



Perry A. Stutman

April 7, 1947 - November 23, 2019

Please take a moment on April 7th (his birthday) to remember my amazing husband, Perry Stutman. In the spirit of maximizing the care and health of our dear friends, I have made the agonizing decision to postpone Perry's Celebration of Memories service (to be determined at a later time). Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and love, and for keeping his joyful spirit in your heart. ♡ Sheila Stutman

My heart is breaking as I announce the sad departure of his life on earth of my amazing husband of 34 years, Perry Allen Stutman. Perry faced several major illnesses that tried to defeat him, but his strong heart, his strength and his courage, rallied his positive spirit and kept up the “good fight”. He was well known for his dry wit and humorous stories.

The only son of Herman and Lorraine (Titelman) Stutman, of Baltimore, born April 7, 1947, Perry had one sibling Myra Perel-Cerrone also of Baltimore. The following paragraphs open a snapshot of Perry's education and career, recently discovered on his computer: “I spent my youth in various Baltimore neighborhoods with my family, graduating in 1965 from Baltimore City College and continuing my education at Baltimore Junior College. I have particular fond memories of my coach and teammates there – playing lacrosse and wrestling. In 1967 I began my cadet training at the Calhoon MEBA Engineering School as a Shipboard engineer. I sailed on many assignments

initially serving as a ship's engineer delivering ammunition and bombs to our troops in Vietnam.

While a merchant seaman I developed a tankship training course for licensed deck and engineer officers and constructed the original full scale working centrifuge system for oil treatment. In addition, I concurrently finished my college degree in Environmental Science at Towson University and successfully completed training for my pilots license from the FAA. The finale of my sea-going career was as Chief Engineer on the SS Cape Archway, which I helped ready to make seaworthy after an 11 year lay-up – for Desert Storm/Desert Shield.

Shortly after the conclusion of The Persian Gulf War and after retirement from active maritime service, I accepted the position of Engineering Section Chief with the US Coast Guard. As a civilian employee, I moved to Examination Branch Chief and ultimately Division Chief of Course Approval and Examinations at the National Maritime Center in Washington, DC.

While serving as a Merchant Mariner, I was an instructor for the MEBA school in Easton for 14 years. It was during this time I met and fell madly in love with my lovely wife Shelia. We married and made our home in Queenstown.”

Not long after our wedding, Perry authored a technical textbook of shipboard systems called “Applied Marine Hydraulics” (published by Cornell Maritime). In addition, he was asked to author a chapter for an International Training Manual produced for The Nautical Institute in the UK. And... He was working on an autobiography!

In 2008 Perry tossed his signature Greek fisherman's hat in the political ring where he successfully was elected as a member (and President) to several terms as Queenstown Commissioner. He was devoted to our charming town and for many years was a member and past chairman of the planning commission and Board of Appeals. He was instrumental in drafting a Risk Management manual; an Employee Manual; and assisting with the community and comprehensive plans.

He continued his service as Vice President (2013) and President (2014) of the

Eastern Shore Association of Municipalities and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Municipal League.

In November 2019 he was recognized as Volunteer of the Year, and the official Queenstown flag currently in use was designed by him.

Perry was also a generous and remarkable step-father to Bradley, Robert, and Bryon Callahan, and he was a devoted loving "Popeye" to 12 grandchildren Bobby Callahan, Jr; Christopher Reid; Maddie Zuschnitt; Austin Callahan; Victoria Callahan; Jack Zuschnitt; Jordan Callahan; Alexandria Callahan; Nicholas Callahan; Cameron Callahan; Laila Callahan; Braydon Callahan and 5 great grandchildren Marley; Rory and Zachary; and Jett and Clover.

He kept busy between careers and volunteering with his talent for construction and renovating our homes; co-owning (with his wife) Ladies Boutique and Tux Rental, C. R., Bottoms, Inc; Member and sometime "Santa" at Grasonville Senior Center; working on the Committee Boat for Miles River Log Canoe Races; and 'actor extraordinaire' of Church Hill Theatre.

In addition, he was member and past officer of Miles River Yacht Club, St. Michaels Rotary Club, and Charter member and officer of Kent Island Rotary Club.

He adored his fur-baby "Sootie", enjoyed telling jokes and stories around early morning coffee at ROFO with Queenstown friends, and loved watching Jeopardy! And Perry Mason reruns.

A Celebration of Memories will be held in the spring to honor this accomplished officer and gentleman.

Memorial donations, rather than flowers, may be offered to Queenstown VFD or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

My heartfelt thanks to wonderful friends for their support and love helping us through this devastating time.

Perry has now sailed home to his Captain- Job well done, Perry. Amen.

Fair winds and following seas, My love.

Condolences may be sent to Shelia Stutman, PO Box 296, Queenstown, MD

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Tribute Wall



“ *Perry A. Stutman*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Perry A. Stutman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Perry A. Stutman*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

SS

“ SHALOM!

My warmest wishes to you for your good health.

I'm sure you understand, my planned celebration in recognition of Perry's active and very diversified life has been put "on hold" due to COVID-19. And so, to honor my beloved husband, (whom I dearly miss) I'm reaching out to have you join me to recognize the one year anniversary of his passing.

There is a poignant tradition in the Jewish faith that I wish to enact in memory of his life well lived. At sunset, on November 23rd, to honor my Perry, please join me by lighting a Yahrzeit candle and to remember his joie de vivre.

Remembering is an act of love, and remembering him in this small way, I hope we can come together to commemorate my dear husband, Perry Stutman.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

*With Love,
Sheila*

Shelia Stutman - November 16, 2020 at 11:40 AM

MM

“ *This goes way back to Mt. Washington Elementary School #221. Perry was one of my mentors in Cub Scouts, around 1959, if I recall. He was friends with Ricky Cohen who lived just a block from me and Mark Birnbaum, brother to Debbie who was a classmate of mine at Mt. Washington. My sincere condolences to Perry's family. As my mom once said, life is indeed short.*

Mark Miller - August 08, 2020 at 04:49 PM

BS

“ I was a few years younger than Perry, and followed his path to college and then Calhoon School. Perry was one of my instructors at Calhoon and was quite a memorable one. That was in the late 1970's, and now after a career of sailing on ships, I find myself in a Maritime Instructor role, just like Perry. Not only that, since his Hydraulics book is the best source for the topic for my students, I reprint (with his permission) and use it to teach my students all about marine hydraulics. Perry, I salute you and thank you.

I'm so sorry for Perry's family that he was taken from you at such a young age. Please accepts my sincere prayers and condolences.

Bruce Sherman. Seattle, Wa.

Bruce D Sherman - June 07, 2020 at 02:23 AM

MH

“ Martha And Royce Herman lit a candle in memory of Perry A. Stutman



Martha and Royce Herman - June 05, 2020 at 05:36 PM

BC

Hi Martha, I hope you got the candle I left today.


bryon j callahan - November 17, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Valerie Von Den Bosch - March 26, 2020 at 11:04 AM

 Joan Garrity

“ Joan Garrity lit a candle in memory of Perry A. Stutman



Joan Garrity - December 28, 2019 at 01:01 PM

MP

“ MYRA PEREL lit a candle in memory of Perry A. Stutman



MYRA PEREL - December 21, 2019 at 12:58 PM

MP

To Sheila, Brad, Bobby, Bryon and all of Popeye's crew, Garry and I continue to be at a loss for words and deeply saddened by Perry's passing. As Perry's sister we shared a lifetime of Joy, Love and Laughter and difficult times. Perry was a pillar of strength and courage. Please know that we are thinking of you and our families. We are so sorry for your loss. I know Perry will be with us forever in our hearts and memories. We send you our love and heartfelt prayers that you continue to find strength in loved ones, friends and family.

*Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear.
Loving Sister & Brother-in-law
Myra & Garry*

MYRA PEREL - December 21, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ *Perry and I were friends in our mid 20s. We stayed in touch somewhat over the past 15 years. He was a wonderful person. I knew he was undergoing cancer treatment and he said he would try and stay in touch. I never heard from him again. This was unusual so today in goigle I looked ip Perry Stutman funeral and sadly I found out the news. Everyone who knew him knew he was a great guy. I am so sorry for all of his ongoing health issues. That is really a shame. Love to you and your family. So sorry for your loss. Cheryl London*

Cheryl London - December 20, 2019 at 04:14 PM



“ *Sheila and All Others in Perry's world:*

I knew Perry as a young man of virtue with an ongoing desire to learn and improve. Perry was loyal to his teammates, who respected him affectionately. All of my memories of Perry are heartwarming and I am sure that yours are also as you celebrate his life. I regret that I did not remain in contact with Perry and that I missed the joy of sharing further in his extraordinary accomplishments.

Coach Jerry Casciani

Valerie Von Den Bosch - December 17, 2019 at 09:14 AM

DW

“ *I will miss seeing Perry in my office during the summer months... he would always make me laugh or give some interesting 'words of wisdom'! My prayers are with the Sheila and the entire Stutman family during this time of mourning. May God touch you with comfort!*

*Deborah Wilson
Manager, Our Place at the Beach*

Deborah Wilson - December 12, 2019 at 10:34 AM

BW

“ *Dear Sheila*

I came to know Perry while we served together on the Planning Commission. He always brought fun and knowledge to the Board. I will miss seeing him as he always had a story or something to add to make me smile. May God help you heal your broken heart but continue to live your life fully as Perry would have wanted you to do. With deepest sympathy, Betty White

Betty White - December 12, 2019 at 09:06 AM

BW

“ *Bob & Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Perry A. Stutman*



Bob & Sheila Willis - December 01, 2019 at 09:20 PM

SC

“ *Sharon Coker lit a candle in memory of Perry A. Stutman*



Sharon Coker - December 01, 2019 at 08:13 PM

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“ *CHS Class Of 1966 lit a candle in memory of Perry A. Stutman*



CHS Class of 1966 - December 01, 2019 at 04:19 PM

LH

“ *Lynn Hirschauer lit a candle in memory of Perry A. Stutman*



Lynn Hirschauer - November 30, 2019 at 10:04 AM

JS

“ I knew Perry for many years in both a professional capacity and on the personal level and always enjoyed working with him. He was a good friend and a true gentleman who will be missed very much. The family is in my prayers.

Jack Shaum

Jack Shaum - November 30, 2019 at 10:00 AM

TH

“ Sheila so sorry to hear about Perry. You are in my thoughts and prayers



Tammy Holmes - November 29, 2019 at 06:57 PM



“ Jim Ewing lit a candle in memory of Perry A. Stutman



Jim Ewing - November 27, 2019 at 08:02 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Perry A. Stutman



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - November 27, 2019 at 02:04 PM

GP

Sheila....thinking of you in our prayers and thoughts. Always enjoyed talking with Perry. God is with you during this difficult time. God bless. Gene and Lynda

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - November 27, 2019 at 02:06 PM

CT

“ *Sheila, my thoughts are with you and family during this time of loss. May you find comfort and strength in the beautiful memories and the deep devotion that was shared. Love and hugs to you my dear friend.*

Connie Todd - November 27, 2019 at 01:21 PM

CT

“ *Connie Todd sent a virtual gift in memory of Perry A. Stutman*



Connie Todd - November 27, 2019 at 01:14 PM