



## Mahlon Harker Trout Jr.

July 23, 1930 - August 2, 2020

Mahlon Harker Trout, Jr. of Bear DE, formerly of Salisbury, MD, died at the home of his son on August 2, 2020, at the age of 90.

Born on July 23, 1930, in Wilmington, DE, he was the the son of the late Laura Jean Shuler Trout and Dr. Mahlon H. Trout, Sr. Mahlon grew up in Salisbury, MD, and graduated from Wicomico High School in 1948. Mahlon then went on to State Teachers College, where he received an Associate in Arts degree in 1950. He entered the U.S. Air Force for a four-year tour of duty as an electronics technician. After graduation from electronics school at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS, he was assigned to Selfridge Field, MI, until the entire squadron was transferred to Wheelus AFB in Tripoli, Libya.

Upon his discharge from the Air Force, he returned to State Teachers College and completed a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Education. He received a Master's degree from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1964. On December 17, 1955, Mahlon married the former Donna June Seymour, and they had two children together, Deborah Lynn and Arthur.

He was employed as a Guidance Counselor at Parkside High School from 1975 – 1995. Previously, he was a science teacher at Wicomico Jr. High School from 1955-1958, then served as guidance counselor until 1961 when he transferred to James M. Bennett and served as guidance counselor until

June 1975. He then transferred to Parkside until his retirement in 1995.

While employed with the Wicomico County school system, Mr. Trout was a member of the National Education Association, Maryland State Teachers Association, and the Wicomico Education Association. He organized the Lower Shore Personnel and Guidance Association and served as president for two years. He was President of the Wicomico County Council of PTAs in 1967/68, served as president of the Wicomico County Mental Health Association, served on the Advisory Board for the General Studies Program at Wor-Wic Community College from 1993-1995 and was President of the Nithsdale Homeowners Association for two years. He was a member of the Wicomico Retired Teachers Association, MD Retired Teachers Association, the Air Force Association, and the Air Force Memorial. Since 1995, Mr. Trout has been a member of The American Federation of Musicians, and more recently, a Life Member of Local # 21 of Wilmington, DE.

Mahlon has been an avid fan of all genres of music, especially big band, swing and jazz and has played with several bands and played as a soloist at various restaurants and lounges throughout the Shore.

Mr. Trout was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Salisbury.

Mahlon is survived by his wife, Donna June Seymour Trout, of Bear DE; daughter, Deborah Lynn and her husband, John R. Merceron of Easton; and his son, Arthur Trout and his wife, Karen, of Bear, DE; grandchildren, Jaime Riley, Jim Riley (Katherine), Art Trout, Andrew Trout, Hannah Hibbard (Caleb), Rebekah Trout, Leah Hollinshead (Martin) and Mahlon Trout; and great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Wyatt Eaton, Jimmy, Clementine, and Shepherd Riley, Eillie Hibbard, and Jonah and Judah Hollinshead.

Due to Covid restrictions, services will be private. Burial will be at Spring Hill

Memorial Garden in Salisbury.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to Grace United Methodist Church, 635 East Church St., Salisbury, MD 21801 or Heritage Foundation of PRMC, 100 E. Carroll St., Salisbury, MD 21801.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mahlon Harker Trout Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mahlon Harker Trout Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mahlon Harker Trout Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Debbie and Art, Mom and I remember you all as wonderful friends and neighbors. We are so sad to learn of your Dad's passing. Thinking of you. Deepest Sympathy, Kim and Juanita*

**Kim Webster** - October 31, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ *Debbie and Art,*

*Dad and I were so sorry to read of your loss. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers.*

*There are so many wonderful memories we have of your parents over the years, it would be hard to pick any one.*

*Prayers,*

*Vernon Taylor and Sharon Taylor Steckman*

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**Sharon Steckman** - August 18, 2020 at 08:12 PM

SP

“ *To The Family Of Mr. Trout, I am sooo sorry to read of Mr. Trout's passing, I had the pleasure of meeting with Mr. Trout and talking to him on several occasion's when I was a student at Parkside School at Salisbury, he was a*

*Wonderful person and was always there for everyone no matter what they needed him for! When he wasn't in his Guidance Office he was always out in the hall's making sure everyone was okay and he would always make his round's throughout the whole School making sure the Student's and Teacher's were okay in their classroom's! Word's can not ease your sorrow, may it somehow help to know other's care and share in your sorrow! May God Bless You All With His Loving Care And Watch Over You All At This Very Emotional Time! Sharon Phillips-Taylor.*



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**Sharon Phillips-Taylor** - August 12, 2020 at 09:21 AM

LZ

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of Mr. Trout. As a Parkside mother for nine years, there were many opportunities for me to interact with Mr. Trout.. The memories are fond ones. He was a man of integrity. My husband and I also met his wife Donna June. Our prayers are with you that God will comfort and strengthen you at this time.

Linda Zant

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Linda Zant - August 09, 2020 at 01:25 AM



“ Words cannot truly express the sadness and shock I felt when I heard about the passing of Mahlon. I had the pleasure of working with him at Bennett High School from 1968-1971 when I was a vice principal. I had the utmost respect and admiration for Mahlon. In 1975, I was deeply honored to open Parkside High School as its first principal. I was most fortunate to have Mahlon join that faculty as a Guidance Counselor. He was really more than that. He was someone I could talk to about various ideas and thoughts I had about things I was thinking of implementing. He was without question the greatest advisor and sounding board a principal could ever have. I had the GREATEST respect and admiration for Mahlon and considered myself fortunate to know him and to work with him. I left Parkside in 1980 but knew I left that Guidance Office in the most capable hands possible. I also enjoyed listening to him play the piano. He had a special musical talent.

I shall always have the fondest memories of Mahlon and consider myself fortunate to just have known him. I can only say many times over, " Thank you Mahlon for all that you did for so many people to include me." I certainly send my deepest sympathies to his entire family. May his memory will be eternal. God bless you Mahlon Trout !!! With deepest sympathies, Tony Sarbanes

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Billy Sarbanes - August 08, 2020 at 04:12 PM

PB

“ I knew Mahlon as a youngster when he and my brother Pat Flannery played in the Blue Seranadors My brother died at age of 59 so I followed Mahlon most of the rest of his life...He was a kind and generous gentle man....my love to his family and Donna

Peg Flannery Bauer - August 07, 2020 at 02:59 PM

KD

“ Donna June and family, our condolences for the loss of Mahlon. Our family knew him as a teacher, a counselor and an excellent educator. May you be comforted during this difficult time.  
Kay and Marvin Dykes

Kay and Marvin Dykes - August 07, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ Mahlon and Family: So sorry to hear of the passing of your grandfather/father. Sending our condolences and prayers for you all. Take care and God bless.

Roger & Lisa Dupert

Lisa Dupert - August 07, 2020 at 02:11 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Mahlon Harker Trout Jr.



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - August 05, 2020 at 11:32 AM

GP

*Debbie and family: Thinking of you in our prayers during the loss of your dad. May God give you the strength and love to get through this difficult time. Thinking of you. God Bless, Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.*

**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - August 05, 2020 at 11:33 AM

CJ

*I attended Bennett High School in the 1960's when Mahlon was a counselor. He was one of the few administrative members who actually took the time to listen to your concerns. He was a real gentleman who cared about the students. Years later I would run into him in Chesapeake Bagels in Salisbury. He always took the time to say hello and ask how I was.  
I am sorry for your loss.*

*Cameron Jackson*

**Cameron Jackson** - August 07, 2020 at 07:15 AM

PS

*Donna June and family, We are so sorry for your loss. I worked with Mahlon at Parkside. He was an awesome educator and counselor! Loved hearing his stories about his piano playing at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin and his stories about Donna June and his children! He was such a proud man! Great memories! Our thoughts and prayers to his wonderful family. Peggy and Ed Shockley*

**Peggy Shockley** - August 08, 2020 at 08:32 AM

PB

*“ I never had the pleasure of meeting him but I work with his daughter Debbie and if she is a reflection of him and he must've been a wonderful man and did a great job in raising her my prayers and condolences*

**patricia Below-Jones** - August 04, 2020 at 06:18 PM