



Merton Muller Jarboe

April 28, 1938 - September 12, 2025

Merton Muller Jarboe of Sherwood, MD passed away peacefully with family by his side on September 12, 2025 at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, MD. He was 87.

Merton (Mert) was the beloved husband of 42 years to Maggie Jarboe, together they built a life full of love and family. This legacy lives on through Mert's 2 children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mert was born in Easton, MD on April 28, 1938, to the late Gertrude (Muller) Jarboe and Harvey J. Jarboe. Mert was raised in Sherwood, MD, attended Tilghman Elementary School and graduated from St. Michaels High School in 1956. He attended The University of Maryland where he received a degree in Industrial Engineering. Upon Graduation he went into sales with the Otis Elevator Company and stayed with the company for 39 years, moving up from sales to district manager. During his time with Otis he moved from Philadelphia, PA to Allentown, PA, Richmond, VA, Pittsburgh, PA and ended up working in New York City, residing in Wilton, CT before retiring.

Mert was always up for a good time and loved organizing tennis events with crazy names and awards. Mert and Maggie enjoyed many weekends boating on their Sea-Ray boat named Magic on the Connecticut River and later, on their Chaparral named Persistence on Harris Creek. He enjoyed taking his

grandchildren tubing in his boat. After retiring, Mert and Maggie moved back to Talbot County and in 2000, renovated the home he grew up in. Once in Sherwood he quickly got involved in running the Christmas Parade in St. Michaels, which he did for ten years. He helped with the engineering of the Bay Hundred Pool in St. Michaels, got involved with the Rotary Club and helped organize the Sherwood Fourth of July parade. He joined the Rotary Yacht Squadron where he enjoyed a stint as Commodore and became known as the one responsible for telling jokes.

Mert, (PopPop) encouraged his grandchildren in learning to waterski, snow ski, kayak, and be expert crabbers. He encouraged his great grandkids to learn to sail, even providing sailing lessons. Coming to the "Farm" for various holidays with their dogs was a highlight for all of the grandchildren. Mert made everyone feel comfortable and welcome. Mert and Maggie were world travelers, exploring Japan, Kenya, Panama, Machu Pichu, France, Germany, the Baltics and Mexico to name a few.

In addition to his wife Maggie, he is survived by his 2 daughters Kathryn Smedley (Larry) and Karen Rodenheiser (Glenn); his sister Nancy Ruel; 4 grandchildren; Joshua, Kyle, Shannon and Tyler; 3 step grandchildren; Chris, Jennifer, Kendra and 10 great grandchildren; Jackson, Allie, Finnley, Colin, Maxwell, Mason, Leo, Caroline, Greyson and Rose. He was predeceased by his son Merton M. Jarboe Jr. and his ex-wife Ann Gardner Stevens.

Relatives and friends are invited to the memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday September 20th at the Sherwood U M Church on Sherwood Landing Rd, Sherwood, MD. Following the service everyone is invited back to the family home. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mert's memory may be sent to The Sherwood Cemetery, P.O. Box 58, Sherwood, MD 21665 or to the Tilghman Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 297, Tilghman, MD 21671.

Cemetery Details

Sherwood Cemetery

Sherwood, MD

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sherwood United Methodist Church
21900 Sherwood Landing Rd
Sherwood, MD 21665

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Tribute Wall

LH

“ Hi Maggie and Nancy and family. My dad isn't able to make it today. He did want to say a few words though about his friend. Very sorry for your loss. Lee Howeth, Louis' son.

<https://youtu.be/ZhkDxOaxZ9g?si=HXhKLqxx6SniQul8>

Lee Howeth - September 20, 2025 at 11:47 AM

KS

Thank you Lee, for recording and sending this heartfelt tribute to our Dad. I remember Louis and I learned things about our Dad from this video. It was such a nice gesture.

Kathryn Jarboe Smedley - September 22, 2025 at 09:33 AM

NR

Thanks Lee for sharing this video of your Dad Louis. I had forgotten that Merton would try and fix speed boat motors. Tell your Dad I really appreciated reading all these memories. I always remember my Dad calling him "Louie Drop your Gun." Give my love to your Dad for me. He was a good friend to Merton over the years.

Nsncy Ruel - September 24, 2025 at 05:37 PM

LH

I'll tell him from you both. Thank you! So sorry about Merton. Dad thought of him like a brother.

Lee Howeth - September 25, 2025 at 08:19 PM

DS

This is Duke Shannahan and Merton and I were special friends and college roommates at the University of Maryland and active friends for life. I am so sorry that I didn't know of his passing until now and like so many others I really miss him. He was a giver from day one and I know that many friends out there like myself appreciate d his kindness.

Duke Shannahan - November 24, 2025 at 10:26 AM

NR

Thank you Duke. I just saw this, since I was on this site, since my cousin just died last Thursday, Jan. 22...another Jarboe. Anyway, thank you for your kind words about Merton. I will pass along this post to Maggie and his daughters, letting them know they can read it. Yes, you and Merton were good friends for years. Hope you are well. Take care. Nancy Jarboe Ruel

Nancy Jarboe Ruel - January 26 at 05:30 PM

RB

“ Rotary Yacht Squadron of Chesapeake Bay purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Merton Muller Jarboe.



Rotary Yacht Squadron of Chesapeake Bay - September 17, 2025 at 11:31 AM

RB

“ Rotary Yacht Squadron of Chesapeake Bay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merton Muller Jarboe.

Rotary Yacht Squadron of Chesapeake Bay - September 17, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merton Muller Jarboe.



September 17, 2025 at 11:18 AM

LH

“ 1 file added to the album Jarboe



Lee Howeth - September 16, 2025 at 02:00 PM

PW

“ Patti Kaufman Willis lit a candle in memory of
Merton Muller Jarboe



Patti Kaufman Willis - September 16, 2025 at 09:31 AM