



## John Miles Massie

March 8, 1947 - October 2, 2015

John Miles Massie of Sudlersville, MD, died Friday October 2, 2015, in University of Maryland Hospital. He was 68.

John M. Massie was born March 8, 1947, in Baltimore, MD, the son of the late Ellsworth Sumptor Massie and Kathryn Arlene "Hackman." Mr. Massie was a 1965 graduate of Bel Air High School. He then attended college at St. Mary's and Towson State University as a history major. In 1983, he moved to the Eastern Shore. Mr. Massie worked as the manager of Laurence Clothing in Annapolis, a substitute teacher for Queen Anne's Public Schools and, most recently, as the Bridge Tender on the Sassafras River Bridge where he just retired this past April. Mr. Massie was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church and enjoyed reading, doing crossword puzzles, and going to the beach.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one grandchild, Evan Miles Massie.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Margot Massie of Sudlersville, MD; one daughter, Katie Lofland (Corby); one brother, Gerald Massie (Katie) of Woodsboro, MD; one grandchild, Morgan Lofland of Sudlersville, MD; two sisters-in-law, Lee Lewis (Dan) of Easton, MD, Marsha Dyer of Timonium, MD; one uncle, Cecil Massie (Virginia), and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 24, 2015, at 1p.m. at Fellows Family Funeral Home, 370 Cypress St., Millington, MD. Visitation will be held from 12 – 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to the George L. Henckel Scholarship Fund, Sudlersville Middle School. Att:Trudy Clark, 600 Charles St., Sudlersville, MD 21668 or Sudlersville Vol. Fire Co.. P.O. Box 61, Sudlersville, MD 21668.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT **24**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows Family Funeral Home  
370 West Cypress Street  
Millington, MD 21651  
(410) 928-5311  
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

### Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Miles Massie*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John Miles Massie*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

GM

“ To my brother, John -  
Forever my brother.....  
Forever my friend.....  
Forever my hero.....  
and  
Forever in our hearts.

*Ride in the Hand of God*  
(from Gerry and Katie)

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*A Brother's Commendation*

*"He has shown thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee? But to do justly, and to love mercy, and the walk humbly, with thy God." (Micah 6:8)*

*John Miles Massie: Student, Busboy, Lifeguard, Security Guard, Retail Men's Clothier, Teacher, Craftsman, Churchman, Drawbridge Tender.....*

*Son, Uncle, Father, Grandfather, Protector, Defender, Trail guide, Friend.....*

*My Brother.....  
A quiet man, a man of wry humor, but a man able to see the humor in the worst of situations, to see the pathway through any challenge, and to recover and persevere.....*

*I envied my brother for his ability to speak so concisely to the issues.....his articulation was a gift.....*

*I respected my brother – for the absolute courage, and*

*resourcefulness with which he faced every day.....*

*And.....I loved my brother for all that he had in his heart*

*When faced with a task? He owned it, and like Clint Eastwood's Dirty Harry Callahan, he was similarly wise enough to know his limitations.*

*Day in and day out.....for over 45 years, he loved his wife, Margot, and he loved his family, and I would be unwise to try in any way to further decorate or embellish this man who lived his life so simply, and with such transparency of heart.*

*My heart and mind reach back through time to so many memories of growing up with my brother: Holiday Gatherings (Mattel burp Guns), Trout-fishing Expeditions with Mom and Dad (back-seat reading of sci-fi short stories), vacation trips in the back seat of the old Pontiac sedan (some scenes and memories were straight out of National Lampoon's "Family Vacation", Holiday swim parties and cookouts, Thanksgiving and the "3-fer" Traditional Family Porch front photo session, and the infamous "Eastern Shore beaten biscuits".....*

*And there were moments of sorrow, when the strength of this man was clearly evident, and he was the rock, to his family.*

*Over time, gatherings grew to be less frequent, as families flexed wings and expanded, but only the physical aspect.....we remained close at heart, and with every phone call, it was as though someone would simply release the pause button on our conversation, and we could pick up where we left off.....*

*.....and we will do so, again.*

*So, what would John want for us? This simple man, who was never pretentious, never made overtures, who never believed his own press (a rare quality today).....*

*Namely, this: That we might awaken, as he now has – awaken, to a day, where we might say:*

*"I could want for nothing more".*

*The last time I spoke to my brother, I did not know it was the last time, in this life, that I would do so. I wish now, that I had thanked him more: for what he meant to me, for what he taught me as a big brother, for the good memories I have because of him, for his gift: of brotherhood.*

*But, I believe that now, he knows all of this, and more.*

*My final words to John were spoken with the firm grip of his hand in mine: "Hang tough, see you soon, I love you, Ride.....in the Hand of God.*

*And so, John, on this Good day, I can say to you with confidence:*

*You hung tough - until it was time for your next chapter....*

*We will see you soon enough - my 64 years have gone by in a blink....*

*I still love you - every single day....*

*And I commend you, my brother, unto God, in Whose Almighty Hand you now ride.*

*And to those of us who remain here, for but a moment, speaking for my brother, I can say to you with that same confidence:*

*There is no better place to be, than to ride in the Hand of God.*

*Gerry Massie*

*October 24, 2015*

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**Gerald B ("Gerry") Massie** - October 29, 2015 at 08:04 PM



“ *Health Nut Basket was purchased for the family of John Miles Massie.*



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October 22, 2015 at 10:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Miles Massie.*



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October 11, 2015 at 05:38 PM



“ *Margot,*

*I am deeply saddened to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Cathy (Crandall) Bridges*

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**Cathy Bridges** - October 11, 2015 at 01:11 PM

SB

“ Dear Margot,

*I was saddened to hear about the passing of your husband John. After 45 years of marriage (quite an accomplishment!), I wish for happy memories of John for you and your family. My prayers are with you through out this hard time.*

*Sharon Biondi (Kenwood class of 1964)*

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**Sharon Smith Biondi** - October 09, 2015 at 04:35 PM

JA

“ *Judy Adkins lit a candle in memory of John Miles Massie*



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**Judy Adkins** - October 09, 2015 at 03:35 PM

JD

“ *We are deeply saddened by the passing of John. Even though we haven't been as close as we were at one time, Pam and I often spoke of Margot and John and all of the good times we had together. John was a unique individual with an exceptional mind and wit. John was great to be around. We still have the chair that John made for our son, Joe, and it is a fond remembrance of him. Their respective families accepted us and always made us comfortable.*

*Pam and Joe Davis*

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**Joe Davis** - October 08, 2015 at 01:43 PM

HT

“ Heidi Thoma-Luff lit a candle in memory of John Miles Massie



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**Heidi Thoma-Luff** - October 06, 2015 at 08:07 PM

JD

“ Margot, Katie and Family

*My sincere condolences on the passing of John. I have great childhood memories of him at the Massie summer pool parties. He will be dearly missed.*

*Your in my thoughts and prayers,*

*Joe Davis 3rd*

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**Joe Davis** - October 06, 2015 at 07:34 PM

MF

“ Matt And Roxanne Dean & Family lit a candle in memory of John Miles Massie



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**Matt and Roxanne Dean & Family** - October 06, 2015 at 02:42 PM

CL

“ *Mrs. Massie, I am so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. Sincerest sympathies to you and your family. Cindy Licata*



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**Cindy Licata** - October 06, 2015 at 01:14 PM

CD

“ *Margot and family,  
So very sorry for the loss of your husband,  
father and loved one. If I can be of any help  
please let me know. May God be with you in  
your time of need.*



*I will not be able to be at the service as I have company coming in  
from NC. You will be in my prayers.*

*Charlotte Dukes*

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**Charlotte Dukes** - October 06, 2015 at 12:36 PM

LC

“ *Libby Carlisle lit a candle in memory of John  
Miles Massie*



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**libby carlisle** - October 06, 2015 at 10:17 AM