



Mauritz "Marty" Stetson

March 27, 1937 - November 2, 2020

Mauritz Stetson, 83, of Chestertown, MD, died on November 2, 2020. He was born on March 27, 1937, in Washington, DC. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Patricia Stetson; daughters, Marnie Stetson (David Futterman) of East Amwell, NJ, and Erica Stetson (Kirk Ward) of Denver, CO; and grandchildren, Cole Futterman, Catherine Futterman, Sophia Ward and Ava Ward; and his brother, Eric Stetson (Ginger).

Stetson graduated from the University of Maryland. He devoted more than 60 years to public service, including 12 years as Chestertown Councilman, 17 years as alcoholic beverage and tobacco inspector for Kent County, 28 years in law enforcement with the Maryland State Police and as Chief of Police in Chestertown, and four years active duty in the Air Force.

In 1973, he was awarded the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award. He was a 32 degree Mason and charter member of the Chestertown Optimist Club. A lifelong advocate of physical fitness, he founded the Chestertown Tea Party Distance Run, and he ran several marathons in his forties and swam across the Chesapeake Bay twice in his fifties.

Stetson created the town's dog park, which was named in his honor when he resigned from the town council.

A private burial is planned.

Arrangements by Marvin V. Williams, Chestertown, Maryland.

Tribute Wall



“ *I will always remember my first Chief of Police. I learned so much from him and his staff. I hope his family is doing well.*

Janet Legg - October 30, 2025 at 06:33 PM



“ *Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *What a wonderful, full life of public service, family, and friendship, and a great loss to our community! I enjoyed talking with him and Patty at a Washington College event and have always respected Marty's plain speaking and strength and courage in holding fast to what he believed was the right, sensible, and moral position.*

Lynn McLain - November 13, 2020 at 11:31 AM

MH

“ I had the honor of knowing Marty for seven years while working at Washington College. He swam religiously at least three times per week in the mornings and was always ready with conversation. We loved talking about Baltimore sports teams, and he invited me over for breakfast on many occasions. He was so thoughtful as to give the coaches a Christmas gift every year, and I really missed him when we moved. Marty was a pillar of the community and will be missed.

Matt Harris - November 12, 2020 at 12:26 PM

SM

“ Susan Martinez lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson



Susan Martinez - November 09, 2020 at 03:02 PM

DH

“ DENISE HEPBRON lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson



DENISE HEPBRON - November 07, 2020 at 02:29 PM

DH

PRAYERS AND MUCH LOVE TO THE FAMILY!! DENISE

DENISE HEPBRON - November 07, 2020 at 02:30 PM

FD

“ Frankie And Jane Dill lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson



Frankie and Jane Dill - November 05, 2020 at 11:00 PM

MJ

“ Mary Jester lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson



Mary Jester - November 05, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson.



November 05, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson.



November 05, 2020 at 11:17 AM

MC

“ *Our condolences to the Stetson family. My husband and I met Marty at the Chestertown dog park, which he founded, and enjoyed seeing him and his dog Abby on our daily visits. He will be sorely missed but his legacy lives on at the Stetson dog park and around Chestertown.*
Mike and Marianne Calloway

Marianne and Michael Calloway - November 05, 2020 at 10:55 AM

TK

“ *Tom Knox lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*



Tom Knox - November 05, 2020 at 09:55 AM

CC

“ *Marty was a friend and a mentor, in addition to being a dedicated public servant to the Town of Chestertown. He always stood firmly for what he believed was best for the Town. He was a fine Bocce player that led "The Townies" to the overall league championship just this past fall, which was surely one of the highlights of his athletic career. Marty will be dearly missed!!!!!!*

Chris Cerino - November 05, 2020 at 08:30 AM

PA

Thank you for the kind words. He would appreciate them.

Patty - November 05, 2020 at 12:35 PM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*



Phil Foster - November 05, 2020 at 03:40 AM

CR

“ *Marty Stetson was a wonderful and kind man - who did his job(s) SO well! I didn't know him personally very well - but I knew Patty and the girls, who were schooled with my son, Skip, at Kent School and St. Andrew's School all the way through. I am sad he will be no longer here - but his smile and ethics will go on in that special family. So sorry for you all and many hugs, Cathy Middleton Raphael*



Cathy Middleton Raphael - November 04, 2020 at 10:46 PM

DE

“ *Donna Hubbard Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*



Donna Hubbard Edwards - November 04, 2020 at 10:32 PM

DH

“ *Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*



Denny and Judy Hickman - November 04, 2020 at 10:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson.*



November 04, 2020 at 08:37 PM

PK

“ *I worked with Marty (Sgt. Stetson) for many years. Every day he carried himself and wore the uniform of a Maryland State Trooper with honor and dedication. He will be truly missed by many, but mostly importantly by those he touched with his many acts of kindness and compassion. He will be truly missed*

*Paul W. Kelley
Retired/Lieutenant
Maryland State Police*

Paul Kelley - November 04, 2020 at 08:31 PM

JL

“ Jean Leverage lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson



Jean Leverage - November 04, 2020 at 07:25 PM

NG

“ Nancy Gillotti lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson



Nancy Gillotti - November 04, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ Ginger Gregg lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson



Ginger Gregg - November 04, 2020 at 06:52 PM

LB

“ Larry Beck lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson



Larry Beck - November 04, 2020 at 06:31 PM

PS

“ Patricia And Billy Sutton lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson



Patricia and Billy Sutton - November 04, 2020 at 05:45 PM

DJ

“ My condolences to the Stetson family.
I worked for Marty at the Chestertown Police Department. He was a great boss and an awesome person. He could make me laugh at the craziest times in the office. He touched many people during his lifetime and he will be missed by so many.
The family is in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Debbie Jefferson

Debbie M Jefferson - November 04, 2020 at 05:41 PM

PS

So happy to hear from you, Debbie. He would be happy to know that you felt this way.

patricia Stetson - November 09, 2020 at 11:34 AM

JC

“ Jo Ann Connolley lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson



Jo Ann Connolley - November 04, 2020 at 05:08 PM

JC

So sorry for your loss. I will be here for you when needed. just call

Jo Ann Connolley - November 04, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson.*



November 04, 2020 at 03:35 PM

DG

“ *Donna & Tony Gibbons-Neff lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*



Donna & Tony Gibbons-Neff - November 04, 2020 at 03:33 PM

DO

Tony and I send our deepest sympathy to you and the girls.

Donna - November 04, 2020 at 03:34 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dalrymple lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*



Debbie Dalrymple - November 04, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ *Susie Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*



Susie Baldwin - November 04, 2020 at 09:43 AM



Loved Marty's wicked sense of humor. I will miss him. Love and hugs to you Patty & girls.

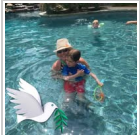
Susie Baldwin - November 04, 2020 at 09:44 AM

PB

“ *Paula B.Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*



Paula B.Cunningham - November 04, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ *A very good person.. I am sending prayers for his family!*



Retha Arrabal - November 04, 2020 at 09:00 AM

DD

“ *Doris Ann Donovan lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*



Doris Ann Donovan - November 04, 2020 at 07:32 AM

DD

Prayers are being offered for you and your family.

Doris Ann Donovan - November 04, 2020 at 07:44 AM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*



Marie Usilton - November 04, 2020 at 06:08 AM

DH

“ *Donna Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*



Donna Hollingsworth - November 03, 2020 at 07:36 PM

BR

“ *Bob & Sandy Rust lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*



Bob & Sandy Rust - November 03, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ *Lisa Hague lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*



Lisa Hague - November 03, 2020 at 06:03 PM

TB

“ *Thelma Bright lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson*



Thelma Bright - November 03, 2020 at 05:05 PM

TB

*So sorry to hear this news. I will miss seeing him riding his bicycle by my house. Prayers for you and the girls.
Bill & Thelma Bright*

Thelma Bright - November 03, 2020 at 05:08 PM

NT

“ Nancy Toy lit a candle in memory of Mauritz "Marty" Stetson



Nancy Toy - November 03, 2020 at 03:22 PM

DS

“ My name is Dolly Smith and I have many memories of working with "Sgt." Stetson when I was a PCO at Centreville Barrack (when the barrack was housed in an old Q. A. County office building near State Roads offices). My collection of bells started when Sgt. Stetson gifted me with a bell for typing one of his college papers . I saw him in public only once since leaving MSP employment in 1984. I will remember him as a kind, considerate, upbeat, happy person who worked at maintaining his health and happiness and, in doing so, encouraged other toward the same. I'm very grateful to have enjoyed the opportunity to know him.
May God comfort and bless family and friends in their mourning !

Dolly Anne (Legg) Smith - November 03, 2020 at 03:19 PM

PS

Dolly, he appreciated all that you did for him and often spoke kindly of you after his retirement.

patricia Stetson - November 09, 2020 at 11:36 AM

JB

“ Patty I am so very sorry to hear about Marty!
Sending hugs and prayers!



Joyce Benton - November 03, 2020 at 11:47 AM