

## Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer

April 12, 1942 - October 23, 2018

Nicholas Scott Stoer, loving husband and father, passed away on October 23, 2018, at the age of 76.

Nick was born on April 12, 1942, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Philip Riera Stoer and Marion West. He was raised in Middle River, Maryland, along with his younger brother, Eric, where they spent a happy childhood along the Stansbury Creek.

A bright child and strong student, Nick skipped both 4th and 10th grades and graduated from the Baltimore Friends school in 1959, a few weeks past his 17th birthday. He spent a year at Franklin & Marshall in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where the fun of college combined with his relative youth indicated that another path should be considered. At the age of 18, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving three years stationed in Berlin, Germany. It was an experience of which he was very proud and which shaped his life in many ways. After enlisting at Fort Dix, Nick went to the Army Language School at the Presidio in Monterey, California, to learn German. He then attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill before being transferred to Berlin, Germany, on April 11th, 1962, just days before construction began on the Berlin Wall, on April 13th, 1962. Nick had just turned 20.

Following the Army, Nick earned his BA in Political Science and German from

the University of Maryland, graduating in 1966. His first jobs were with the National Security Agency and the Atomic Energy Commission, during which time he also earned his MBA in Finance and Investments from George Washington University in 1973.

It was during these years that he met and married the love of his life, his wife of 49 years, the former Joan Leslie Hutchinson. They wed in Wycoff, New Jersey, in June 1969. Nick and Joan raised two daughters, Tracy and Melanie, in the suburbs of Washington, DC.

Nick was a planner and a provider for his family, deeply tuned to their hopes, dreams and ambitions. When they purchased their first home, Nick bought Joan the dog she had always wanted, a German Short-Haired pointer whom they named Ivy.

In the early 1970s, Nick bought a plot of land in Ladysmith, Virginia, near Lake Land'Or, so that he could build a weekend cabin for his wife and daughters. He rented a bulldozer, cleared the land, poured the concrete foundations, and over the next decade he and Joan built the "cabin at the Lake" where he taught his girls to swim, fish, and waterski. Both Ivy and their second pointer, Holly, loved their visits to the Virginia woods, and are buried there.

Nick showed his family the world. Little by little, and starting small, he took his family to 40 of the United States, ultimately planning detailed month-long road trips in a camping van. "Hey girls, look at the fields of Milo and Sorghum!" has become family lore for Nick's insatiable desire to show them everything. Over the years, the travel became an increasing priority for Nick and Joan. Both of Nick's daughters followed in his footsteps and lived and studied abroad, something that gave him great satisfaction. Joan and Nick enjoyed countless trips, many with dear friends, to far away locations in Asia, Africa, South America, the Baltic Countries, India, and Europe. He has left his friends and

family with a lifetime of memories from around the world.

Over the course of a 30-year career with the federal government, Nick gained intimate knowledge of a range of transportation issues in order to evaluate and support funding the initiatives of agencies across the U.S. Department of Transportation. A member of the U.S. Government Senior Executive Service, at retirement, Nick had been serving as Chief Financial Officer (ABA-1, Assistant Administrator for Budget and Accounting) of the FAA. From 1986 to 1991, he served as FAA's Budget Director (ABU-1). At the FAA, Nick advised five Administrators and testified before Congress on the FAA's budget, programs and legislative proposals. Nick spent nearly 20 years as a Budget Examiner at the White House Office of Management Budget (OMB) working on science and transportation programs of NASA, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, Urban Mass Transit, Amtrak, U.S. Coast Guard, FAA and other agencies.

Nick spent the last 20 years of his career in private practice, owning and operating Nicholas Stoer & Associates, an independent aviation management and policy consultancy. Consulting projects included financing alternatives for the FAA, aircraft safety and certification issues, ATC automation and weather display systems for air traffic controllers, aviation security, satellite navigation technology, National Weather Service modernization, aviation weather research, information systems proposals, outsourcing of air traffic control towers, and instrument landing systems and related airport equipment.

In 1999, he and his wife, Joan, relocated from the Washington area to Kent Island, Maryland, where he became an active volunteer in the community, a Master Gardener, and Chesapeake Bay environmental issues. On Kent Island, they built their dream home, a gathering spot that earned a special place in the hearts of their extensive friends and family members.

Thanksgivings and Christmases, birthdays, gourmet club dinners, football games – Nick loved to co-host festivities with Joan.

In 2003, Nick gained a son-in-law, Scott Reilly, with whom he shared many summers and holidays. In 2005, he became a “Pop Pop” when his grandson Peter arrived, followed shortly by a granddaughter, Vivienne. He cherished them both and they adored him. “Camp Grandma” and “Pop Pop’s Garden” became the go-to destination for family. Here Nick’s carefully honed humor for puns, non-sequiturs, and mis-directs captured the most eye rolls, groans and laughter, humor dubbed by Peter at age 8 as “classic Pop-Pop.” It was around his table and out on the porch that his chortles and guffaws rang loudest. And in the energy and activity of these gatherings that his eyes shined brightest, looking out and seeing all the love that he had created.

He is greatly remembered and missed.

A visitation will be held on Sunday October 28, 2018, from 3 to 5 PM, at the Fellows Helfelbein and Newnam PA, in Chester, Maryland. A service will be held on Monday October 29, 2018, at 11 AM at the Kent Island United Methodist Church, 2739 Cox Neck Road, Chester, MD. Burial will follow in the Stevensville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Nick' honor to the Chesapeake Conservancy, <https://chesapeakeconservancy.org>

# Cemetery Details

## Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street  
Stevensville, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island  
106 Shamrock Road  
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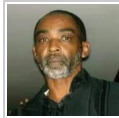
# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - October 26, 2018 at 01:54 PM



*Mrs Joan I sorry to here of mr nicks passing praying for you and the family I will miss I our little talks mike wright*

**Mike Wright** - October 28, 2018 at 11:20 AM

LS

*As a fellow member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for QA county, I extend my deepest sympathies to Nick's family. Nick was a sincere, passionate and dedicated member of our group. Prayers for Nick and all of his family and friends in his sad and sudden passing!*

**Leslie Sandoz** - November 02, 2018 at 02:54 PM



“ *Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. It was wonderful to spend time together in Indian Wells, and I hope that Joan will visit again soon so she and Peggy can share memories about Nick and Andy. May Nick's memory be a blessing to you all. Love, Amy Sheren*



Amy Sheren - November 05, 2018 at 01:36 AM



“ *Jennifer Frenkil sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer*



Jennifer Frenkil - October 27, 2018 at 04:20 PM



“ *RIP !*

Jennifer Frenkil - October 27, 2018 at 03:19 PM

LG

“ Dear Joan, Tracy, Melanie and family,

*Ellen and I were shocked and saddened to learn tonight of Nick's sudden passing. We will always remember our fond times on Oakenshield Drive, our visit to the cabin, The Triumph, the dogs eating socks and nylons and snowed in days!*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Larry, Ellen, Chad and Iris*

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**Larry Goldstein** - October 27, 2018 at 12:11 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer.



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October 26, 2018 at 09:41 PM

LP

“ What a beautiful life. Many blessings to your family Tracy. My heart is with you. -Lisa Parada



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**Lisa Parada** - October 26, 2018 at 01:09 PM

JC

“ *John and Robbie Carey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer.* ”



John and Robbie Carey - October 26, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer.* ”



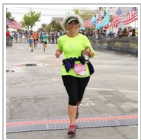
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BM

“ *Bedingfields, Daighs, Dormans, Karstens, Maleys purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer.* ”



Bedingfields, Daighs, Dormans, Karstens, Maleys - October 26, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ *Carol Jelich lit a candle in memory of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer* ”



Carol Jelich - October 26, 2018 at 06:39 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer.*



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October 25, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer.*



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October 24, 2018 at 08:30 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer.*



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October 24, 2018 at 05:29 PM



“ *Debbie Dean lit a candle in memory of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer*



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**Debbie Dean** - October 24, 2018 at 01:49 PM

TF

“ Tracy And Stacey Schulz And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer



Tracy and Stacey Schulz and Family - October 24, 2018 at 01:23 PM

GJ

“ Gayle Jayne lit a candle in memory of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer



Gayle Jayne - October 24, 2018 at 12:34 PM

SW

“ Always the planner and able to take control of the situation. Your friendship will be sorely missed



Sandra Williams - October 24, 2018 at 11:59 AM

CT

“ Nick could always make me smile with a joke to share or funny quip. I will miss his cute smile and his warm heart!!!

Cathy Tengwall - October 24, 2018 at 10:36 AM

CT

“ *Cathy Tengwall lit a candle in memory of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer*



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**Cathy Tengwall** - October 24, 2018 at 10:33 AM

LK

“ *Laura Klingler lit a candle in memory of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer*



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**Laura Klingler** - October 24, 2018 at 09:44 AM

ML

“ *Marjorie Lantz lit a candle in memory of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer*



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**Marjorie Lantz** - October 24, 2018 at 09:16 AM

JB

“ *Jack And Liz Broderick lit a candle in memory of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer*



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**Jack and Liz Broderick** - October 24, 2018 at 08:00 AM

WB

“ *Wheeler & Holly Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer*



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**Wheeler & Holly Baker** - October 24, 2018 at 07:56 AM

TF

“ *Tracy And Stacey Schulz And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr Nicholas Scott Stoer*



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**Tracy and Stacey Schulz and Family** - October 23, 2018 at 10:15 PM