



# Michael John Friedl

August 3, 1960 - January 15, 2026

Michael “Mike” John Friedl, age 65, of Stevensville, Maryland, passed away unexpectedly at home on January 15, 2026.

Mike was born in Baltimore, MD on August 3, 1960. He grew up on the Magothy River, where his favorite pastimes were trot-lining and crabbing. He was a young entrepreneur, selling soft crabs and his catch of the day to local ladies as he pulled his rowboat home. He spoke frequently and fondly of his Pop Clopein, who introduced him to his love of fishing and crabbing.

He graduated from RETS Electronic School in Baltimore, MD with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He spent his career working in business and sales, and poured years of hard work and grit into building the very successful M.J. Friedl & Associates, a provider of underground utility solutions.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Marty and Nancy Friedl. He is survived by his beloved wife, Terri Friedl; his treasured children and their spouses, Jonathon Friedl (Amanda), Brooke Friedl (Beau), Shannon Komeylian (Chris), and Casey Staub; and his adored grandchildren, Mia Friedl, Lydia Komeylian, Archer Friedl, Lucie Komeylian, and Mike was thrilled to learn of another granddaughter on the way, Etta Icenhower. He is also survived by his first wife, Cinda Bennett, mother of Jon and Brooke, and numerous Clopein, Friedl, and Harmon relatives.

Mike lived his life best encapsulated by Frank Sinatra’s “My Way”: out loud and to the absolute fullest. He will be remembered for his playful spirit and hearty laugh, sneaking too much sugar to his grandchildren, and a deep love for his family and home. He loved watching the sunset on the Chesapeake Bay from his pier, with a glass of wine and his “pups” (Terri) by his side; playing with his best friend - his chocolate lab, Cooper; planting Christmas trees and running a vegetable stand at his farm in Chester River Beach; vacationing and deep sea fishing off of the shores of Isla Mujeres, Mexico; and cherishing time with his children and grandchildren poolside. His laughter was contagious, and his

ability to find joy in the everyday was nothing short of remarkable.

He lived boldly, loved deeply, and leaves an indelible mark on everyone lucky enough to know him. Until we meet again.

A service will take place at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newman Funeral Home in Chester, MD on Friday, January 23, 2026. A visitation will be held 1:00-3:00pm, followed by a memorial service at 3:00pm. All are welcome to celebrate a man who was larger than life.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **23**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619

## Memorial Service

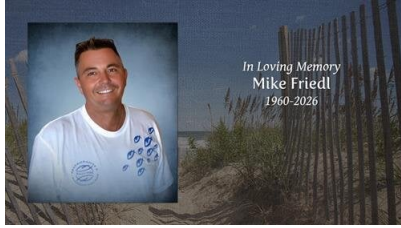
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael John Friedl*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 22 at 10:24 AM

RT

“ *My prayers to the family. I work for Delmarva Power. We purchased a lot of equipment from him over the years. I loved his upbeat personality. When he told me about his eye sight issue he ask if I would go pick up a limo in Texas for him. Then we talked about going fishing in Rehoboth, and his horse. Will definitely miss our conversations.*

Randy Testerman - February 10 at 07:49 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Cinda Bennett - January 26 at 06:09 PM



*I think you were around 16 yrs old. On you boat on the Magothy. I will always remember those great times.*

Cinda Bennett - January 26 at 06:28 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Michael John Friedl.*



January 22 at 11:35 AM

LW

“ Laurie W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael John Friedl.

Laurie W. - January 21 at 07:53 PM

SN

“ Mike was the soul of Love Point. Happy, chatty and friendly. Shorts and flip flops year round. His spirit will live on there forever!

Steve Sieracki (former neighbor) - January 21 at 10:43 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael John Friedl.



January 20 at 07:14 PM

KK

“ Kathy and Joe Kirker purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Michael John Friedl.



Kathy and Joe Kirker - January 20 at 05:32 PM

EB

“ Emily and the Schichtl boys purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael John Friedl.



Emily and the Schichtl boys - January 20 at 05:20 PM

EB

“ Emily and the Schichtl boys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael John Friedl.

Emily and the Schichtl boys - January 20 at 05:20 PM

TN

“ Terri and family: We were so shocked and saddened to hear of Mike's passing. We're so sorry and please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Tim and Priscilla Nelson

Tim Nelson - January 20 at 03:13 PM

MA

“ Mike and Marcia Anderson purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Michael John Friedl.



Mike and Marcia Anderson - January 20 at 10:41 AM

DP

“ Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Michael John Friedl



Doug Pierson - January 20 at 10:04 AM

BD

“ My prayers go out to the family at this sad time. My sister and I used to work with Mike in DC years ago. He was a great person.

Billi Jo Dove - January 20 at 09:31 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael John Friedl.



January 20 at 09:08 AM

DS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Derrick Smith** - January 20 at 06:02 AM

LJ

“ Love, Karen& Jason, Spencer and Jared purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Michael John Friedl.



**Love, Karen& Jason, Spencer and Jared** - January 20 at 05:25 AM

WP

“ William A Potts lit a candle in memory of Michael John Friedl



**William A Potts** - January 19 at 05:15 PM

MM

“ Matt, Michelle, Seven, Miller, Maddox purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael John Friedl.



**Matt, Michelle, Seven, Miller, Maddox** - January 19 at 02:17 PM

DT

“ Don And Kathy Trotter lit a candle in memory of Michael John Friedl



**Don and Kathy Trotter** - January 19 at 09:12 AM

DP

“ Dave And Kathy Poet lit a candle in memory of Michael John Friedl



Dave and Kathy Poet - January 18 at 01:54 PM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Michael John Friedl



Tracy Schulz - January 18 at 01:44 PM

TS

“ The gang at Mr. B's Seafood purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael John Friedl.



The gang at Mr. B's Seafood - January 18 at 01:26 PM

TS

“ The gang at Mr. B's Seafood planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael John Friedl.

The gang at Mr. B's Seafood - January 18 at 01:26 PM

LL

“ Love, Shannon, Chris, Lydia & Lucie purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Michael John Friedl.



Love, Shannon, Chris, Lydia & Lucie - January 18 at 11:57 AM

LB

“ *Louis and Charlene Burgher purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michael John Friedl.*



**Louis and Charlene Burgher** - January 18 at 11:02 AM

BP

“ *Bethany P. lit a candle in memory of Michael John Friedl*



**Bethany P.** - January 17 at 10:29 AM

GN

“ *Gary and Debbe Nagy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael John Friedl.*



**Gary and Debbe Nagy** - January 17 at 08:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael John Friedl.*



January 17 at 07:19 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael John Friedl.*



January 17 at 07:15 AM

HL

“ Hamilton Heating & Air, LLC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael John Friedl.

Hamilton Heating & Air, LLC - January 17 at 07:15 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Michael John Friedl.



January 16 at 04:54 PM

RH

“ Rachel + Chad Houser planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael John Friedl.

Rachel + Chad Houser - January 16 at 04:54 PM

MS

“ Mindy Sewell lit a candle in memory of Michael John Friedl



Mindy Sewell - January 16 at 04:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael John Friedl.



January 16 at 04:05 PM

DF

“ Denise Zlater and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael John Friedl.

Denise Zlater and Family - January 16 at 04:05 PM