



## Gary Ingram Rinehart

March 12, 1936 - March 26, 2024

Gary Ingram Rinehart, 88, of Easton, formerly of St. Michaels, died on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

Born on March 12, 1936, he was the son of C. Earl and Dorothy M. Rinehart. He grew up in Westminster, MD. He graduated from Catawba College in Salisbury, NC with a double major bachelor's degree in chemistry and biology.

After his graduation in 1959, he joined the United States Army where he served as Medical Technician. After his military service, he was employed as a drug detail representative for the Upjohn Pharmaceutical company, moving to Easton, with a territory which covered the Delmarva peninsula.

In 1971 he became Director of Environmental Health for Talbot County. He served in this position for 25 years until his retirement in 1996. He met his beloved wife, Connie, on a blind date while she was still a student at Hood College. After a whirlwind romance, they were married on August 10, 1963, and, after Connie graduated in 1964, they settled in Talbot County, as Connie began her teaching career.

In 1966, they built a new home on Broad Creek in St. Michaels, where they raised their son, Erin. Gary sailed on the Log Canoe, Magic, for more than 20 years during his time in St. Michaels and loved learning the Eastern Shore way

of life. The Rinehart family farm near Westminster became a special place to visit and make forever memories.

In 1996, when Gary retired, the family built a new home in Bantry near Easton, where they still reside. In retirement, Gary spent his last years with Connie, traveling the world by RV and many ocean cruises. For 20 years, he was a devoted volunteer for Easton Hospice House where he first was a patient caregiver and later became the enthusiastic Wednesday morning breakfast cook.

He was a devoted father and grandfather and a fun-loving, faithful friend.

Sadly, he was struck with dementia at age 80 and eventually went to live at Candlelight Cove where he spent his last two years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Mary Consuelo (Connie) Rinehart, his devoted son, Erin Matthew Rinehart (Jennifer), his grandsons, Adam and Connor Rinehart, a brother, Charles E. Rinehart (Shirley) of New Windsor and six nieces and nephews.

All services will be private.

# Tribute Wall

PF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Connie, Erin and the family.*



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**Phil Foster** - March 30, 2024 at 04:15 AM

TB

“ *Dear Connie and family, our sincere sympathy, thoughts and prayers to you at Gary's passing. May you find peace and comfort from the Lord above.*



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**Tom and Lisha Bikle** - March 29, 2024 at 03:22 PM

SS

“ *Dearest Connie. What an amazing of a GREAT GUY. So grateful to know about Gary and the big life you and your family shared. His memory will always be for a blessing.*  
*Sheri*

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**Sheri Smith** - March 28, 2024 at 04:58 PM

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“ *Trudy Leager lit a candle in memory of Gary Ingram Rinehart*



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**Trudy Leager** - March 28, 2024 at 09:41 AM

MB

“ *Mary Baker lit a candle in memory of Gary  
Ingram Rinehart*



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**Mary Baker** - March 27, 2024 at 08:44 PM