



Marshall Lodge McSorley

May 31, 1987 - February 8, 2026

Marshall Lodge McSorley of Chestertown, MD passed away on Feb. 8, 2026, at Christiana Hospital in Newark, DE. He was 38.

Marshall was born May 31, 1987, in Chestertown, MD, the son of the late Samuel E. McSorley (Aug. 27th 2025) and Kim Jones McSorley of Chestertown. He was a 2005 graduate of Queen Anne's County High School and a 2010 graduate of Salisbury University, earning a bachelor's degree in environmental science with a minor in Geographic Information Systems. He worked for David A Bramble Construction after graduation until taking a position with Cecil County Dept. of Public Works in 2012.

Marshall willingly embraced many roles doing whatever was needed to get the job done, acting as an inspector, project manager, equipment operator, software application designer, event coordinator, planner or supervisor. Above all, he was regarded as a mentor and teacher.

As Cecil County Watershed Coordinator, he devoted himself to protecting and improving local waterways. He was deeply passionate about education, delivering presentations to students of all ages about water quality and promoting restoration efforts. In partnership with University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension, he prepared and taught 4 cohorts of the Cecil County

Watershed Stewards Academy. He was instrumental in securing and managing millions of dollars in competitive grant funding to bring stormwater and stream restoration projects from concept to completion. In recognition of his leadership and expertise, he was recently appointed by the Maryland Municipal Stormwater Association Board President to serve as Chair of the Phase II MS 4 Committee. His legacy lives on in restored shorelines, healthier streams, and thriving native landscapes.

Marshall's devotion to his family, friends, and traditions was a true testament to the person he became. A true conservationist and loyal friend. Spending time at the family property fondly known as Damsite was the cornerstone of how deeply committed he was to protecting and preserving the environment for generations to come. Marshall held close many family traditions from hosting oyster roasts at Thanksgiving dinners to crab feasts in the summer. He was tireless in maintaining the property for all to enjoy. Marshall was always happy and eager to answer the call and help anyone in need. He was an avid fisherman and hunter who loved sharing his passion and skills with those around him. Whether casting a rod from the bulkhead to catch a delicious rock fish or taking long walks through the back woods to check on the wildlife, he cherished and celebrated his blessings through his actions and deeds. Marshall felt great joy in the accomplishments of others, whether it was assisting a teammate with scoring a goal in a soccer or lacrosse game, or watching a friend's child catch their first fish or shoot their first duck, goose, or deer.

He had a keen eye for capturing amazingly beautiful sunrises and sunsets on the Chesapeake Bay. If you had a question on almost anything related to nature, he was your source for information. Following in the footsteps of his great grandmother, grandmother, and father, he was a birder - maintaining a life list of all his sightings over the years.

Marshall was never without a dog. More often than not, he was seen with a yellow lab at his side, until a golden retriever stole his heart. His loyal trio of dogs, Oakley, Clip Jasper, and Linda Lou, were truly part of the family.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by sister Braley McSorley Cole (Adam) of Easton, MD, and his devoted partner of 12 years, Melissa Wooddell and her children Renae Feister (Jimmy) and Robert Sticklely.

Services will be held Wednesday, Feb. 18th at 12:00 at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newman Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD. where relatives and friends may visit 1 hour prior on Wednesday 11:00-12:00 and on Tuesday Feb. 17th between the hours of 5:00-7:00 pm. Interment will be held privately in St Paul's Cemetery-Kent.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-0055
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Visitation

FEB 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 16 at 08:43 AM

RL

I thoroughly enjoyed the pictures. He had such a fun, loving life!

Robin Lane-Cragle - February 17 at 09:42 PM

DS

I'm terribly sorry to learn of Marshall's passing. I truly enjoyed working with him the three years I was with the County. He had a humble grin that could endear any heart. I know he will be missed by many.

Deborah Sniadowski - February 18 at 07:16 PM



I'm so very sorry.

Kathi Morehead - February 18 at 11:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

February 18 at 11:42 PM

MC

“ *The Maryland Department of the Environment is saddened to learn of Marshall's passing. He was fantastic to work with and brought positivity to everything he did. He not only made a difference for Cecil County but helped to elevate Maryland's MS4 stormwater community. He will be greatly missed. - Debbie, Michelle, Gillian, Devon, Andrew, and Brian*

Michelle Crawford - February 18 at 04:00 PM

BL

“ *I first met Marshall 11 years ago, I was a member of the first class of the Cecil County Watershed Stewards Academy. He was my teacher, and he was part of a great team of people that started a truly special program. Marshall, Van, Sean, Kordell, Mike Evans, and Jen and Eric with UMD, were quite a force to be reckoned with in the region and State, a great ball of positive energy that could transform neighborhoods. Marshall was a catalyst on that team and that's one of the attributes he helped teach me that I still use to this day. After the training class, I knew I wanted to do my capstone project at my kids elementary school, Calvert, and Marshall helped me decide to build two rain gardens in boxes, I had no idea what I was getting myself into, but the project turned out great and the school has adopted and maintained that outdoor classroom like it it's always been there. After the class, I took a job with Cecil County in the Planning and Zoning Department and had the opportunity to work with Marshall for almost five years, I was always happy to be on his team. He was my teacher first and he became my friend. He used to find me some oysters on Thanksgiving which became a nice tradition that I'm going to miss sharing with my friend. Until we meet again, peace be with you!*

Bryan Lightner - February 17 at 09:26 PM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

February 17 at 08:33 PM



“ A grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

February 17 at 04:42 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are sent to family. I meet Marshall through the 4th Cecil County Watershed Certification class. He was fun, kind, and full of life. Cecil County and the State of Maryland lost an important person who loved our Chesapeake Bay. He will be missed.

Robin Lane-Cragle - February 17 at 04:15 PM



“ Jerry and Kathy Feister purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.



Jerry and Kathy Feister - February 17 at 12:52 PM

JF

“ Jerry and Kathy Feister planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

Jerry and Kathy Feister - February 17 at 12:52 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.



February 17 at 07:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

February 17 at 07:02 AM

TD

“ The Wastewater Division purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.



The Wastewater Division - February 17 at 06:56 AM

TD

“ The Wastewater Division planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

The Wastewater Division - February 17 at 06:56 AM

MS

“ Mary S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

Mary S. - February 16 at 06:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

February 16 at 03:40 PM

AW

“ Amanda and Jim Wilhelm purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.



Amanda and Jim Wilhelm - February 16 at 09:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.



February 15 at 08:19 PM

LM

“ Liz Meekins lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley



Liz Meekins - February 15 at 06:23 PM

LD

“ Deepest condolences to all those who loved Marshall. My heart goes out to everyone with he blessed in this life.



Larry Dickerson - February 15 at 01:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

February 15 at 01:10 PM

TS

“ Toni & Larry Schelts lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley



Toni & Larry Schelts - February 13 at 11:04 PM

SC

“ *Sandy Chance planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.*

Sandy Chance - February 13 at 09:43 PM

RR

“ *Renae, Jimmy, Alli and Robbie purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.*



Renae, Jimmy, Alli and Robbie - February 13 at 08:49 PM

AM

“ *Marshall was a great man and I am proud to say I have known him. Always friendly and respectful. Prayers and condolences to his family. He will be missed.*



Andy Milash - February 13 at 07:50 PM

NC

“ *Nancy Connolly lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley*



Nancy Connolly - February 13 at 03:51 PM

A(

“ Anna McCullough (McAllister) purchased the Enc hanted Cottage for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.



Anna McCullough (McAllister) - February 13 at 11:00 AM

AM

“ Anna M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

Anna M. - February 13 at 10:57 AM

EC

“ Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley



Eastern Shore Dental Care - February 13 at 08:38 AM

MM

“ Megan Matus lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley



Megan Matus - February 13 at 08:35 AM

SB

“ Sam Branham lit a candle in memory of
Marshall Lodge McSorley



Sam Branham - February 13 at 07:33 AM

SD

“ Sara Roe Dion lit a candle in memory of
Marshall Lodge McSorley



Sara Roe Dion - February 13 at 06:10 AM

SD

*To my dear and loyal friend of many years, you will be so missed. I'll
see you in the sunsets.*

Sara Roe Dion - February 13 at 06:13 AM



“ Crystal Dvorak lit a candle in memory of
Marshall Lodge McSorley



Crystal Dvorak - February 12 at 10:34 PM

HU

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Hunter - February 12 at 08:49 PM

TS

“ It warms my heart to hear of Marshall's life's work and passions. They were so true to the little boy I knew at Church Hill Elementary School as a member of our Earth Club. So sad to hear of his passing. My heart truly breaks. Thoughts and prayers for the family as I remember all of my Church Hill kids with such fond memories.



Tracy Shaffer - February 12 at 08:47 PM

DW

“ Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley



Donna Wood - February 12 at 06:46 PM

CT

“ Carroll & Carol Thompson lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley



Carroll & Carol Thompson - February 12 at 04:37 PM

SD

“ Stormwater Management Division purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.



Stormwater Management Division - February 12 at 03:01 PM

SD

“ Stormwater Management Division planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

Stormwater Management Division - February 12 at 03:01 PM

SR

“ A great loss to friends and family...even more...a loss to our healthy environment. God Bless.

Stevens Remillard - February 12 at 10:38 AM

DG

“ Donna Gibbons-Neff lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley



Donna Gibbons-Neff - February 12 at 10:03 AM

DG

Deepest sympathy to the family.

Donna Gibbons-Neff - February 12 at 10:03 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

February 11 at 09:27 PM



“ Lynda H. Palmatary, Centreville lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley



Lynda H. Palmatary, Centreville - February 11 at 09:26 PM



“ Jeff & Connie Crossman lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley



Jeff & Connie Crossman - February 11 at 08:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.



February 11 at 11:57 AM

CD

“ Cecil Soil Conservation District planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

Cecil Soil Conservation District - February 11 at 11:57 AM

FD

“ Friends at Freedom Development purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.



Friends at Freedom Development - February 11 at 11:39 AM

FD

“ Friends at Freedom Development planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

Friends at Freedom Development - February 11 at 11:39 AM

FH

“ Friends at Gemcraft Homes purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.



Friends at Gemcraft Homes - February 11 at 11:35 AM

FH

“ Friends at Gemcraft Homes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

Friends at Gemcraft Homes - February 11 at 11:35 AM

DT

“ My thought and prayers are with the McSorley family. he will always be remembered for being a part of our family and like a brother to my son and daughter. God Bless. Rest in Peace Marshall

David Thompson - February 11 at 10:54 AM

DT

“ David Thompson lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley



David Thompson - February 11 at 10:45 AM

CT

“ Carroll Thompson lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley



carroll Thompson - February 11 at 09:20 AM

MA

“ Always a smile on my face when I ran into him. He was always so nice to me. I'm so sad and sorry to hear of his passing.

Mandy - February 10 at 11:47 PM

DS

“ We will miss Marshall sailing on the island image and all message that he would send me to forward to Jim. My heart goes out to Melissa, his family and friends



Donna Usilton/ Jim smith - February 10 at 09:24 PM

AI

“ The County IT team is saddened by the passing of Marshall. He was a truly kind and caring soul—dependable, thoughtful, and deeply devoted to his partner, Melissa. Cecil County Government has lost a wonderful, dedicated member of our team. We hold his family, Melissa, and friends close in our hearts during this difficult time. Marshall will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Aubrey Ikner - February 10 at 07:28 PM

KD

“ Hearing about your passing has left me at a loss for words, bringing me back to the days when life felt much simpler. Those moments still matter and always will.

My thoughts and prayers are with your family and loved ones. Rest easy, old friend.

Kasey Deal - February 10 at 07:19 PM

TF

“ *The McLellan Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.*



The McLellan Family - February 10 at 07:16 PM

TJ

“ *Travis, Aja, & Joey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.*



Travis, Aja, & Joey - February 10 at 07:11 PM

TJ

“ *Travis, Aja, & Joey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.*

Travis, Aja, & Joey - February 10 at 07:11 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.*



February 10 at 07:00 PM

LF

“ Love, Ron and Kat Flowers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

Love, Ron and Kat Flowers - February 10 at 07:00 PM

CC

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Marshall. You are in our hearts and prayers.



Cathy & Pat Crew - February 10 at 05:16 PM

SV

“ I am truly sorry for your family's loss, not enough words to express my condolences. From a friend of Melissa, he truly made her happy and my sympathy goes out to her and Marshall's family.



Stephanie Voss - February 10 at 03:56 PM

TS

“ Tina Schatz lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley



Tina Schatz - February 10 at 03:14 PM

DB

“ *The Cecil County Master Gardeners would like to extend our deepest condolences to Marshall's family and friends. Marshall was always a joy to be around and he will be deeply missed. Prayers and comfort for all of those affect by this tragic loss.*

Doris Behnke - February 10 at 02:54 PM

AP

“ *I was deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Marshall. He was truly passionate about his work and that dedication showed every day. His friendly personality and willingness to connect with others made a lasting impression on everyone who worked with him. He will be remembered fondly and greatly missed. It was an honor to have worked with him.*

To Melissa, his mother, sister, coworkers, and his loved ones, I hope warm memories fill your hearts and minds and help provide you with a small amount of peace during this difficult time.

Amanda Paoletti - February 10 at 02:40 PM

JP

“ *Sending healing prayers and comfort during this difficult time.*



Janet Pauls - February 10 at 12:49 PM

NC

“ *May the love and support of friends and family carry you all through this difficult time. Sending thoughts and prayers.*

Nancy Ciappa - February 10 at 11:55 AM

JA

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Mcsorley family.*

Judy Adkins - February 10 at 11:47 AM

AC

“ *Adam Streight, on behalf of Cecil County purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.*



Adam Streight, on behalf of Cecil County - February 10 at 11:31 AM

MR

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to Marshall's loved ones.. May their memories of Marshall comfort them in the days ahead..I know Marshall will be deeply missed..
Mimi and Bud Roe and family*

Mimi Roe - February 10 at 10:50 AM

SD

“ *Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley*



Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski - February 10 at 10:49 AM

LE

“ The Queen Anne's County Department of Public Works extends its deepest sympathies to Marshall's family, friends and co-workers. Marshall was known by several of our staff for his warm and welcoming presence. Our thoughts are with his friends and love ones.

Lee Edgar - February 10 at 10:45 AM

SE

“ The Cecil County Office of Economic Development extends our heartfelt condolences to Marshall's family, friends, and his partner and our colleague, Melissa. Marshall's kindness, dedication, and warmth left a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of knowing and working with him, especially our colleagues in Cecil's Stormwater Management Division, where his contributions made a real difference. He will be deeply missed, and our thoughts are with Melissa and all who loved him during this most difficult time.

Sandra Edwards - February 10 at 10:13 AM

LF

“ Love, Your SES Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.



Love, Your SES Family - February 10 at 10:05 AM

CD

“ *The Cecil Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors and Staff extend our deepest condolences to Marshall’s family and friends. Many of us were truly blessed to have known Marshall, and his kindness, dedication, and presence left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of working with him. He will be deeply missed, and our thoughts are with those who loved him during this difficult time.*

Cecil Soil Conservation District - February 10 at 09:41 AM

BF

“ *Brewer Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.*



Brewer Family - February 10 at 09:19 AM

BF

“ *Brewer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.*

Brewer Family - February 10 at 09:19 AM

MB

“ *Matthew Brewer lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley*



Matthew Brewer - February 10 at 09:13 AM

EC

“ *Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley*



Eastern Shore Dental Care - February 10 at 09:01 AM

BM

“ *Barbara McCreary lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley*



Barbara McCreary - February 10 at 09:01 AM

BM

I am so sorry to learn of your loss. I remember Marshall when he was a student at Chuch Hill Elementary. My deepest sympathy to all of you.

Barbara McCreary - February 10 at 09:04 AM

LC

“ *Kim, Melissa, Braley and Adam our hearts are breaking for each of you. We all know how much Marshall loved each and everyone of you and the love you shared with him. He will be greatly missed. If there is anything we can do, please reach out.*

Larry and Peggy Cole - February 10 at 08:00 AM

LC

“ Larry And Peggy Cole lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley



Larry and Peggy Cole - February 10 at 07:51 AM

LM

“ Larry Nancy Meeks lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley



Larry Nancy Meeks - February 10 at 01:50 AM

LM

I still see a handsome little man staring into an aquarium in my dining room! Hugs, thoughts and prayers to all!

Larry Nancy Meeks - February 10 at 01:52 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marshall Lodge McSorley.



February 09 at 09:30 PM

WF

“ With Love, Liz Fleetwood planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marshall Lodge McSorley.

With Love, Liz Fleetwood - February 09 at 09:30 PM

DR

“ Doris & Lou Reedt lit a candle in memory of Marshall Lodge McSorley



Doris & Lou Reedt - February 09 at 08:22 PM

DR

So very sorry for your loss

Doris & Lou Reedt - February 09 at 08:23 PM