



## Joseph Clifford Gsell

October 10, 1944 - July 22, 2026

Joseph Clifford Gsell of Chestertown, MD passed away July 22, 2026, he was 81.

Born in Chestertown, MD October 10, 1944, to the late Clifford and Ruth Harrington Gsell. Joe graduated from Chestertown High school in 1962 and in 1964 married his wife Portia while working as a mechanic for various employers.

In 1989 Joe and Portia started farming together. Joe spent many years meticulously maintaining his beautiful farm in Chestertown where he and his wife Portia lived and raised their two sons Mike and John. In addition to farming Joe maintained his skills as a mechanic, maintaining all his farming equipment himself. In Joe's Words "farming was always the goal"

He enjoyed farming, wildlife, spending time with family and his springer spaniel, Beau.

In addition to his parents Joe was predeceased by his brothers Jimmy and Tommy.

Joe is survived by his wife of 62 years Portia Gsell; sons Mike Gsell (Shelly) and John Gsell (Wendi); sister Patricia Unruh and brother Billy Gsell (Linda);

grandchildren Travis (Becca), Jess, Ian, Livy; great-grandchildren Emma, Adi, Izzy, Eli and Isaiah along with his loyal canine companion Beau.

A funeral Service will be held Wednesday July 29, 2026, at 12pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home 130 Speer Road Chestertown, MD 21620 where a visitation will be held an hour prior from 11am until 12pm. All are encouraged to dress casually and comfortably.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Kent and Queen Anne's Rescue Squad 140 Morgnec Road Chestertown, MD 21620 or your local Volunteer Fire Department.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JUL **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

## Burial

JUL **29** (ET)

Shrewsbury Cemetery  
Kennedyville, MD

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Lynne Cain*



**Lynne Cain** - July 30 at 07:56 AM

FD

“ *Frankie & Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell*



**Frankie & Jane Dill** - July 29 at 09:46 AM

DB

“ *David&Stefanie Blyman lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell*



**David&Stefanie Blyman** - July 28 at 11:36 PM

JS

“ *Jim Sowden lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell*



**Jim Sowden** - July 28 at 02:09 PM

JS

“ *Rest easy Joe, My condolences to Joe's family and friend's*

**Jim Sowden** - July 28 at 02:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Clifford Gsell.*



July 28 at 08:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Clifford Gsell.

July 28 at 08:52 AM

SG

“ *Steve & Laura Gsell purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Joseph Clifford Gsell.*



**Steve & Laura Gsell** - July 27 at 05:15 PM

RW

“ *Raymond And Lorraine Wallace lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell*



**Raymond and Lorraine Wallace** - July 27 at 01:09 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Walls lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell



Carolyn Walls - July 27 at 12:02 PM

VQ

“ Thinking of Joe's family Portia & boys and extended family. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Kent County Public Works Roads Division



Vickie Quinn - July 27 at 09:01 AM

VQ

“ Thinking of Portia & family. Vickie & Danny Quinn



Vickie Quinn - July 27 at 09:00 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Clifford Gsell.



July 27 at 08:42 AM

DT

“ *David Thompson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell*



David Thompson - July 27 at 07:57 AM

IT

“ *Inez Thompson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell*



Inez Thompson - July 26 at 01:18 PM

SE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers, Spencer and Barbara*



Spencer and Barbara Everett - July 26 at 08:01 AM

NW

“ *Nicky & Connie Wood lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell*



Nicky & Connie Wood - July 25 at 07:14 PM

NI

*I always felt welcomed by Joe and his family whenever I hauled grain off his farm.*

Nicky - July 25 at 07:18 PM

KC

“ *So sorry to hear Bill's father has passed on, but he is in glory land. Cherish the memories*

Karen Cannon - July 25 at 05:14 PM

BN

“ *Barbara K Nelson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell*



Barbara k Nelson - July 25 at 04:17 PM

JE

“ *Mike and entire family Edith and Josh send our sincere condolences*



Josh And Edith Elbourn - July 25 at 02:03 PM

DS

“ *Dave And Donell Smith lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell*



Dave and Donell Smith - July 25 at 02:01 PM

GS

“ George Short lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell



George Short - July 25 at 01:36 PM

NT

“ Nancy Toy lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell



Nancy Toy - July 25 at 01:33 PM

JB

“ Portia, Mike and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with Mr. Joe many times at the FSA and KSCD offices. He always asked how my mom and dad were doing when he came in and was very supportive when we lost dad. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Sending much love your way. Julie Bedwell

Julie Bedwell - July 25 at 12:40 PM

RK

“ Rita And Eddie Kulley lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell



Rita and Eddie Kulley - July 25 at 09:07 AM

KL

“ Katherine Langenfelder lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell



Katherine Langenfelder - July 25 at 09:06 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph Clifford Gsell.



July 25 at 08:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Clifford Gsell.

July 25 at 08:24 AM

JG

“ Jeff And Vicky Galt lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell



jeff and vicky Galt - July 24 at 11:26 PM

AA

“ *Albert And Barbara Allen lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell*



Albert and Barbara Allen - July 24 at 11:11 PM

AA

“ *To Portia and Joe's family. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with all of you in your loss. Love and hugs go out to you in this difficult time.*

Albert and Barbara Allen - July 24 at 11:11 PM

GW

“ *Greg And Janie Welch lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell*



Greg and Janie Welch - July 24 at 10:18 PM

FL

“ *Portia and all of Joe's family. We are so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. We are sending love and hugs. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.*



Frankie and Cathy Legg - July 24 at 09:30 PM

NG

“ *Nancy Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell*



Nancy Greenwood - July 24 at 09:14 PM

TA

“ *Tracy & Mike Abram lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell*



Tracy & Mike Abram - July 24 at 07:26 PM

BW

“ *Barb And Jim Wyman lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell*



Barb and Jim Wyman - July 24 at 06:07 PM



“ *Marian Wyble lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell*



Marian Wyble - July 24 at 05:05 PM

PH

“ *Mr. Joe will be missed by so many....sending hugs to you Ms. Portia!*



Peggy Hammer - July 24 at 03:47 PM

CE

“ *Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Clifford Gsell*



Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards - July 24 at 12:59 PM

CE

*Joe was a wonderful kind man & will be greatly missed. Our thoughts & prayers are with the family.  
God Bless You until we meet again.*

Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards - July 24 at 01:01 PM

MC

*So Sorry To Hear. Joe Was A Great Guy .I Was Down To The Farm Recently As He Was As Pleasant As Ever! Rest In Peace Joe*

Marion L. Chance - July 25 at 09:04 AM

RK

*Sincere condolences to the entire Gsell family. You have a wonderful family and we pray Joe rests in peace.*

Rita and Eddie Kulley - July 25 at 09:07 AM

NC

*Dear Portia and Family, may God be with you all at this sad time . May He Bless and keep you and make His face shine upon you and give you His peace . Shalom peace that peace passes all understanding ,nothing missing nothing broken . Praying for you guys .*

*Love You Much*

*Barry and Nancy*

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**Nancy Conner** - July 27 at 03:21 PM