



## Meredith Grant Gross Jr.

January 5, 1933 - December 17, 2017

M. Grant Gross, Jr., died peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, in his home at Heron Point, in Chestertown, MD, on Sunday, December 17, 2017. He was 84 years old.

Born on January 5, 1933, in Childress, TX, he was the son of the late Meredith Grant Gross, Sr. and Mary Stevens Gross.

Educated in Amarillo, TX, Grant earned his B.A. from Princeton University in 1954 and then spent a year at the University of Delft in Holland on a Fulbright Fellowship. After serving in the Army, he earned his PhD in Marine Geology from Caltech in 1961.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by a sister, Jeanette Boone.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Elizabeth ("Liz") R. Gross, and a loving sister Marianna Ekelund (John) of Claremont, CA. In addition, he leaves two daughters and a son, Alison Gilbert (Jim) of Portland, OR, Jeffrey G. Gross (Rhonda) of Magnolia, TX, and E. Anne Hamel (Warren) of Arnold, MD, as well as ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Grant's academic and research career included professorships in Oceanography at the University of Washington, SUNY-Stony Brook and Johns

Hopkins University. He also held positions at the Smithsonian Institution and NOAA, and was Director of the Division of Ocean Sciences at the National Science Foundation, from which he retired in 1994. Following his retirement from the government, he held adjunct professorships at the University of Maryland, and Washington College in Chestertown where he was the founding director of the Center for the Environment and Society. He was also the author of many editions of two college-level oceanography textbooks.

Grant was a life-long “weather geek” and avid learner, reading voraciously on his computer until the loss of his eyesight.

The burial service will be private, followed by a memorial service at Shrewsbury Parish Church, Kennedyville in mid-March. I

n lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to either the Multiple Sclerosis Society ([www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org)) or Shrewsbury Parish Church, P.O. Box 187, Kennedyville, MD 21645.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Meredith Grant Gross Jr.*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - March 12, 2018 at 03:22 PM



“ *Meredith Grant Gross Jr.*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Meredith Grant Gross Jr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Meredith Grant Gross Jr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

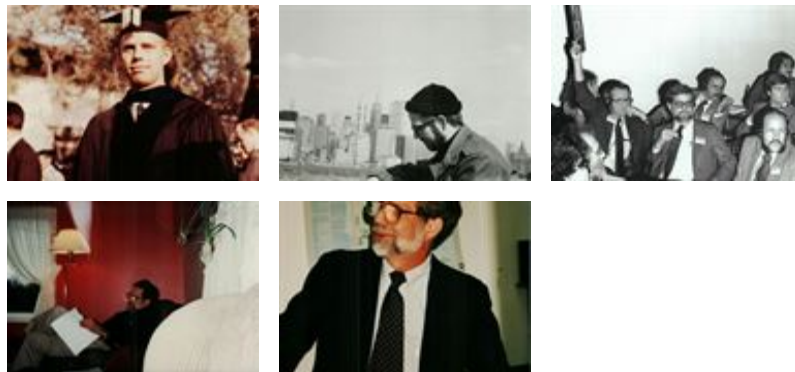


“ *All through high school Grant and I sat by each other because alphabetically we came together. We were in the same homeroom and shared many classes through the years. He was a fine friend and person. Barbara Gray DeCoster*

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**Barbara DeCoster** - August 20, 2018 at 12:08 PM



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - March 06, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ *I first met Grant when I was a lowly faculty secretary at MSRC back in 1968. I believe I must have been the recipient of most of his manuscripts at that time. He was such a gentleman, and so easy to work with. And for some reason his name brings back images of many, many core samples. I was fascinated by being able to look at them and imagine what they represented. Two days after his death my dear husband, Don Squires, the first Director of the MSRC, died on his 90th birthday. Please accept my condolences on your loss, I mourn with you.*

*Marian Steinberg Squires  
Lindisfarne, Tasmania, Australia*

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**Marian Steinberg** - February 02, 2018 at 01:21 AM

JW

“ *Juanita Wieczoreck lit a candle in memory of Meredith Grant Gross Jr.*



Juanita Wieczoreck - December 21, 2017 at 08:54 AM



“ *Grant was a gentle and special person, loved and respected by many. Rest in peace, dear Grant. We will always remember you.*  
*Linda Parry*

Linda Parry - December 20, 2017 at 08:06 PM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Meredith Grant Gross Jr.*



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - December 20, 2017 at 10:26 AM

RB

“ *. We all loved and we blessed to have Grant as part of our family. We will all miss him dearly.*  
*Love you Liz with all my love your sister Robina*

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