



Howard Milton "Pat" Higgins

October 18, 1926 - January 14, 2021

Howard Milton 'Pat' Higgins was born on October 18, 1926, in Neavitt, MD, to the late Milton H. Higgins and Ruth L. Gith Higgins.

He attended elementary school in Neavitt until the school burned down and everyone was transferred to St. Michaels. After graduating from St. Michaels High School, Pat went to work on the Chesapeake Bay ferry "Herbert R. O'Conner" until enlisting in the Navy during World War II. Pat served from 1944 until 1946 on the USS Varrian. Upon discharge, he returned to the Chesapeake Bay ferry and continued working there until the completion of the Bay Bridge in 1952. At that point, he went to work as a casterman/journeyman at Waverly Press until he retired in 1988.

In his younger years, Pat was a crewman on log canoes and was a charter member of the St. Michaels Power Squadron. On August 18, 1956, he married Charlotte Patricia Carey; they built and lived in the same house their entire married life.

Upon retirement, Pat and Pat bought a camper and traveled extensively throughout the United States, eventually becoming "snowbirds" and spending the winter months in North Ft. Myers and South Beach Miami, FL.

Pat was interviewed for the first issue of "What's Up Eastern Shore" and Maryland Public Television's "Spanning the Bay, The Chesapeake Bay Bridge," as well as being invited to speak at various local meetings. He shared his love of the water with his children, George and Ruth, by teaching them to sail and water ski.

Pat remained an active member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church throughout his adult life, serving as usher, greeter, treasurer of the Sunday School, and a volunteer at St. Mark's Thrift Shop. In addition, he was active with Boy Scout Troop 190, seeing his son, George, achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

His memberships include "Master Mason" York Rite Mason, Order of the Eastern Star

"Past Patron", VFW 5118, American Legion Talbot Post 70, and a past member of Easton Elks Lodge 1622. Pat was always proud of his daughter, Ruth, for following in his footsteps by serving in the U.S. Navy and being an American Legion State Vice Commander.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pat, in July 2019; his sister, Sally K. Fenton of Baldwin, MD, and brother, Harold H. Ferguson of Easton. He is survived by his son, George (New York City), his daughter, Ruth (Preston) and her fiancé, Tim (Trappe), his granddaughter, Jennifer Baker (Preston) and her husband, Garrit, and his two great-granddaughters, Madison and Rylie Baker.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Shriners Hospital, Philadelphia <https://www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org/shc>.

Services will be private.

Tribute Wall



“ Howard Milton "Pat" Higgins

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Howard Milton "Pat" Higgins

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Howard Milton "Pat" Higgins

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

CE

“ *What a lovely man Mr. Higgins was. He was friendly and kind and always talkative, even into his later years. I met the family when I made friends with George in college. We were always welcomed by the Higgins at their home. His neighbors and friends will surely miss his kind nature. It was a blessing for his family to help him stay in his home especially with his independent nature. I know that Ruth did a lot. My sincere condolences to all that loved him.*



Carolyn Eck - January 17, 2021 at 05:58 PM

LL

“ *Lois Lee lit a candle in memory of Howard Milton "Pat" Higgins*



Lois Lee - January 17, 2021 at 01:07 PM

MM

“ *Marilyn And John Morris, lit a candle in memory of Howard Milton "Pat" Higgins*



Marilyn and John Morris, - January 17, 2021 at 09:42 AM

MM

What a true Christian! He will be missed, especially @ St. Mark's church!! Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Marilyn and John Morris, - January 17, 2021 at 09:45 AM

AK

“ Amanda Kaczynski lit a candle in memory of Howard Milton "Pat" Higgins



Amanda Kaczynski - January 16, 2021 at 08:30 PM

HM

“ Holly Moreland lit a candle in memory of Howard Milton "Pat" Higgins



Holly Moreland - January 16, 2021 at 07:23 PM

HM

Uncle Pat was a wonderful uncle, and an all-around great person, who was loved by everyone, and had become the Patriarch of our family. He had a great sense of humor and was fun to be around. He could grill chicken better than anyone! I am thankful for the many wonderful memories I have of him - family get-togethers, camping, boating, and in later years, watching him throw peanuts out to his bluejays, just to name a few. I loved him very much. He will be greatly missed!

Holly Moreland - January 16, 2021 at 07:46 PM

DW

“ Doug & Kathy Willey lit a candle in memory of Howard Milton "Pat" Higgins



Doug & Kathy Willey - January 16, 2021 at 08:39 AM

PF

“ It was my good fortune to get to know Pat & Pat as neighbors, one street over. They were both kind and considerate people who had the respect of all of us. Recently I learned of some of his early experiences and am so glad that he shared them with me. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at his sad time.



Phil Foster - January 16, 2021 at 03:51 AM

DH

“ Debra Henry lit a candle in memory of Howard Milton "Pat" Higgins



Debra Henry - January 15, 2021 at 07:45 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Howard Milton "Pat" Higgins.



January 15, 2021 at 07:32 PM

SJ

“ Mr and Mrs Hlggins were great people always had something to say when they met you on the street RIP



Sol James - January 15, 2021 at 04:39 PM

S9

“ Steadman-Keenan Post 96 lit a candle in memory of Howard Milton "Pat" Higgins



Steadman-Keenan Post 96 - January 15, 2021 at 02:57 PM



“ Ruth and family, I'm so sorry for your loss.



David Andrews - January 15, 2021 at 01:42 PM

KR

“ Thinking of you all at your time of lost. Prayers for peace & comfort. Dewey and Karen



Karen Reed - January 15, 2021 at 09:35 AM

CL

“ Carolyn Lane lit a candle in memory of Howard Milton "Pat" Higgins



Carolyn Lane - January 14, 2021 at 05:50 PM

CL

Ruth, I am so sorry for your loss 🙏 Love and hugs to you 🙏❤️

Carolyn Lane - January 14, 2021 at 05:51 PM

AB

“ ANN BUTLER lit a candle in memory of Howard Milton "Pat" Higgins



ANN BUTLER - January 14, 2021 at 05:38 PM

AB

ALWAYS LOVED CHATTING WITH BOTH PATS AT BOTH CHURCH AND ST MARKS THRIFT SHOP MY SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY

ANN BUTLER - January 14, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ *Mr. Pat was a very special person to many. Howard and I lift you all in our prayers and send our heartfelt sympathy and love...* 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️

Darlene Dixon - January 14, 2021 at 03:29 PM