



Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling

September 27, 1938 - February 25, 2026

Edward 'Ned' Alan Sterling, age 87, of Chestertown, Maryland, passed away on February 25, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of warmth, laughter, and deep devotion to family. Ned was born on September 27, 1938, to the late Esther L. Bright and Philip C. Sterling, Jr.

When Ned was a young teen, he began working as a farmhand for the late Cliff Atwell and his wife Elsie. They gave him the opportunity to continue life on the farm and in Kennedyville by welcoming him into their home. They and their children, Cathy and Karen, who thought of him as their older brother, are family.

Ned was truly a people person — his family fondly says he “never met a stranger.” Whether striking up a conversation at the store or waving to a neighbor, he had a gift for making others feel welcome and valued. His friendly spirit will be remembered by all who knew him.

His lifelong hobby was to piddle with his scanner and CB radio, he was an avid reader of the Tidewater Trader, The Guide, as well as the Kent County News — which he affectionately called the “County Bible”. At one time Ned volunteered for the Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Company and the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company.

He will be remembered most for his generous heart, his love for conversation, and his unwavering dedication to those he loved. He cared deeply for his family and treasured the time they spent together.

Ned is survived by his devoted wife Edith Sterling, and daughters Cheryl Hurd

(David) and Laurie Usilton (Craig). His grandchildren, Casey Hurd (Kathleen), Kelly Hurd (Curtis), Lauren Schmidt (Glen), Brodie Usilton (Kylie), Tanner Usilton (Makenzie), and Colby Usilton (Lauren). Ned is also survived by great grandchildren, Quinn, Tessa, Avery, Reid, Tripp and Cooper. Also surviving him are Curtis and Ryan, Cathy Legg and Karen Tigner, and his sister Martha. Ned is predeceased by his sisters Lyn and Phyllis, son Charles Edward Sterling and granddaughter Meghan Hurd.

He will be deeply missed and forever cherished in the hearts of his family and friends.

A visitation will be held on Thursday March 5, 2026, from 10:00AM to 11:30 AM with a short service to follow at 11:30 am at Fellows Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral home, 130 Speer Rd, Chestertown, MD, with a private graveside service to immediately follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ned's name may be made to the Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Company at 11966 Kennedyville Road, Kennedville, MD 21645 or the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company at 211 Maple Ave, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Service

MAR 5. 11:30 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 04 at 07:43 AM

LM

“ *Mr. Ned was one of the nicest people I ever knew. He always had a smile and it was a pleasure to have cared for him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!*



Lynn K Bickley MD - March 06 at 04:26 PM

TB

“ *Thelma & Bill Bright lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling*



Thelma & Bill Bright - March 05 at 10:18 AM

LM

“ Liz Meekins lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Liz Meekins - March 05 at 09:21 AM

AS

“ Allan W Schauber lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Allan W Schauber - March 04 at 07:48 PM

PT

“ Pamela Teat lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Pamela Teat - March 04 at 01:09 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling.



March 04 at 10:08 AM

BB

“ Britney & Tom, Hayley & Regan, Brendon purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling.



Britney & Tom, Hayley & Regan, Brendon - March 03 at 08:36 PM

YF

“ Your Centreville Growmark Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling.



Your Centreville Growmark Family - March 03 at 11:42 AM

MC

“ We are so sorry, sending our love and prayers, Mary Lou, Autumn and Brandon

Mary Lou Christian - March 03 at 09:33 AM

MC

“ Mary Lou Christian lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Mary Lou Christian - March 03 at 09:32 AM

RM

“ Sending hugs and prayers to the family.



Robin Merchant - March 02 at 02:41 PM

PS

“ Patricia And Billy Sutton lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Patricia and Billy Sutton - March 02 at 01:05 PM

LW

“ Larry Wiltbank lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Larry Wiltbank - March 02 at 12:34 PM

TS

“ Todd And Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Todd and Diane Smith - March 02 at 08:33 AM

MF

“ Mumford Family lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Mumford family - March 01 at 04:00 PM

DH

“ Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Denny and Judy Hickman - March 01 at 11:18 AM

DH

He was a good friend. The family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Denny and Judy Hickman - March 01 at 11:19 AM

JH

“ Joan Horsey lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Joan Horsey - March 01 at 09:25 AM

KC

“ Kelly & Carol lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Kelly & Carol - February 28 at 08:25 PM

RD

“ So sorry to hear Pop Neds passing. To all his family we are thinking of you all. You are in our thoughts and prayers. I will miss his smile and happy nature. He will be missed by many. But his love lives on in his children and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Randy and Debbie Davidson - February 28 at 04:25 AM

GC

“ Who is gonna call me Ugly now. He always could put a smile on your face, give a hug and make you laugh. Pop Ned ... Double Ugly will be missed by all that had the pleasure of always deviling with him and him deviling with you. Sending love and hugs to all the family. ❤️ Gracie



Grace Crockett - February 27 at 07:57 PM

DH

“ Donna Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Donna Hollingsworth - February 27 at 07:34 PM

BR

“ The office will miss you! “If you can’t be good, don’t get caught.” -
See ya later trouble ❤️ Sending love to Mrs. Sterling and your
family

Britnie - February 27 at 06:48 PM

JS

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family from the Dulin
family 🙏

Jody Dulin Story - February 27 at 04:49 PM

DH

“ Donna Hollett lit a candle in memory of
Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Donna Hollett - February 27 at 03:40 PM

LP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ned was always a
sweetheart always had a smile on his face
enjoy and loving his heart.
He will be missed



Lee Phillips - February 27 at 02:11 PM

TR

“ So sorry for your loss. Rest in Peace, Ned.

Theresa and Carl Redman - February 27 at 11:09 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling.*



February 27 at 08:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling.

February 27 at 08:06 AM



“ *Jenn lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling*



Jenn - February 27 at 07:57 AM



“ *BARBARA COLEMAN lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling*



BARBARA COLEMAN - February 27 at 07:41 AM

FL

“ Always looked forward to the phone calls. It is hard to say goodbye to someone who has been in my life from birth until now. Thank you for all of the love and support you have given. I hope you know much you were loved and will be missed beyond words. Just goes to show people can be family by love and not blood. You will always be my brother. Sending all of you love, hugs and prayers. We will always be here for all of you.



Frankie and Cathy Legg - February 27 at 07:36 AM

MD

“ Marty And Liz Davidson lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Marty and Liz Davidson - February 26 at 10:16 PM

AA

“ So very sorry for your loss. I just saw him a week and a half ago. Always had a kind word to say. Thoughts and Prayers at this difficult time.

Albert and Barbara Allen - February 26 at 09:58 PM

AA

“ Albert And Barbara Allen lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Albert and Barbara Allen - February 26 at 09:58 PM

LM

“ Sending prayers and condolences to all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this sad time.



Lecia Marshner - February 26 at 09:12 PM

MU

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.



Marie Usilton - February 26 at 08:35 PM

PS

“ Patricia And Billy Sutton lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Patricia and Billy Sutton - February 26 at 06:46 PM

GT

“ We both loved talking to Ned. Our conversations always had laughter with it. He was a wonderful man, that will definitely be missed! Love, Gene and Jen Teat



Gene Teat - February 26 at 06:08 PM

JS

“ Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Jeanette Stubbs - February 26 at 04:34 PM

RJ

“ Robin And Robbie Joinet lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Robin and Robbie Joinet - February 26 at 04:15 PM

CC

“ Chrissy And George Curlett lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



Chrissy and George Curlett - February 26 at 03:37 PM

DT

“ David Thompson lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ned" Alan Sterling



David Thompson - February 26 at 03:11 PM