



## Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.

May 5, 1941 - March 2, 2024

Joseph H. Secrist, Jr., 82, of Easton, MD, passed away on March 2nd, 2024. Born May 5th, 1941, in Ridgely, MD, Joe was a loving husband, beloved father and devoted grandfather. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Joe's life was a life of service. Service to his family, service to God and church, and service to the community. A native of Cordova, MD, Joe graduated from Easton High School and Chesapeake College. Like his father, Joe owned and managed Secrist Electric in Cordova, MD for many years, serving our community of farmers, businesses and residents. He also served as a member of the Talbot County Electrical Board. He was a life member and former president and chief of the Cordova Volunteer Fireman's Association. He was also past president of the Talbot County Fireman's Association. Joe was an instructor for the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute for several years, providing training to fire service on the Eastern Shore. He also served six years in the National Guard. He was active in politics and was elected to the Republican Central Committee. Joe served for over twenty years on the Talbot County Election Board, as a member and president. Joe was a trustee at Talbot Bible Church and more recently at Shore Harvest Presbyterian Church. He donated many hours doing electrical work on the building renovation of Shore Harvest. Joe had a vast knowledge of Talbot County history, especially the canning and oyster packing industries. He was an avid collector of canning labels and tokens, as well as oyster cans. He was a member of the Tuckahoe Steam and

Gas Association and welcomed visitors to the museum there for numerous years.

Joe is survived by his wife of 44 years, Gayle Secrist, and one daughter – Carrie Simpler (Jonathan), as well as two grandchildren – Grimm and Janie, whom he adored. He is also survived by his brother, C. Kenneth Secrist. He was preceded in death by his father, J. Henry Secrist and his mother, Sarah Secrist.

The family will receive visitors at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Easton on Sunday, March 10th, from 3pm to 6pm. A funeral service will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home on Monday, March 11th at 11am, where friends and family may visit starting at 10:30am. The family suggests that memorial donations be made to Cordova Volunteer Fireman Association or Shore Harvest Presbyterian Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

11365 Ocean Gateway  
Easton, MD 21601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location  
200 S Harrison St  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
[info@fhfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhfuneralhome.com)

## Visitation

MAR 11. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Easton Location  
200 S Harrison St  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
[info@fhfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhfuneralhome.com)

## Funeral Service

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MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Easton Location  
200 S Harrison St  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
[info@fhnfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhnfuneralhome.com)

## Graveside Service

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MAR 11. 12:15 PM (ET)

Woodlawn Memorial Park  
11365 Ocean Gateway  
Easton, MD 21601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 08, 2024 at 03:24 PM

FC

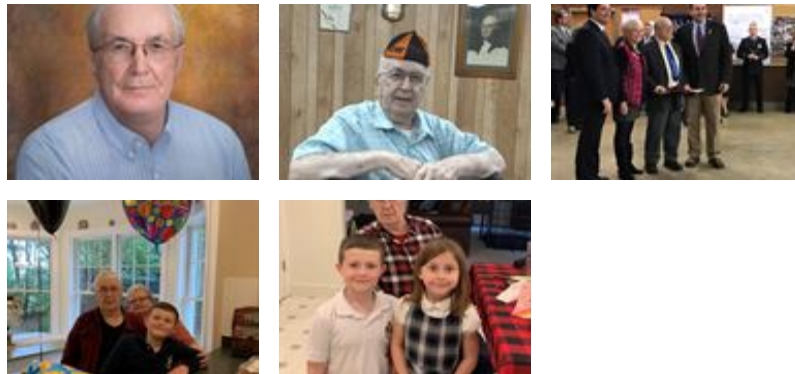
“ *Frank Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.* ”



Frank Cavanaugh - March 10, 2024 at 12:40 PM



“ *21 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 08, 2024 at 02:44 PM

RW

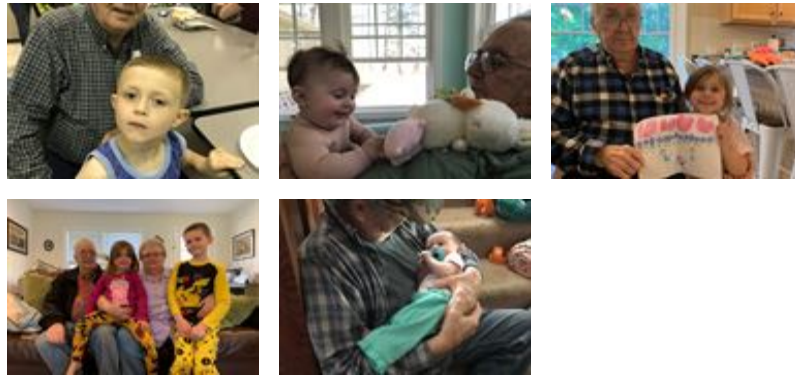
“ Ronald Whittington lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.



Ronald Whittington - March 08, 2024 at 02:16 AM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 07, 2024 at 05:01 PM

WT

To Joe's family and loved ones, prayers of love, peace and comfort express my sincere condolences to all of you at this time.

Wadella C Thomas - March 10, 2024 at 03:37 PM

KM

“ Kenny, Jessie, & Brookelynn Marks lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.



Kenny, Jessie, & Brookelynn Marks - March 07, 2024 at 01:53 PM

TF

*Our thoughts & prayers are with you all.  
Kenny, Jessie, & Brookelynn Marks*

**The Marks Family** - March 07, 2024 at 01:54 PM

MH

“ *Monica And Jeff Heinsohn lit a candle in  
memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.*



**Monica and Jeff Heinsohn** - March 07, 2024 at 10:28 AM

AA

“ *To the family..So very sorry for your loss.  
Thoughts and Prayers for everyone at this  
difficult time.*



**Albert and Barbara Allen** - March 07, 2024 at 09:08 AM

CS

“ *Sending love to his family. Uncle Joe will be  
missed.*



**Carl and Peggy Secrist** - March 06, 2024 at 04:30 PM

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“ *Shore Harvest Presbyterian Church (PCA) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr..*



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**Shore Harvest Presbyterian Church (PCA)** - March 06, 2024 at 11:52 AM

IN

“ *Irene, Dale and Sue Nonemaker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr..*

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**Irene, Dale and Sue Nonemaker** - March 06, 2024 at 10:27 AM

IN

“ *Irene, Dale and Sue Nonemaker purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr..*



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**Irene, Dale and Sue Nonemaker** - March 06, 2024 at 10:27 AM



“ So very sad to learn of the passing of this wonderful man. He was responsible for "talking" me into running for County Council all those years ago. I will never forget him coming into my store to get color copies of his wonderful collection of tomato cans and we would talk and talk about politics. He so generously gave of his time and was an amazing public servant, working hard to get good people elected and serving on Talbot's Election and Electrical Boards. I will miss you deeply and my heart goes out to your family.



Laura Everngam - March 06, 2024 at 08:29 AM

DN

“ Doug And Debbie Nonemaker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr..

Doug And Debbie Nonemaker - March 06, 2024 at 03:05 AM

DN

“ Doug And Debbie Nonemaker purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr..



Doug And Debbie Nonemaker - March 06, 2024 at 03:05 AM

DA

“ Doug Abbott lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.



Doug Abbott - March 05, 2024 at 05:18 PM

KS

“ Karen Salmon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr..

Karen Salmon - March 05, 2024 at 02:25 PM

KS

“ Karen Salmon purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr..



Karen Salmon - March 05, 2024 at 02:25 PM

MM

“ A friend is gone. I'm in Canada now. I'll miss our email conversations. He was a good man. Enjoy Heaven, Joe.

Mike Muroski - March 05, 2024 at 05:42 AM

VP

“ Virginia Patrick lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.



Virginia Patrick - March 04, 2024 at 10:36 PM

PS

“ Peggy And Mark Secrist lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.



Peggy and Mark Secrist - March 04, 2024 at 09:27 PM

DE

“ Dear Gayle and Carrie,  
Sending you both much love and comfort at this difficult time. I'm sorry for your loss .  
Blessings~Doreen Enzor



Doreen Enzor - March 04, 2024 at 09:06 PM

PZ

“ Patty Zweemer lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.



Patty Zweemer - March 04, 2024 at 07:57 PM

CS

“ *Connie Harris Sypniewski lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.*



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**Connie Harris Sypniewski** - March 04, 2024 at 07:57 PM

KH

“ *Kim Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.*



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**Kim Honeycutt** - March 04, 2024 at 07:27 PM

AM

“ *Allison Murphy lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.*



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**Allison Murphy** - March 04, 2024 at 07:19 PM

AB

“ *Alex And Nancy Borga lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.*



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**Alex and Nancy Borga** - March 04, 2024 at 06:52 PM

PM

“ *Phil & Lois MacDonald lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.*



Phil & Lois MacDonald - March 04, 2024 at 05:50 PM

PC

“ *With deepest sympathy to the family.*



Phyllis Carmine Carroll - March 04, 2024 at 05:24 PM

SJ

“ *Sol James lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.*



Sol James - March 04, 2024 at 04:48 PM

CL

“ *Carolyn Lane lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.*



Carolyn Lane - March 04, 2024 at 04:01 PM

AB

“ *Agnes Blades lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Secrist, Jr.*



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**Agnes Blades** - March 04, 2024 at 02:39 PM

AB

*So very sorry for your loss...*

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**Agnes Blades** - March 04, 2024 at 02:39 PM

CS

*Deepest sympathy to Joe's family. He was a good friend and will be missed. John and Cathy Sewell*

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**Cathy Sewell** - March 04, 2024 at 07:41 PM

EF

*Joe will be missed by so many. He was always a treasure and a good friend to the Rural Life Museum of Trappe and brought so much joy with his collection of labels, tokens, and cans. Praying our Lord's own comfort for his family and all who loved him.*

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**Elizabeth Ferguson** - March 05, 2024 at 09:56 PM

GD

*Farewell, Joe. You certainly won't be forgotten. I pray for comfort, peace, and memories of good times for your family. You all are in my heart and prayers.*

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**Grace Davis** - March 06, 2024 at 09:07 AM