



## George Charles Meekins

May 3, 1944 - August 26, 2022

George Charles Meekins, age 78, died peacefully Friday, August 26, 2022, surrounded by family at the TidalHealth Peninsula Regional Hospital in Salisbury, MD. George was born on May 3, 1944, the son of the late George A. Meekins and Ruth Ann Meekins of Worton, MD. In his childhood, with the influence of his parents and siblings, he developed a loving heart, a good work ethic, and kindness he would carry throughout his lifetime. After graduating Shenandoah Valley Academy High School in 1962, George would go on to graduate from the MD Art School in Baltimore, MD, in the spring of 1964.

George was beloved by his wife, Carol Ann Meekins. They were married on September 10, 1964. The couple settled in Caroline County, where they raised their three sons, George Craig Meekins of Preston, MD, Robert Bryan Meekins of Preston, MD and Christopher Ryan Meekins of Colorado Springs, CO.

George was a dedicated hard worker; he worked over 16 years for Home Mutual Life Insurance Company of Easton, MD. During his tenure he was an agent, covering Caroline, Dorchester and Talbot Counties and later became Assistant District Manger covering the Eastern Shore of Maryland. George was awarded several top salesman awards from the company and frequently qualified for company trips to destinations such as Nashville, New Orleans,

Greenbrier, the Poconos, Jamaica, and the Bahamas.

However, with his education in art, artistic ability, being a master wood-worker craftsman and love for antiques, he would follow his heart and pursue a career to capitalize on his passion. Together with his wife, they would build a business, and George would become an expert and merchant in antique restorations. Country Treasures would become their future when they opened this shop in Preston in December of 1978. George would go on to become one of the most profound antique experts for early American primitive painted furniture in the nation. In addition, he also specialized in Mid-Atlantic hunting decoys. In his new line of work, George said that "he never worked because he loved his profession." George, Carol and Robert traveled across the country selling and buying antiques from Maine to Texas, where they met life-long, and unforgettable friends throughout their journeys.

George Meekins was affectionately loved by his family, friends and community. Some would say he never met a stranger. Early in his life, he had a passion for classic Chevys, with his first car being a 1955 Chevrolet. But he was probably best remembered for his 1957 Chevrolet 2 door Bel Air, which in the mid 1960s was known to be the fastest car in Kent County. He would continue his love for classic cars and trucks and would share that love with his sons. Early in his life he was an avid baseball player. His love for the game and talent as a catcher would lead him to play ball throughout the shore for more than 15 years. George eventually stopped playing ball as his family grew.

He was very proud of his family and was excited to become a "grand pop" to his 5 grandchildren, Cindy Meekins and Ariel Meekins of Pembroke, VA; Sarah Durham of Hurlock, MD; Lily Meekins and Ryan Meekins of Colorado Springs, CO. George was a great grand pop but better known as Pee-Paw to Reece Durham, Brynn Durham and Hudson Bright. George had a love for

animals and had several pets, but in recent years developed an affection for his Jack Russell's: Jack, Jill, Flash, Hunter, and Daisy.

George loved holidays and having the family gather together. Anytime to spend with his family was important to him, but he had an affinity for Christmas. The family traveled several counties and as far as Pennsylvania some years to get the "perfect" Christmas tree which was typically a Douglas Fir. His shop, house, and yard were always decorated meticulously. George loved to eat and among his favorite foods were crabs, BBQ ribs, fresh corn on the cob, watermelon, and cantaloupe. He loved to snack, and, when at the ball game, had to have roasted peanuts.

George is survived by his wife Carol A. Meekins of Preston, MD; three sons, George C. Meekins and his wife Robin of Preston, MD, Robert Meekins and his fiancé Cindy Wagner of Preston, MD, and Christopher Ryan Meekins and his wife Holli of Colorado Springs, CO; five grandchildren, Cindy Meekins, Sarah Meekins Durham, Ariel Meekins, Lily Meekins and Ryan Meekins; three great grandchildren, Reece Durham, Brynn Durham and Hudson Bright; a brother, William A. Meekins and wife Carolyn of Chestertown, MD; a sister, Patricia A. Dagenais of Hurlock, MD; and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his nephew, Steve Meekins, and his beloved Jack Russells --Jack, Jill, Flash and Hunter.

A viewing will be held Tuesday, August 30, 2022, from 6PM – 8PM, as well as a service on Wednesday August 31, 2022, at 2PM. Both will be at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newman Funeral Home, 200 S. Harrison Street in Easton, MD. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Memorial Park in Easton.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

11365 Ocean Gateway  
Easton, MD 21601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 30.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home  
200 S. Harrison Street  
EASTON  
EASTON, MD 21601

## Funeral Service

**AUG 31.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home  
200 S. Harrison Street  
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# Tribute Wall



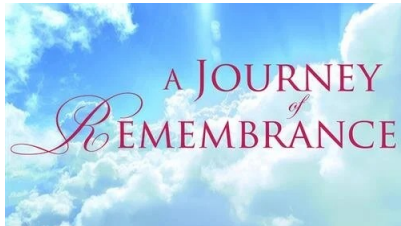
“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a G. Meekins Funeral in memory of George Charles Meekins*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 31, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George Charles Meekins*

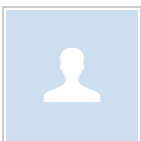


Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 29, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ *George Charles Meekins*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *George Charles Meekins*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ George Charles Meekins

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Lighting a candle to honor George is such an easy thing to do! And picking the color purple, the color of royalty, just seems perfect. So many wonderful years in the antique business and so many wonderful stories and good times. George and Carol are a tribute to the fun and honor it was to be an antique dealer. I was priviledged to spend time at shows and auctions with them. I appreciate the fact that George re-introduced some of our family decoys back where they belonged. George's easy going mannerisms and open smile will never be forgotten.!  
The Showell Family Sandra, Frank Jr. and Amanda



Sandra Showell - September 08, 2022 at 04:14 AM



“ Bill Dickerson lit a candle in memory of George Charles Meekins



Bill Dickerson - August 31, 2022 at 12:41 PM

BD

“ George was truly one of a kind. We met in 1970 at Home mutual life ins. and became friends right away. I don't believe God ever made any friendlier people than George. I have many fond memories of our times together. My thoughts and prayers are with Carol and the boys & family. Look forward to the day when we will see George on the other side.

Bill Dickerson - August 31, 2022 at 12:41 PM

PW

“ Pamela Ward lit a candle in memory of George Charles Meekins



Pamela Ward - August 31, 2022 at 07:41 AM

BK

“ Brenda Knopp lit a candle in memory of George Charles Meekins



Brenda Knopp - August 30, 2022 at 07:09 PM

BK

My husband and I knew George from his shop and Sales/Auctions. I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless you all with strength in this time and ahead.

Brenda Knopp - August 30, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Charles Meekins.* ”



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August 30, 2022 at 05:16 PM



“ *Rosemary Gagalski* ”



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**Rosie Gagalski** - August 30, 2022 at 04:57 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Charles Meekins.* ”



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August 30, 2022 at 12:15 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of George Charles Meekins.* ”



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August 30, 2022 at 10:52 AM

JC

“ Thanks to George for the brief times we talked about not just antiques but life stuff. Small talk tells a lot about a man. I wish there were more of them, but God’s plans aren’t always ours. Karen and I send our prayers to the Meekins family.

John Conley - August 30, 2022 at 07:48 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Charles Meekins.



August 29, 2022 at 06:09 PM

DB

“ My condolences for the Meekins Family . I am sorry for your loss !



Dawn Bradshaw - August 29, 2022 at 04:44 PM

RI

“ Ramsey GMC Inc purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of George Charles Meekins.



Ramsey GMC Inc - August 29, 2022 at 04:07 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of George Charles Meekins.*



August 29, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of George Charles Meekins.*



August 29, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of George Charles Meekins*



**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - August 29, 2022 at 12:12 PM



*Prayers and blessings to the family. So sorry to hear of George's passing. He was our Insurance Agent for a long time. It was always great to see him. He will be missed by many. God bless. Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.*

**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - August 29, 2022 at 12:14 PM

TS

“ *Todd And Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of George Charles Meekins*



**Todd and Diane Smith** - August 29, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Charles Meekins.*



August 29, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of George Charles Meekins.*



August 29, 2022 at 11:31 AM

SS

“ *Steve and Elisabeth Smoot purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of George Charles Meekins.*



**Steve and Elisabeth Smoot** - August 29, 2022 at 11:26 AM

CM

“ My first pieces I bought from George were a red Hepplewhite table, yellow peg board and long bench - I think it was back in 2003 or 2004. I still own all three pieces too. It's been a pleasure buying over all these years. My love to all the Meekins family.

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**Chadwick Mills** - August 29, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of George Charles Meekins.



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August 29, 2022 at 10:31 AM

DC

“ *Georgie will certainly be missed. I loved him dearly. Praying for comfort for all of this precious family. Love to all.*

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**Donna L. Cawley** - August 29, 2022 at 10:08 AM

DC

“ *Donna L. Cawley lit a candle in memory of George Charles Meekins*



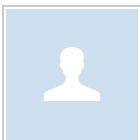
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**Donna L. Cawley** - August 29, 2022 at 10:02 AM



“ 78 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 29, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *George Charles Meekins*.



August 29, 2022 at 09:06 AM



“ *Gary Ball* lit a candle in memory of *George Charles Meekins*



**Gary Ball** - August 29, 2022 at 08:29 AM

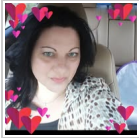
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“ *Carla F Johnson lit a candle in memory of George Charles Meekins*



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**Carla F Johnson** - August 29, 2022 at 07:11 AM



“ *Stacey Mende lit a candle in memory of George Charles Meekins*



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**Stacey Mende** - August 28, 2022 at 06:52 PM

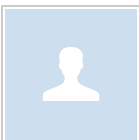
JS

“ *Lite a candle for George Charles Meekins*



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**Jeanette Stubbs** - August 28, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Charles Meekins.*



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August 28, 2022 at 06:30 PM

SJ

“ Sincere sympathy to The Meekins Family



Suzanne Jackson - August 28, 2022 at 04:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Charles Meekins.



August 28, 2022 at 11:35 AM

SS

“ Steve, Valerie, Genevieve, and our sons purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of George Charles Meekins.



Steve, Valerie, Genevieve, and our sons - August 28, 2022 at 10:56 AM

LF

“ Linda Fletcher lit a candle in memory of George Charles Meekins



Linda Fletcher - August 28, 2022 at 10:05 AM

DC

“ Condolences to family as I have known him and his wife and family since my days at Cosden IGA. Always greeted me with a smile and always answered my questions when it came to antiques and collectibles. You will be truly missed. Hugs



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**Debora Collins** - August 28, 2022 at 08:01 AM

RM

“ George was the best father-in-law a girl could ever have. I will miss sharing jokes with each other. I will even miss the 3 hours that it took when we went out to eat crabs knowing that I would be done with my meal in the first 20 minutes or so. I'll miss Christmas at the farm although I'm sure your traditions will carry on. I am sad that you are no longer with us physically but knowing you will never suffer another day and you have a new Heavenly body brings me comfort. I love you and I'll miss you.



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**Robin Parker Meekins** - August 27, 2022 at 10:48 PM

VB

So sorry Robin Prayers for you and your family 🙏💕

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**Vickie Bildstein** - August 27, 2022 at 10:53 PM

RM

Thank you, Vickie

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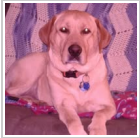
**Robin Parker Meekins** - August 28, 2022 at 12:44 AM

RS

“ Ronda And Simone lit a candle in memory of George Charles Meekins



Ronda and Simone - August 27, 2022 at 08:16 PM



“ Lulu Hurtt lit a candle in memory of George Charles Meekins



Lulu Hurtt - August 27, 2022 at 07:46 PM

LF

“ Love: Curtis and Sue and Our Family purchased the "The Old Rugged Cross 30" Rose Gold Sonnet Chime for the family of George Charles Meekins.



Love: Curtis and Sue and Our Family - August 27, 2022 at 06:59 PM

AB

“ Ann Bateman lit a candle in memory of George Charles Meekins



Ann Bateman - August 27, 2022 at 03:17 PM