



Oliver Ronald Waskey

May 6, 1945 - October 25, 2023

Oliver Ronald Waskey of Chester, MD died Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at the Compass Hospice Center in Centreville, MD. He was 78. Oliver was born on May 6, 1945 in Baltimore to the late Gladys Ruth (Coulter) Waskey and Oliver Frederick Waskey.

Growing up in Baltimore, Oliver (Ollie) worked at his family's butcher stall with his father and later his elder brother at Lexington Market. He enjoyed listening to the radio at night any chance he could and passed on that love of music to his children. Ollie enlisted and honorably served in the Air Force from 1969 to 1971, earning the rank of Staff Sergeant. During that time, he was stationed in Japan, instilling in him a love and respect for Japanese culture and language.

After leaving the military, Ollie worked for airline companies for many years. He resided in Manassas, Virginia, married, and moved to Kent Island, Maryland where he raised two sons. At that time, he worked as a salesman in a plethora of fields: cars, investments, coffee, insurance, etc. He enjoyed spending leisure time with his family on Goodhand Creek. He could be found boating on "The Good Ship Olliepop," participating in bluefish tournaments, and treasuring time with his children whether raising ducks, grilling steaks, or leading Boy Scouts. He valued travel and experiences. Ollie was a nurturing father, who will also be remembered as the man who captured memories and moments. He always had a video camera attached to one eye, saying, "You'll

appreciate this later,” and he was right! He encouraged his children, and later his grandchildren, to pursue their own interests, and took an interest in those things with them. He provided his sons with a Christian upbringing, laying the foundations for their faith by taking them to Island Alliance Church, where he faithfully continued attendance and involvement in the congregation until death.

Ollie managed insurance accounts for inner city churches well into his retirement years, when he also began a new career as a greeter in a local restaurant: Ollie was proud to be the first employee hired at the Kent Island Chick-Fil-A! He has earned the title of “friend” from many in his community due to his generosity of heart and joyfulness of spirit which he shared with all customers in his years at Chick-Fil-A. He loved serving people, making them smile and bringing joy to those well known to him and strangers alike. He truly embraced his faith in Jesus later in life as well, fervently attending multiple bible studies weekly and sharing his testimony with old and young in all of his travels. He was not ashamed to share the good news of Jesus Christ. His highest accomplishment was getting to tour the bible lands of Israel and being baptized in the Jordan River.

Ollie was a fiercely loving Uncle and Grandpa. He continued his legacy of encouragement and fun with his grandchildren and nephews and nieces. Cruises, fishing and sailing trips; train sets, museums and rides; Maryland State Boychoir events; intense games of monopoly; and much hearty laughter—Grandpa got down on their level and played. He was a man of meaningful relationships: a friend, a brother, a father, and grandfather to all.

Ollie is survived by his two sons and seven grandchildren: Christopher Edward (Julie) Waskey of Williamsbury, VA and their triplets, Nadia, Ryan, and Andrew; and Michael Steven (Amy) of Chester, MD and their children, Luisa, Yenni, Ezra, and Isaac; many loving nieces and nephews; and a brother, Eric

Waskey. In addition to his parents, Ollie is preceded in death by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Beryl (Waskey) and Vic Congdon, brother and sister-in-law, Allen and Ruth Waskey, and brother Peter Waskey.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at Island Alliance Church in Stevensville, MD at 11AM. The family will be welcoming visitors at the church beginning at 10. At the conclusion of the service, attendees are welcome to join family at the American Legion in Stevensville, MD, for a brief ceremony and a fellowship meal. Interment will be at the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock on November 13th at 10AM.

Online condolences can be made at www.fhnfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Island Alliance Church or Compass Regional Hospice.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Island Alliance Church
510 Thompson Creek Road
Stevensville, MD

Memorial Service

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Island Alliance Church
510 Thompson Creek Road
Stevensville, MD

Interment

NOV 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

Hurlock Maryland VA Cemetery
6828 East New Market
Hurlock, MD

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *Many fond memories of my friend and neighbor Ollie, and his family. Endlessly generous and kind, always get a smile when I think of him, Sue, Chris and Mike.* ”



Janet Lynn PFISTERER - August 07, 2024 at 05:54 PM

JB

“ *Jason Burleson-Gibson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Oliver Ronald Waskey.* ”

Jason Burleson-Gibson - November 11, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ *Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Oliver Ronald Waskey.* ”



November 11, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Oliver Ronald Waskey.* ”



November 09, 2023 at 09:41 AM

JB

“ Always remember Mr Ollie offering my kids hard and stickers at the KI CFA. He was always so kind and offered a smile to everyone!
RIP Mr Ollie! Heaven got a good one!

J. Burns - November 08, 2023 at 08:54 PM

MK

“ Please accept our prayers and condolences. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ grant you love, peace and comfort for your loss
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Michael Keenan - November 08, 2023 at 08:09 AM

MS

“ Moire Scherl lit a candle in memory of Oliver Ronald Waskey



Moire Scherl - November 07, 2023 at 04:03 PM

EC

“ Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Oliver Ronald Waskey



Eastern Shore Dental Care - November 07, 2023 at 09:40 AM