



Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz

June 25, 1933 - November 19, 2018

Oscar Alwood "Sonny" Schulz, waterman, restaurateur, politician, entrepreneur, father, grandfather, and friend passed away November 19, 2018, at his home. He was 85 years old. He was presently owner of Fisherman's Inn and the Crab Deck with his late wife Betty and three sons, Andy, Jody, and Tracy.

Sonny was born on Kent Island in Chester, MD, the son of the late Maude Nola Clough and Oscar Alwood Schulz. A graduate of Stevensville High School, Class of 1951, he spent the early part of his life working on the water even while going to school. From 1953 – 1955, he was a U.S. Army Sergeant stationed in Korea with the 25th infantry division. Upon returning from Korea, he would soon own and operate the charter fishing boat "Maverick" and marry Betty Thomas in 1956 as he continued to work on the water until 1971, when they opened the newly built Fisherman's Inn.

The Inn burned to the ground on Dec 22, 1980. It was re-built and re-opened again July 28, 1981. The adjoining A. C. Harris Packing Co. property was purchased in 1972 and it was kept as such until it was remodeled in 1991, keeping the front as a year-round seafood market and the back overlooking the water as Fisherman's Crab Deck.

Sonny always enjoyed politics. He was Treasurer for Queen Anne's County

MD for two terms from 1971 through 1979 and Commissioner for Queen Anne's County for two terms from 1982-1986 and 1990-1994.

He served as past director & chairman of The Board of the MD Restaurant Association, and was a member and leader for the MD Tourism Development Board for six years; The Chesapeake Bay Study Commission; a Board Member of MD Association of Counties; past Director of Chesapeake Bay Seafood Industry; and past President of Delmarva Seafood Advisory Council. He also served as a member of the Economic Development Commission, a charter member in 1963, and Honorary Post Governor of the Bay County Moose Lodge, First Commander and life member of the American Legion #278, a life member of the VFW #7464, member of the Centreville Masonic Lodge #180, member of the Scottish Rite, Boumi Temple, Royal Order of Jesters, past president and life member of the Kent Island Lions Club, honorary member of the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, charter member of the Kent Island Elks, member of Kent Island Yacht club and was President for three years of the Maryland Charter Boat Association.

His awards include: Seafood Ambassador Award in 1979, Queen Anne's County Outstanding Citizen in 1981, Southern Industrial Development Council's Volunteer of the Year for 1985, Queen Anne's County Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year in 1996, The Lion's Club Melvin Jones Award in 2000, the Kent Island Rotary Business Person of the Year for 2002, and he was named Admiral of the Chesapeake in 1966 by Governor J. Millard Tawes.

Sonny enjoyed vacations in Germany, Jamaica and Mexico, fishing in Costa Rica and especially his later years in Florida.

He is survived by three sons; Andy (Therese), Jody (Sheri) and Tracy (Stacey); seven grandsons. Dusty, Kirby, Hunter, Kolby, Holden, Dorsey and

Harrison. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Betty Schulz, in 2011; a brother Johnny; and a sister Charlotta.

Visitations will be held on Monday, November 26, 2018, from 12 –2 pm and from 4-8pm at the Kent Island United Methodist Church, where a funeral service will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 11 am. Burial will follow in Stevensville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, 1610 Main Street, Chester, MD. 21619.

Cemetery Details

Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street
Stevensville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Sonny Schulz, you are forever in my heart.
My heartfelt sympathies to the Schulz
families.*
Carol Wroble



Carol Wroble - April 29, 2019 at 01:16 AM



“ *Mr. Sonny will be missed by many. Dining at the restaurant will
never be the same without him joining us at the table and "catching
up" on what is going on. Prayers are with the family during this
difficult time. We love you all. Scott and Kim Ruth and Family*

Kim Ruth - November 27, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz.*



November 26, 2018 at 04:05 PM



“ *I shall always remember and appreciate Sonny Schultz for the support he gave to begin the culinary training program at Chesapeake College. I was supervising the program at the time and knew almost nothing about culinary education. Sonny was very generous with his time and expertise. His chef at the time became our lead instructor. Sonny Schultz was a leader and a generous supporter of his community. My condolences to the family. Fisherman's Inn will always be a favorite place to dine for me, and I'll think of Sonny every time I go there.*

Carolyn A. Smith-Kennedy

Carolyn Kennedy - November 26, 2018 at 02:43 PM



Sonny was a no-nonsense guy with a great sense of humor. I greatly enjoyed our time together on the RAM board. Fred Rosenthal

Fred Rosenthal - November 27, 2018 at 08:06 PM

FJ

“ *From the Employees of KI True Value & The Jordan's purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz.*



From the Employees of KI True Value & The Jordan's -
November 26, 2018 at 11:57 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz.*



November 26, 2018 at 08:41 AM

WS

“ *It is a wonderful tribute if people who knew you and/or worked for you more than 50 years ago, continue to have great memories of those times. I have such memories from working for Sonny on the Maverick for a few months. I know he is mentoring in heaven to anyone he sees. May your sadness today be brief knowing your loved one's kindness, sharing, and joy will live on in many hearts always. May each of you find comfort and peace knowing that so many have been touched by Sonny's presence in their lives.*

William Francis Smouse - November 26, 2018 at 08:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz.*



November 26, 2018 at 07:56 AM



“ *Tracy, Andy and family,*

I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Sonny. I always enjoyed seeing him when I worked at Fisherman's. He always had the first booth claimed! Thinking of you during this time.

Lauren Dunn - November 25, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ *We are so saddened by the loss of Oscar "Sonny" Schulz. Our condolences to the family. They will have so many wonderful memories of "Sonny" as he lived a life full of being involved in so many organizations and having a wonderful family. May the good Lord Bless and Keep you and grant you peace at this time. Blessings, Martha & Royce Herman*

Martha & Royce Herman - November 25, 2018 at 01:04 PM



“ *Tim & Laura Bishop lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Tim & Laura Bishop - November 25, 2018 at 12:21 PM

MN

“ Mike Nash lit a candle in memory of Oscar
"Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Mike Nash - November 25, 2018 at 10:41 AM

JC

“ My sincerest condolences to the Schulz
family, you all are in my prayers



Jeannie Carpenter - November 25, 2018 at 09:08 AM

JW

“ Jason, Jenn, Caley, Skylar, & Nicholas W lit a
candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood
Schulz



Jason, Jenn, Caley, Skylar, & Nicholas W - November 25, 2018 at 07:00 AM

TF

Jason, Jenn, Caley, Skylar, & Nicholas Walters

The Walters Family - November 25, 2018 at 07:01 AM

NS

“ Prayers to the Schultz family during this time...Sonny will be remembered by all.
Shirley & Nan Severa



Nan Severa - November 24, 2018 at 01:06 PM

LH

“ Jody, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I know Sonny and Dad are sharing football stories in heaven.
Always at your goal post,
Lucy Emory Hendricks

Lucy Emory Hendricks - November 24, 2018 at 10:16 AM

FP

“ Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Frank and Tish Palmatary - November 24, 2018 at 08:26 AM

EC

“ A flood of memories that I will have always. I will miss him but smile when I think of the amazing reunion of friends that greeted him as he passed over to the other side.

Emily Carr - November 23, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ *Sonny was a great friend and we traveled around this country and Canada together. Lots of fond memories Gave a lot to the County and State. Good man.* ”

Nancy Allen - November 23, 2018 at 06:19 PM

CL

“ *My idol, my friend, you always be in my heart. We will all have fond memories of you and they will put a smile on our face and in our hearts.* ”

Carroll Larrimore - November 23, 2018 at 02:31 PM

SJ

“ *Suzanne Jackson lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz* ”



Suzanne Jackson - November 23, 2018 at 01:50 PM

BY

“ *Bill & Jane Young lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz* ”



Bill & Jane Young - November 23, 2018 at 12:59 PM

GC

“ George R. Crosby lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



George R. Crosby - November 23, 2018 at 12:46 PM

GC

Tracey, Jody, and family, my deepest condolences on the loss of your Dad.

George R. Crosby - November 23, 2018 at 01:48 PM

BC

“ Sonny was a great friend and I loved talking to him hearing his "stories". I will miss spending time with him What a pillar of the community and kindness and generosity



Bonnie Coleman - November 23, 2018 at 11:44 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz.



November 23, 2018 at 11:31 AM

MG

“ We all can only hope and pray to live a life as full as Mr. Sonny. He made all our lives better by his presence in this community and touched almost everyone's lives who lived and worked here. He was great (and successful) at everything he did and is truly an inspiration to us all. We'll miss you.

Mark and Vali Galasso

mark galasso - November 23, 2018 at 08:43 AM

DP

“ Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Doug Pierson - November 23, 2018 at 06:51 AM

VI

“ Andy..jodi and tracy and all the families 😞
So sad to hear about your Dad!!! He was an icon in the community and beyond...may all your fondest memories bring smiles to your faces and ease your pain as you remember him. He will truly be missed by many. Our prayers of comfort go out to you all!! 🇺🇸 🌲

Val whaley ivins - November 22, 2018 at 10:14 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - November 22, 2018 at 08:44 PM

GP

What a loss for Queen Anne's County. Sonny was a wonderful boss when he was County Commissioner and he loved his County and had a heart of gold. He was a great friend to us and will always remain on our hearts. Blessings to his family at this time. Prayers are with you and never forget the wonderful memories. God bless. Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - November 22, 2018 at 08:48 PM

K(

“ *Sending love to the entire Schulz family!*

Kari Oulahyane (Hall) - November 22, 2018 at 08:39 PM

SN

“ *Always friendly, always a smile. I will miss seeing him at Fishermans. My sympathy to his family. RIP my friend. Shirley Nesley*

shirley nesley - November 22, 2018 at 08:25 PM

AD

“ *A man who will never be forgotten by all that knew him. He was strong, caring, and had a sincere love for the community and his family and friends. We all miss you, Sonny. Al and Jennifer Diederichs*



Al and Jennifer Diederichs - November 22, 2018 at 08:10 PM

VC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers. Vera and Rocky Cioffi.*



Vera and Rocky Cioffi - November 22, 2018 at 07:32 PM

AG

“ *Amy, Bo And Benton Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Amy, Bo and Benton Greenwood - November 22, 2018 at 05:27 PM

LB

“ *Prayers to the Family. I played football with Jody and consider him a friend and my pirate brother. I remember jody's Senior year we beat Temple in Philadelphia to finish the season 7-4. Our bus stopped at the wonderful Fisherman's Inn on the way home and our pirate team got a taste of Sonny's hospitality! A great memory for sure. God bless you Jody and family*

Lloyd Black - November 22, 2018 at 12:48 PM

TB

“ *Tom and Bev Baker*



Tom and Bev Baker - November 22, 2018 at 10:20 AM

AB

“ *ANN BUTLER lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



ANN BUTLER - November 22, 2018 at 08:44 AM

TK

“ *Tom And Donna Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Tom and Donna Kaufman - November 22, 2018 at 06:25 AM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Phil Foster - November 22, 2018 at 02:11 AM

RK

“ *Rachel Phillips Kellenbenz lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Rachel Phillips Kellenbenz - November 21, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ I have known the Schulz family for a very long time. Sonny was a great man. He will be missed by many people.



Tom Councillor - November 21, 2018 at 09:58 PM



“ Greg And Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Greg and Laura Saddler - November 21, 2018 at 09:53 PM



“ Judy Thompson lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Judy Thompson - November 21, 2018 at 08:48 PM



Prayers for the family

Judy Thompson - November 21, 2018 at 07:49 PM

SK

“ *Sandy Kendall lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Sandy Kendall - November 21, 2018 at 08:40 PM

MF

“ *Mr. Sonny was like family to us ever since I could remember. He will be missed dearly.*

Marilyn Ford - November 21, 2018 at 07:42 PM

JF

“ *Sonny always so kind and visited with us when we hung at Fishermens . Always had great stories. Always made everyone feel like they were part of the story! You will be missed yet your presence will always be felt at the Inn!
Lou snd Jayne Foehrkolb*

jayne Foehrkolb - November 21, 2018 at 07:14 PM



“ *Sharlene Bullen sent a virtual gift in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Sharlene Bullen - November 21, 2018 at 06:51 PM



Paul and I were sorry to hear of Mr. Schulz passing...Our condolences to the boys. Not many old timers left now.

Sharlene Bullen - November 21, 2018 at 06:54 PM

TJ

“ Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - November 21, 2018 at 06:41 PM



“ Truly one of a kind man who could tell you stories for ever and was true to himself. He will be missed dearly.
Larry and patty collier



Patty Montague-collier - November 21, 2018 at 06:33 PM

GM

“ Gloria Gladding (Mande's Mom) lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Gloria Gladding (Mande's Mom) - November 21, 2018 at 06:27 PM

RO

“ Rose lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Rose - November 21, 2018 at 06:17 PM

RT

We will miss you Sonny! Rose and Sandy Thompson

Rose & Sandy Thompson - November 21, 2018 at 05:20 PM

RH

“ *Rob and Trish Heyn*



Rob, Trish, Alexandra and Katie Heyn - November 21, 2018 at 04:33 PM

RH

“ *Rob, Trish, Alexandra And Katie Heyn lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



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RH

Hreat man to know and work for!!

Rob, Trish, Alexandra and Katie Heyn - November 21, 2018 at 04:31 PM

RH

Great man!!

Rob, Trish, Alexandra and Katie Heyn - November 21, 2018 at 04:32 PM

MS

“ *Moire Baxter Scherl lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Moire Baxter Scherl - November 21, 2018 at 01:22 PM

TF

“ *Tribull Family lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Tribull Family - November 21, 2018 at 11:49 AM

MC

“ *Michael Collinson lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Michael Collinson - November 21, 2018 at 11:40 AM

MA

“ Mande lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Mande - November 21, 2018 at 10:58 AM

CC

“ Chris & Billy Clough lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Chris & Billy Clough - November 21, 2018 at 10:55 AM

AH

“ Angel&Mike Huffman lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Angel&Mike Huffman - November 21, 2018 at 10:34 AM

BL

“ Beth (Fuchs) Lacey lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Beth (Fuchs) Lacey - November 21, 2018 at 09:44 AM

LH

“ Lynn Hirschauer lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Lynn Hirschauer - November 21, 2018 at 09:24 AM

JF

“ Jim And Diane Foor lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Jim and Diane Foor - November 21, 2018 at 08:59 AM

LS

“ Laura Sadowski lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Laura Sadowski - November 21, 2018 at 08:55 AM

TG

“ Thad & Cheri Gerardi purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz.



Thad & Cheri Gerardi - November 21, 2018 at 08:36 AM

CN

“ *Cecelia Nation lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



cecelia nation - November 21, 2018 at 08:21 AM

HS

“ *Hank Starkey lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Hank Starkey - November 21, 2018 at 07:46 AM

GL

“ *Gene Legg lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Gene Legg - November 21, 2018 at 06:55 AM

MW

“ *Mary Wyatt sent a virtual gift in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Mary Wyatt - November 21, 2018 at 06:41 AM

SA

“ Sewardie , Mary & Annie lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Sewardie , Mary & Annie - November 21, 2018 at 06:09 AM

JM

“ Jeff And Cindy Moore lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz



Jeff and Cindy Moore - November 21, 2018 at 05:14 AM

KS

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Kathy Spry - November 20, 2018 at 10:39 PM

DL

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Deborah Langrell - November 20, 2018 at 10:06 PM

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ANN BUTLER - November 20, 2018 at 09:42 PM

MF

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Marilyn Ford - November 20, 2018 at 09:34 PM

JP

“ *John And Phyllis Perkins lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



John and Phyllis Perkins - November 20, 2018 at 09:29 PM



“ *Jim Ewing lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Jim Ewing - November 20, 2018 at 07:50 PM

RU

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Rob & Lisa Udoff - November 20, 2018 at 07:43 PM

DC

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David and June Clark - November 20, 2018 at 07:40 PM

CG

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Cynthia Goodman - November 20, 2018 at 06:26 PM

GB

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Gene & Trish Beville - November 20, 2018 at 05:58 PM

BJ

“ *Brandy Perkins Jewell lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Brandy Perkins Jewell - November 20, 2018 at 04:40 PM

RP

“ *Royden & JoAnn Powell lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Royden & JoAnn Powell - November 20, 2018 at 04:25 PM

CD

“ *Cynthia S Dill lit a candle in memory of Oscar "Sonny" Alwood Schulz*



Cynthia S Dill - November 20, 2018 at 03:57 PM