



George Matthew Starcken

January 5, 1934 - November 6, 2018

George Matthew Starcken died on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. George was a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, engineer, friend and a volunteer.

He was born January 5, 1934 in Tracy, MN, to Matthew and Cora Starcken and grew up with four sisters and one brother.

George received his Eagle Scout badge at age 16 and participated in the scouting program for the next 25 years. In 1952, he graduated from Tracy High School, and joined the Navy in 1953 as Petty Officer First Class. While on tour in the Navy, he was deployed into "Operation Deep Freeze," which was designed to accompany Admiral Byrd's final visit to the Antarctic and to build the first base at McMurdo Sound in the South Pole.

In 1956, using the GI Bill, George attended the University of South Dakota in Brookings, SD. He graduated in 1960 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was employed by General Electric and move to Cape Canaveral, FL. He participated in the Saturn Missile Program. In 1966, he joined the John Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, MD. His duties over the next 30 years included Polaris/Poseidon Missile System, the Deep Submergence System, and Manager for Ocean Engineering Program, Supervisor for the Special Application Development Program, Executive Secretary for the

Advanced Technology Committee, Supervisor for the Biomedical Program, and Manager for NATO Intensive Munitions Program. During his tenure of 30 years with APL, he invested and holds five patents for technical instruments. George received his Master's degree in Engineering Administration from George Washington University in 1977. In 1986, George was appointed to the Principal Staff.

In 1992, at the age of 58, George retired from John Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory and became a gentleman farmer as well as an Innkeeper of a Bed and Breakfast Huntingfield Manor, Rock Hall, MD.

In 1953, George married Bernadine Schnormeier and with his bride, they spent sixty four years of adventures.

George volunteered in the community, building libraries, joining organizations, and holding positions of president and chairman. His hobbies were reading and maintaining his library of 500 books, designing and building furniture.

George is survived by his two sons, Tim and Ruth Starken of Centreville, MD, Thomas and Robin Starken of Preston, MD; five grandchildren, Major Austin and Melissa, Declan Starken, Major Cody Starken, Kaylin and Eric Wagenblatt, Keira and Andrew Buckingham and Kyle Starken. George is also survived by his two sisters, Nancy Sanderson and Sandi Rettmer, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Gail Robbin; daughter, Gail Robbin; sisters, Gloria, Mary Lou, and brother, Jerome.

Services will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 11:00 am, at Wesley Hall – Heron Point in Chestertown.

Cemetery Details

St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Heron Point - Wesley Hall
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 09, 2018 at 04:13 PM



“ *George Matthew Starken*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *George Matthew Starken*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *George Matthew Starken*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of George Matthew Starken.*



November 12, 2018 at 01:07 PM

WM

“ *With much love from Lynn and Tim McDonough purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of George Matthew Starken.*



With much love from Lynn and Tim McDonough - November 12, 2018 at 04:09 AM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of George Matthew Starken.*



November 11, 2018 at 02:08 PM



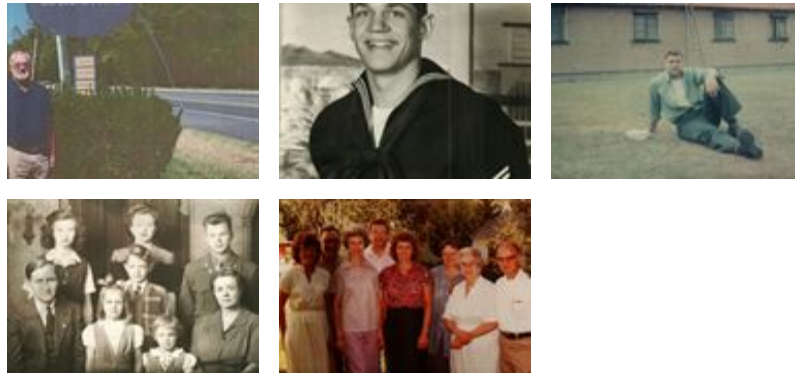
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November 10, 2018 at 07:06 AM



“ 98 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 09, 2018 at 02:57 PM

DL

“ *Bernie, I fondly remember you and George hosting me one weekend many years ago. George was truly a generous and caring soul. Our prayers and condolences are with you. May he rest in peace...
-The Dan Lee Family*



Daniel Lee - November 08, 2018 at 10:52 AM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of George Matthew Starken*



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - November 08, 2018 at 09:14 AM

SJ

“ *Bernie you are in my thoughts and prayers.*”



Suzanne Jackson - November 08, 2018 at 07:08 AM

Keirsa
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“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*”



Keirsa Buckingham - November 07, 2018 at 01:34 PM