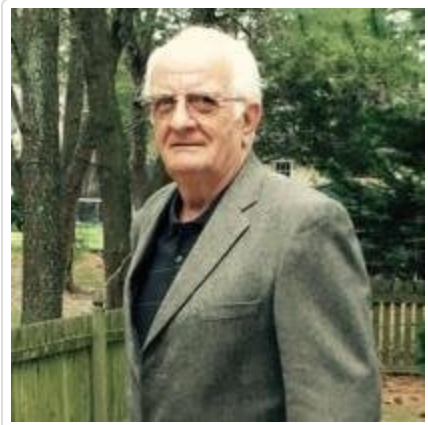




Franz Josef Stoffler

December 2, 1932 - June 30, 2026

Franz Josef Stoffler, known to family and friends simply as Franz, passed away on June 30, 2026. Born December 2, 1932, in Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany, he was the beloved son of Otto and Berta Stoffler. Gentle, curious, and quietly passionate about the things he loved, Franz lived a life defined by skilled hands, steady dedication, and warm companionship.

Trained as a watchmaker and machinist, Franz began his career in Germany before emigrating to the United States at age 26. In New Jersey he worked as a machinist and went on to a distinguished career at Specialty Ring Products in Bensalem, PA, where he served as plant superintendent and director of quality control—a position of which he was very proud. He later brought his mechanical expertise to St. Michaels, Maryland, where he was part owner of a boat sales and repair business. Boats, cars and finely crafted machinery were lifelong passions; he took pleasure in tending engines and details the way a watchmaker tends gears.

Franz's story is also one of love and happy chance. He met his beloved Beverly at the Easton Amish Market in a meeting the family remembers as a lovely, serendipitous encounter; they were married soon after and shared many years of companionship, laughter and quiet devotion. A devoted pet-lover, he treasured his cat Mithra, who was his faithful companion for 19½ years.

He played professional soccer in Trenton, NJ for ten years as a proud member of the German club, and his friends and teammates fondly remember his competitive spirit and camaraderie on the field.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Stoffler; nieces and nephews Karen (Rolf), Susie, and Crystal; nephew Marfred; and great-nieces and great-nephews Jasmin (Kevin), Timo, and Anja. His family will remember him for his gentle humor, his pride in a job well done, and the steady, unassuming kindness that marked everything he did.

A Funeral Mass will be held on July 21, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Easton, Maryland. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Talbot Hospice or the Talbot Humane Society—organizations meaningful to Franzi and the family.

The family appreciates the love and support of all who knew Franzi and invites those whose lives he touched to celebrate the quiet strength, craftsmanship, and generous heart of a life well lived.

Cemetery Details

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Cemetery and Columbarium

1210 S Washington Street
Easton, MD 21601
<https://ssppcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
1210 S. Washington Stree
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall

KM

“ *Ruhe in Frieden lieber Onkel Franz*



karin mayer - July 28 at 08:47 AM

DH

“ *Mr. Franz was a wonderful neighbor to my parents who lived across the street from him on Riverview Terrace...as my Dad's health declined, Mr. Franz was always there offering help.*

Dana Haddaway - July 25 at 09:19 PM

SR

“ *Although we lost touch, Uncle was a part of my life. Being my godfather and my mom's (Maria Robas) brother, he will be missed. Rest with your siblings (Otto, Rudi, Fritz, Maia, and with Oma and Opa). You are at peace, love you, your niece Sheryl.*



Sheryl Robas - July 16 at 09:15 AM

MG

“ *I had the pleasure of serving with Franz as an usher at the 1030 mass at St Michaels. His impish smile and warm handshake always made you feel welcome. He will be missed.*
Mike and Linda Grove

Mike Grove - July 13 at 05:34 PM

EW

“ *Condolences to Beverly. Franz was a very nice man and we will miss his smiling face at St Michaels chapel. God bless. Ernie and Pam Wilson*

Ernie and Pam Wilson - July 13 at 10:05 AM

SH

“ *He will be missed by us at Robins Nest. Him and Beverly would come in and bring us goodies. Prayers for the family*

SHERRY - July 10 at 08:38 AM

JH

“ *My condolences to the family.Had the pleasure of doing business with Franz years ago.*

Jon Haas - July 08 at 08:32 AM

MB

Usher at Saint Michael Mission Church until the end. Always pleasant and consistent. Full life and blessed to have a wife by his side so sweet and cheerful and dedicated as Beverly, whom we love. Prayers for all.

Mark and Jennifer de Bernardo - July 13 at 01:02 PM