



Melville Lee Sewell

July 20, 1939 - July 4, 2018

Melville Lee Sewell of Centreville, MD, died on July 4, 2018, at the Resorts at Chester River Manor in Chestertown, MD. He was 78.

Born in Rock Hall, MD, on July 20, 1939, he was the son of the late Melville Sewell and Catherine Tracy. He graduated from Rock Hall High School in the Class of 1957 and joined the U.S. Navy. He served in the Seabees in South America. On March 6, 1963, he married the former Diane Marie Rada of Grasonville, MD. Mr. Sewell worked as a carpenter for George Rada. He was a Maryland State Police Officer and served three terms as Queen Anne's County Sheriff.

Mr. Sewell volunteered for 18 years with Queen Anne's County Little League baseball and football. He was a member of the American Legion Post 296 in Queenstown and the Bay County Moose.

In addition to his beloved wife, Diane, he is survived by four sons: William Sewell of Goldsboro, MD, Dwayne Sewell of Chestertown, MD, Yancy Sewell of Centreville, MD, and George Sewell of Centreville, MD; a daughter, Amy Hood of Centreville, MD; one brother, Roy Sewell of Salt Lake City, UT; ten grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Vivian Gears; and one great-grandchild.

All services for Mr. Sewell will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Melville Lee Sewell*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Melville Lee Sewell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Melville Lee Sewell*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mel's passing. My brother in law Pat McMahon, Mel, and Buddy Dennis built my addition to my house. Besides being a great craftsman he was funny and a great friend.*

Steve Crutchley - July 18, 2018 at 12:49 PM



“ *So sorry for Mr. Sewell's passing. Sending my deepest condolences to his family. May your precious memories continue to help you through this difficult time. May God Bless each and everyone of you! Kim Crew*



Kim Crew - July 18, 2018 at 10:02 AM

HS

“ *Diane and Family,*

Mel's passing brings us all such sorrow and at the same time has us keeping you all in our hearts even closer these days. And as I am sure you can imagine, when Hank called to tell me the sad news he couldn't stop there. I believe I heard (for the 22nd time no doubt) every fun loving Mel Sewell story there ever was and then some, from beginning to end! And all of these stories were his remembrance of some very happy times. So please rest assured and know, Mel will remain in our hearts and memories always, as will you dearest Diane and family.

Love to you all...

Hank Stringer & family

Hank Stringer - July 10, 2018 at 10:00 PM

SG

“ *So sorry to hear this, Aunt Diane. It has been a long time since I have seen you but some of my best childhood memories are of spending time at your house, picnics and lots of fun! You and Uncle Mel were always so nice and loved being around all the kids!*

Sherry Cole Glidden - July 10, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Mrs Diane , Yancey and Duane. Your father was a great guy. He will be missed.*

Dani Woodhurst - July 09, 2018 at 08:38 PM

LP

“ *My sincere condolences to your family.*



Lisa Stubbs Plummer - July 09, 2018 at 12:23 PM

SP

“ *Diane and family, we are so sorry to hear about Mel's passing. He was a wonderful man, a great colleague, and friend. You have our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy.*
Beatle and Sandy Price

Sandra Seward Price - July 08, 2018 at 10:23 PM

AM

“ *A wonderful man. Prayers and sympathy for the family.*



Ann Martin - July 08, 2018 at 08:21 PM

TB

“ *Our thoughts and blessings are with your family at this time. Memories will help you get through this difficult time. God bless, Tim and Esther Blackiston, Sudlersville.*



Tim Blackiston - July 08, 2018 at 07:04 PM

AH

“ Dear Diane, My thoughts and prayers are with you and the children at this sad time.

With deepest sympathy, Ava Honeycutt

ava honeycutt - July 08, 2018 at 06:34 PM

MG

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Sewell family

Martin and Sandy Gahley



Martin Gahley - July 08, 2018 at 01:51 PM

MC

Our prayers are with you Diane and family. We are so sorry, he was a kind, gentle, very nice man. God bless and lift you up in this time of need.

Merritt & Fran Comegys - July 09, 2018 at 06:46 AM



“ Raymond Dorrell lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell



Raymond Dorrell - July 08, 2018 at 08:48 AM

PH

“ Mel was best friend through school in rock hall. We played sports together. Thoughts and prayers for family and friends

paige hickman - July 08, 2018 at 07:33 AM

LB

“ *Linda Bennett lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



linda bennett - July 07, 2018 at 11:38 PM

TS

“ *Tammy Storage lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Tammy Storage - July 07, 2018 at 08:50 PM

SS

“ *Mel was one of the good guys he is going to really be missed. My heart goes out to you and the kids Diane love you guys*

sherry smith - July 07, 2018 at 03:45 PM

FP

“ *Thinking of you at this time with many prayers and blessings. Frank and Tish Palmatary*



Frank Palmatary - July 07, 2018 at 01:45 PM

JR

“ *Jeff & Diane Ruth lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Jeff & Diane Ruth - July 07, 2018 at 10:31 AM

JR

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Mel was a wonder friend and a gentle and kind person. So proud to have been his friend.

Jeff & Diane Ruth - July 07, 2018 at 10:32 AM

BN

“ *Diane & family, So sorry to hear that Mel has passed. Mel was such a great person and a fantastic boss when I was working at the Sheriff's Department. All the deputies looked up to him as a leader. I have many good memories with your family. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Buster Nelson and family.

Buster Nelson - July 07, 2018 at 12:05 AM

CT

“ *Connie Todd lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Connie Todd - July 06, 2018 at 11:22 PM

CT

So saddened at the loss of Mr. Sewell. He truly was a great man. My thoughts are with his family. May you find some comfort in your memories.

Connie Todd - July 06, 2018 at 11:27 PM

KL

“ *Karen And Teddy Legg lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Karen and Teddy Legg - July 06, 2018 at 10:08 PM

BE

“ *Many thanks for everything You did for QACo. You will be missed Butch and Bev Dadds*

BevDadds - July 06, 2018 at 09:36 PM

ML

“ *Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers.*



Melissa Althoff Lenzi - July 06, 2018 at 09:10 PM

JP

“ *John And Phyllis Perkins lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



John and Phyllis Perkins - July 06, 2018 at 08:48 PM

PF

“ Pam Kessinger Fallon lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell



Pam Kessinger Fallon - July 06, 2018 at 08:17 PM

KC

“ Kim Conley lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell



Kim Conley - July 06, 2018 at 07:50 PM

KC

I will never forget the day he called me to his office in the old jail and offered me a job as a Deputy. I thought my heart would jump out of my chest. So many stories. Rest easy Mel, you deserve it. You were the best of the best!

Kim Conley - July 06, 2018 at 07:52 PM



Dear Diane and family, So sorry for the loss of Mel. You are in our thoughts and prayers and we send our love. Ralph and Dee

Dee Chambers - July 06, 2018 at 10:50 PM

BB

“ *Bill & Thelma Bright lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Bill & Thelma Bright - July 06, 2018 at 07:39 PM

BI

Enjoyed working with Mel; he had a great personality!! Will be greatly missed.

Bill - July 06, 2018 at 07:40 PM

HG

“ *Hillside Coffee Gang sent a virtual gift in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Hillside Coffee Gang - July 06, 2018 at 07:34 PM

HG

*We will surely miss our friend Mel in the mornings having coffee. He always enjoyed the great stories and memories. Thinking of you.
Hillside Coffee Gang*

Hillside Coffee Gang - July 06, 2018 at 07:36 PM

KC

I remember being on night shift and stopping in Hillside to say hi in the early morning. :)

Kim Conley - July 06, 2018 at 07:54 PM

DI

“ So sorry for your loss.



Diann - July 06, 2018 at 07:31 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Melville Lee Sewell



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - July 06, 2018 at 07:30 PM

GP

What a great friend and public servant that has left us. Many good memories and that great smile will never be forgotten. Our blessings and prayers are with you at this time. God bless, Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - July 06, 2018 at 07:33 PM

SW

“ Sue Cook Wolff lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell



Sue Cook Wolff - July 06, 2018 at 07:23 PM



“ *Debbie And Mooch lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Debbie and Mooch - July 06, 2018 at 07:06 PM



“ *Diane & Family, I am so sorry to hear about the crossing over of Mel. What a special man. His humor, kindness & compassion touched many in Queen Anne's County. He has always had and will continue to have my deepest respect...*

Mike Zimmer - July 06, 2018 at 06:29 PM



*Diane and family. We are so sorry to hear about Mel's passing. He was a wonderful man. A great colleague and friend. You have our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy.
Beatle and Sandy Price*

Sandra Price - July 07, 2018 at 10:17 AM



“ *Betty Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Betty Reynolds - July 06, 2018 at 04:54 PM



We were so sorry to hear about Mel's passing! He was a good man! Our heart goes out to all the family! I know Herman and all the guys are going to miss him at Hillside coffee time in the mornings. Love & prayers for Diane and all the family! Our thoughts are with all of you!

Herman & Betty Lou Reynolds

Betty Reynolds - July 06, 2018 at 05:00 PM

SD

“ *I was really sorry to hear this from our son Perry. I have good memories about Mel and softball. Dick and I talk about past sports alot and his name came up always. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family!*

sara jane davidson - July 06, 2018 at 04:26 PM

PW

“ *Pat Ward lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Pat Ward - July 06, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ *Diane my entire family loved Mr. Mel and highly respected him. You and the kids are in my prayers. Lots oof love*
Wanda and June Collier

Wanda Collier - July 06, 2018 at 03:51 PM

TF

“ *The Licata Family lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



The Licata Family - July 06, 2018 at 03:12 PM

PJ

“ *Paul Jones lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Paul Jones - July 06, 2018 at 02:58 PM

GP

“ *Gina Weston Paul lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Gina Weston Paul - July 06, 2018 at 02:52 PM

SS

“ *Sewardie, Mary & Annie Seward lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Sewardie, Mary & Annie Seward - July 06, 2018 at 02:32 PM

DH

“ *Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Denny and Judy Hickman - July 06, 2018 at 02:22 PM

BH

“ *Barbi & Kelley Hunter lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Barbi & Kelley Hunter - July 06, 2018 at 02:15 PM

GG

“ *Gina (Sallitt) Garing purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Melville Lee Sewell.*



Gina (Sallitt) Garing - July 06, 2018 at 01:57 PM

JM

“ *So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers from my family to yours!*

Jennifer MacGlashan - July 06, 2018 at 01:31 PM

BH

“ *Billy And Dorothy Hobbs Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



billy and dorothy hobbs hollingsworth - July 06, 2018 at 12:37 PM

LS

“ *Lori (Lantz) Sullivan & Nick Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Lori (Lantz) Sullivan & Nick Sullivan - July 06, 2018 at 12:30 PM

DT

“ *Diana Tarrant lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



diana tarrant - July 06, 2018 at 12:01 PM

DT

Miss Diane and Family, we are so sorry for your loss, have know you all forever and working with Sheriff Sewell was a privilege he would cover the county when needed which was everyday to him. I will never forget the midnight shifts when he would come out and cover the shift with that thermos of coffee he always carried and work the road he would, those were the days of 2 deputies covering the county! He is 10-8, 10-42 with a job well done on this old earth.

diana tarrant - July 06, 2018 at 12:08 PM

LP

Well said Diana. He was a great man. It was a pleasure working with him in the County. Good old days. Rip Sheriff Mel.

Lynda Palmatary - July 06, 2018 at 12:21 PM

KC

wow do I remember those days! We would be on nights and He would just show up to say hi. The best of times. So glad I had the pleasure of working for him!!

Kim Conley - July 06, 2018 at 07:58 PM

RP

“ *Such great memories of Mr Mel as sheriff when my dad Byron was a deputy, he was so good to our family during dads illness and death! Thinking of the family during this time and the days ahead!*

Rachel Phillips - July 06, 2018 at 11:48 AM

KP

“ *What great memories I have of your father! A wonderful man with the biggest smile. I am so sorry for your loss, may God comfort you!*
Kay and Todd Parramore



kay parramore - July 06, 2018 at 11:45 AM

DF

“ *DavidAnnie Gardner & Family lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



DavidAnnie Gardner & family - July 06, 2018 at 11:08 AM

KS

“ *Kathy N Karen Sadler lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Kathy n Karen Sadler - July 06, 2018 at 10:23 AM

BK

“ *So sorry for your loss. Mel leaves so many good memories, especially for the boys he coached, Shawn and Eric included. He always gave back to the community with his time and effort in order to make things better. A great guy, a good family man and someone that made a difference. God bless.*
Bea

Beatrice Kelley - July 06, 2018 at 09:47 AM

LP

“ *Lola And Elmer Price lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Lola and Elmer Price - July 06, 2018 at 08:59 AM

BH

“ *Buddy And Sue Hampton lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Buddy and Sue Hampton - July 06, 2018 at 08:26 AM

LR

“ *Diane and Family*
You all are in our thoughts and Prayers. Mel was an outstanding Man.
Carl Eva and Linda Roe.

Linda Roe - July 06, 2018 at 08:10 AM

DD

“ *Doris & Howard Donovan lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Doris & Howard Donovan - July 06, 2018 at 08:08 AM

RV

“ *Diane - so sorry to learn of Mel's passing. I have such wonderful memories of him during our time with Little League Football; those kids really looked up to him. Such a wonderful friend and co-worker. I pray that you find some peace in the memories. Love to you and your family. Ruthie*

Ruthie Voshell-Russ - July 06, 2018 at 07:15 AM

MM

“ *Bill and Marie Myers*



Marie Myers - July 05, 2018 at 11:01 PM

CE

“ Charles & Donna Edwards lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell



Charles & Donna Edwards - July 05, 2018 at 10:05 PM

HG

Mel I first met u many years ago in July 1967 when both of us entered that Md. State Police Academy thru the years of little league football and the softball games we attended together when George and Dean played together, I enjoyed your company and friendship, may God hold Diane and your children in his graces so sorry in their loss of u, rest easy my friend and fellow trooper, your long journey is over. Harlan Gann

Harlan Gann - July 06, 2018 at 10:55 AM

DC

“ David And June Clark lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell



David and June Clark - July 05, 2018 at 09:00 PM

TM

“ What a wonderful man he was. I have great memories of him when he was sheriff in Queen Annes County. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the entire family



Tracey Middleton - July 05, 2018 at 06:27 PM

RF

“ *Robbie & Michelle Walls And Family lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Robbie & Michelle Walls and Family - July 05, 2018 at 06:07 PM

CD

“ *Diane and family
Mel was always such a nice person and now he
is no longer in any pain. May he rest in peace.
Love and God bless*



Charlotte Walls Dukes - July 05, 2018 at 05:56 PM

HF

“ *Handzo And Price Family lit a candle in
memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Handzo and Price Family - July 05, 2018 at 05:52 PM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards lit a candle in
memory of Melville Lee Sewell*



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - July 05, 2018 at 04:36 PM

PJ

“ *Pres & Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Melville Lee Sewell* ”



Pres & Sherrie Jacobs - July 05, 2018 at 03:31 PM