann O. Campbell** - March 17, 2016 at 01:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Stevens Gillespie.



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March 17, 2016 at 08:28 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Stevens Gillespie.



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March 16, 2016 at 06:53 PM

Sarah  
Kelbaugh

“ I'm so glad I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Gillespie. I will always remember his stories he told me while I knew him and enjoyed the stories and memories he told me of his family.



Sarah Kelbaugh - March 16, 2016 at 05:57 PM

JR

“ John & Richard Rotondo purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Edward Stevens Gillespie.



John & Richard Rotondo - March 16, 2016 at 05:38 PM

VG

“ I will never forget the times when you would come into my father's service station and be telling stories and telling jokes that would make me blush every time. Every time you came in with Gibby Roe you two could always entertain us. Even after my father passed you would always come up to me and ask how I was and my mom. I always appreciated that you thought about us. You were a great business man and friend. RIP Mr. Eddie you will never be forgotten.



Vicky & Jeff Galt - March 16, 2016 at 05:32 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Edward Stevens Gillespie.*



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March 16, 2016 at 04:21 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Edward Stevens Gillespie.*



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March 16, 2016 at 03:23 PM



“ *All of us at Gaines and Company purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward Stevens Gillespie.*



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**All of us at Gaines and Company** - March 16, 2016 at 02:50 PM



“ *Jim & Erin & Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jamie & Trish Wegner & Nick & April Wegner*

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**Jamie Wegner** - March 16, 2016 at 02:39 PM


PC

“ *Pat Healy, Chad Walters, and your friends at McNeilus CO purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Edward Stevens Gillespie.*



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**Pat Healy, Chad Walters, and your friends at McNeilus CO -**  
March 16, 2016 at 12:40 PM

 Robin Black

“ *Robin Black lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



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**Robin Black -** March 16, 2016 at 11:58 AM

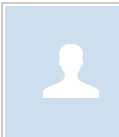
 Robin Black

“ *Robin Black lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



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**Robin Black -** March 16, 2016 at 11:58 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Edward Stevens Gillespie.*



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March 16, 2016 at 10:14 AM

CN

“ *Cathy Naundorf lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



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**Cathy Naundorf** - March 16, 2016 at 09:47 AM

SH

“ *My heart goes out to your family. I am so sorry for your loss. What pain hurts worse than the pain of losing someone that you love? Though the pain you're feeling must seem unbearable, please remember that you are not alone. Psalms 46:1 says, "God is our refuge and strength, a help that is readily found in times of distress." Pray to Him for strength. Weep to Him when there are no words. One of the poets of the Bible said at Psalms 56:8, "You keep track of my wandering. Do collect my tears in your skin bottle." You see, God understands your pain and He cares for you very much (1 Peter 5:7). And He will really help you get through this difficult time (Isaiah 41:10).*

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**Sharon** - March 16, 2016 at 08:41 AM

GP

“ *Gene & Lynda Palmatary lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



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**Gene & Lynda Palmatary** - March 16, 2016 at 07:29 AM

SM

“ Susan Martinez lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie



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**Susan Martinez** - March 16, 2016 at 07:16 AM

SE

“ Eddie was a dedicated and fair Bank Director. I can still see him point the index finger and say "Now let me tell you this". Thoughts and prayers for the family.  
Spencer and Barbara



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**Spencer and Barbara Everett** - March 16, 2016 at 07:06 AM

MR

“ Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie



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**Max & Maryann Ruehrmund** - March 16, 2016 at 05:20 AM

MM

*An amazing man who was always so kind. Please accept our deepest sympathies.*

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**Max & Maryann** - March 16, 2016 at 05:22 AM

DS

“ *Debby Schelts lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



Debby Schelts - March 15, 2016 at 09:47 PM

DS

*So sorry to learn of Mr. Eddie's death. He will be missed by many. Thinking of his family.*

Debby Schelts - March 15, 2016 at 09:48 PM

DP

“ *DANIEL PLETZER lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



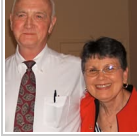
DANIEL PLETZER - March 15, 2016 at 07:37 PM



“ *Liz Clements lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



Liz Clements - March 15, 2016 at 07:32 PM



“ *Ben Miller lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



**Ben Miller** - March 15, 2016 at 07:13 PM



*I served with Eddie in the National Guard and also with his father (Victor) as a member of the Maryland National Guard Rifle Team in the mid 70's. They were both outstanding officers and individuals.*

**Ben Miller** - March 15, 2016 at 07:17 PM



“ *Shirley Palmatory Foster lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



**shirley Palmatory Foster** - March 15, 2016 at 06:52 PM



“ My sympathies to the family. Eddie & Jean were good friends with my parents, Jim & Marge Clements. So good, that when I started selling Electroluxes door to door with a friend when I was 17, dad suggested that I go see them to do my "demonstration". I wasn't sure how to get to their house and this was before GPS but I knew in a general area where they were. We hadn't found the right street but finally found a road which looked like it led to some houses and which we ventured onto it in my parents 1973 something Ford Torino stationwagon. Only the road started getting narrower. And then narrower still. My girlfriend and Tracie and I had gone maybe 200-300 yards before we realized the road was actually a golf cart track on the golf course. We were mortified but it seemed easier now to go forward than try to back up. We reasoned that now that we were behind some houses we could drive in between two of them to get back out on the main road. We were dying laughing and what do you know when we finally did make it to the main road we realized we had "arrived at our destination" - Jean and Eddie's house was right where we came out. However - it was when we rang the doorbell and Eddie was sputtering in disbelief at us that we realized our trek did not go unnoticed - he could not get over it and fussed with us for at least 20 minutes! Apparently we were driving across HIS back yard and in between HIS house and the neighbors. He finally calmed down and saw the humor in it and even allowed us to continue with the vacuum demonstration, but he never let me forget it lol. Eddie and Jean went on to support me as well when I got accepted in Up With People. He will be missed and he made an impact on many.

Oh, by the way - he did buy a vacuum from me that day :)

Liz Clements

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Liz Clements - March 15, 2016 at 06:48 PM

BF

“ *Sweet Dreams.....Mr Eddie*



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**Buddy and Debbie Fuchs** - March 15, 2016 at 04:52 PM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Edward Stevens Gillespie.*



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March 15, 2016 at 04:28 PM

DH

“ *Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



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**Denny and Judy Hickman** - March 15, 2016 at 04:01 PM

KC

“ *Thoughts and prayers. We both adored Eddie and Jean.*  
*Karen & Stanley Clark*



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**Karen Clark** - March 15, 2016 at 03:39 PM

DP

“*Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*”



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**Doug Pierson** - March 15, 2016 at 03:24 PM

NW

“*Nita And John Wieczoreck lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*”



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**Nita and John Wieczoreck** - March 15, 2016 at 01:52 PM

ST

“*Susie & Joe Torre lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*”



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**Susie & Joe Torre** - March 15, 2016 at 12:59 PM

SD

“*Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*”



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**Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski** - March 15, 2016 at 12:51 PM



“ Sharon Crew lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie



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**Sharon Crew** - March 15, 2016 at 12:51 PM



“ Pat And Monroe lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie



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**Pat and Monroe** - March 15, 2016 at 12:10 PM



“ David And June Clark lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie



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**David and June Clark** - March 15, 2016 at 11:57 AM



*We went to school with Eddie in Centerville. Our thoughts are with your family.*

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**David and June Clark** - March 15, 2016 at 11:58 AM

DG

“ *Donna And Tony Gibbons-Neff lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



Donna and Tony Gibbons-Neff - March 15, 2016 at 08:26 AM

DG

*Our deepest sympathy. Lots of good memories.*

Donna and Tony Gibbons-Neff - March 15, 2016 at 08:27 AM

GD

“ *Greg And Crystal Dadds lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



Greg and Crystal Dadds - March 15, 2016 at 07:59 AM

MO

“ *Morgan lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



Morgan - March 15, 2016 at 07:26 AM

RA

“ *A good man... Many good memories with this family.*

Retha Arrabal - March 15, 2016 at 05:21 AM

CP

“ Chris And Danielle Pierzynski lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie



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**Chris and Danielle Pierzynski** - March 15, 2016 at 04:15 AM

MA

“ Martha lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie



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**Martha** - March 14, 2016 at 09:08 PM

SH

*Such a great person who will be so missed --a good guy to have a laugh with --a pillar of our community --sympathy & love to all the family  
-Pres & Sally*

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**sally harding** - March 15, 2016 at 11:30 AM

MH

“ *Mr. Gillespie's nephew, Tom Gillespie, was my step-father at one time. Very nice man. My sympathies go out to the family. You will have so many memories to share. May God Bless and Keep You.  
Martha R. Herman*

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**Martha & Royce Herman** - March 14, 2016 at 09:04 PM

SH

“ *Shelley Hillyer lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



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**Shelley Hillyer** - March 14, 2016 at 08:40 PM

JE

“ *Josie Elburn lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



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**Josie Elburn** - March 14, 2016 at 06:53 PM

GW

“ *To All the Gillespie Families:  
George and I are so sorry for the loss of your Father and Grandfather. I grew up with fond memories of your parents and loved the memories that we all hold so dear. He was such a mentor to everyone but for me I will never forget all the wonderful times with our families. It has been so long ago but never forgotten.*

*When I went to see him up to the Rehabilitation home we got to talk and then as the time grew nearer it hurt so much to see him that way. He has left his children such a Legacy and I know you will carry on as your father has taught you.*

*During this difficult time we pray that you all can lean on each other, laugh, cry and see that you have a wonderful Angel that will be looking down and keeping you safe.*

*Hugs and Prayers to All Of You while you go through such a difficult loss.*

*George and Candy Wilson*

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**GEORGE AND CANDY WILSON** - March 14, 2016 at 12:16 PM

TJ

“ *Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



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**Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell** - March 14, 2016 at 11:47 AM

TJ

*He was one great person and he always knew you when he saw you no matter who you were or how much you had in the bank account he just loved all people.*

**Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell** - March 14, 2016 at 11:48 AM

JD

“ *Joyce And Lee Davis lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



**Joyce and Lee Davis** - March 14, 2016 at 11:04 AM

DE

“ *Donna Hubbard Edwards lit a candle in memory of Edward Stevens Gillespie*



**Donna Hubbard Edwards** - March 14, 2016 at 11:02 AM

DE

*Eddie was such a wonderful man and he will be missed greatly. Thoughts and prayers go out to all the family. Love, Charles & Donna Edwards*

**Donna Hubbard Edwards** - March 14, 2016 at 11:03 AM

DP

*Mr Edward was a wonderful and kind easy going guy whom really loved his family and all the people in community and always knew you and greeted you with a smile. Will be dearly missed. RIP Daniel and Robin Pletzer*

**DANIEL PLETZER** - March 15, 2016 at 07:43 PM