



Gerald Gray Friedel

November 3, 1951 - August 13, 2016

Gerald Gray Friedel, 64, of Trappe, MD, formerly of Salisbury, MD, passed away on Saturday, August 13, 2016. Born on November 3, 1951, in Milford, DE, he was the son of Mildred Brown Friedel and the late Charles Gray Friedel.

Graduating in 1973 from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering, he went on to obtain his professional engineering license in Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware. He later founded Davis, Bowen, and Friedel (DBF), a full service architectural and engineering (A&E) firm, in 1983. Rated the #33 top A&E firm in the country, DBF employed 170 employees at its peak and has offices in Salisbury (MD), Milford (DE), and Easton (MD). The firm also acquired Andrews, Miller, and Associates in 2006, which specializes in marine surveys.

A well-known figure in the community, Jerry Friedel was town engineer of Easton for 10 years and a member of the Chamber of Commerce for six years. He was treasurer, and volunteer, of the ACE (Architecture, Construction, and Engineering) mentor program; a national program that mentors high school students interested in pursuing engineering; and a board member of the Tred Avon Yacht Club in Oxford, MD.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Jerry Friedel also achieved

the rank of Eagle Scout at an early age. With his strong spirit of service and dedication, he became a Scout leader for several years, continued to help many others and contributed to the community throughout his life. Jerry Friedel's hobbies included hunting, skeet shooting, decoy carving, golf, classic car restoration, classic gas pump restoration, fishing, boating, and crabbing. An avid craftsman, he enjoyed many projects, one of which was restoration of the historic Dorothy Lee, a 1933 dovetail workboat which led the Cambridge Power Boat Regatta as pace boat and which provided much enjoyment with family and friends while pursuing his crabbing and fishing hobbies with them.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Susan Baldwin Friedel; son, Michael Gray Friedel and his wife Shalini of Alexandria, VA; daughter, Laura Friedel; and his first grandson, Nolan Gray of Easton, MD. He is also survived by his mother, Mildred Brown Friedel of Salisbury, MD; sister, Jennifer Kay Friedel from Salisbury, MD; and brother, James Edward Friedel of Seaford, DE. A beloved husband, father, son, uncle, and friend, he is also survived by his many nieces, nephews, and extended family, who loved him deeply and were greatly inspired by his generosity, spirit, and kindness.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, August 28, at 2:00 PM, at Saints Peter and Paul Church located in Easton. Please send any flower donations to the church on the 28th.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, 213 N. Talbot St., St. Michaels, MD 21663.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
1210 South Washington Street
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Gray Friedel*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Gerald Gray Friedel*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Gerald Gray Friedel*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *We worked together at the Tastee Freeze in Seaford...he did odd jobs for Mr. Gilbert while he was in high school...his sister worked there also...he loved his cheese steaks! Lost touch....but he had a great life, and I'm happy that he did.*

Marcia Legates - August 01, 2021 at 12:10 PM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Gerald Gray Friedel.*



August 27, 2016 at 02:58 PM

PP

“ *Parmy & Prabha purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Gerald Gray Friedel.*



Parmy & Prabha - August 26, 2016 at 04:11 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Gray Friedel.*



August 26, 2016 at 09:13 AM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Gray Friedel.*



August 25, 2016 at 04:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald Gray Friedel.*



August 22, 2016 at 07:36 PM

BE

“ We send heartfelt sympathy and better days
You have lovely friends who will lead you to ways.....
To ease the grieving and move forward if you can
Clearly, for Jerry, God had his own plan
We send love and strength to our special friend
One day you'll see new beginnings and not always the end
We love you and you know that it's true
Please let us help you in whatever you need to do.
All my love,
Beverly Edgell

Beverly Edgell - August 21, 2016 at 06:26 AM

MA

“ Mom, Jennifer, Jim, Jason and Andrew
purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of
Gerald Gray Friedel.



Mom, Jennifer, Jim, Jason and Andrew - August 19, 2016 at
06:21 PM

BS

“ So very sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. Please know that you are
in my thoughts and prayers.

Bill Schieferstein

Bill Schieferstein - August 18, 2016 at 08:08 PM

CA

“ We are still in shock that this has happened. Jerry was filled with life, energy, love, gentleness, happiness and much generosity. He was always willing to help and did so in so many ways at the Tred Avon Yacht Club. I had the pleasure to work with him for 3 years on the House and Grounds Committee. Jerry never said "no". He always found a way to get things done. Tom has worked with him on the board for many years now and was very fond of Jerry and truly enjoyed working with him.

Jerry always greeted fellow members with a smile and a handshake or a hug and made everyone feel like his good friend. He was certainly a friend to us.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Susan and the rest of the family. It is truly unbelievable that you are having to go through this very difficult time filled with such sadness. Please reach out if there is anything that we can do for you.

With much love and sincerity-
Catherine and Tom Alspach
Oxford, MD

Catherine Alspach - August 17, 2016 at 05:37 PM

KH

“ I only know Gerry from a professional standpoint. We worked together on several projects in Worcester County through the years. He was always polite, friendly and professional. My heart goes out to his family. My hope and prayer to you is that the memories you share of Gerry keep him alive in your hearts and souls forever and ever.

Kelly Henry - August 17, 2016 at 03:00 PM



“ Jennifer Friedel lit a candle in memory of Gerald Gray Friedel



Jennifer Friedel - August 17, 2016 at 08:59 AM



“ The A10 Networks Service Provider Team purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Gerald Gray Friedel.

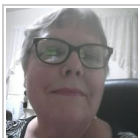


The A10 Networks Service Provider Team - August 16, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ To the Friedel family. My thoughts & prayers are with you during this most difficult time. I enjoyed the time I spent on the Chamber of Commerce board with Jerry and he was always a smiling, friendly face at different business events around town. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories you have.

Casey Baynard - August 16, 2016 at 02:29 PM



“ Jennifer Friedel purchased the 8" Angel holding Dove for the family of Gerald Gray Friedel.



Jennifer Friedel - August 16, 2016 at 09:41 AM