



Peter Caverly Newlin

February 26, 1947 - October 22, 2024

Peter Caverly Newlin of Chestertown, MD died on October 22, 2024, at the age of 77, in the care of Compass Regional Hospice House of Centreville, MD. He was born on February 26, 1947, in Bryn Mawr, PA to John Shipley and Virginia Strong Newlin. Peter grew up on a working farm in rural Pennsylvania where he learned the value of hard work.

He graduated from Great Valley High School in Malvern, PA. Before college, Peter served in the U.S. Army for four years, where he was stationed in Germany as a translator. After his military service, Peter graduated from Connecticut College with a bachelor's degree in history and literature. He then took a break from academia and worked as a welder in his father's machinist business. His carpentry skills led him to a mentor, Michael Borne, who was a historian with Maryland's Historic Trust. Peter honed his carpentry skills under Michael's tutelage in the art of historic restoration. He then enrolled at the University of Virginia. After one semester, he switched his major from architectural history to architecture, in which he received a master's degree.

His love for historic architecture drew him to Annapolis where he researched historic buildings. The buildings he most admired were restored by an architect named Jim Burch, FAIA. Peter joined Jim's firm, which became Burch & Associates in 1978. Peter went on to establish the Chestertown branch in 1978. The firm's most noteworthy projects from that time period

were the renovation of Chestertown's Fire House into the Town Hall and the passive-solar Galena Bank, which won an award for energy conservation.

Peter purchased an office building in 1982 on Church Alley and established Chesapeake Architects, which became well known for specializing in waterfront architecture and historically sensitive design. In 1996, Peter became the first architect on the Eastern Shore to attain FAIA (Fellow of the American Institute of Architects) status. Throughout his distinguished career, Peter was recognized for his design talents from local, state, and international entities, including Progressive Architecture magazine for a rural town planning project, the Maryland Historical Trust for preservation projects, Delmarva Power for energy conscious design, and numerous "Excellence in Architecture" awards from chapters of the American Institute of Architects. Some of Peter's projects included Washington College's Lelia Hynson Pavilion, on the Chester River, and the historic restoration of the Garfield Theater on High Street.

His hobbies included sailing and racing boats, racquetball, handball, history, reading, and hiking. He also loved animals, especially cats. He is survived by his wife, Gale Tucker, stepdaughter, Julia Ramsey, his brothers J. Shipley Newlin, Jr. (Helen), Claiborne Newlin (Debbie, predeceased), Alf Newlin (Lotte), and his sister, Nina Newlin.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Animal Care Shelter for Kent County (Maryland) 10168 Worton Rd, Chestertown, MD 21620, Compass Regional Hospice in Centreville 160 Coursevall Dr, Centreville, MD 21617, MD., or Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011 Washington, DC 20090-6011.

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Ark & Dove Restaurant
21142 Green Lane
Rock Hall, MD 21661

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 16, 2025 at 11:26 AM

JH

Dear Gale, this is very late. I'm sorry that Peter passed away. My condolences!

Jack Heinefield - February 02, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Service Recording*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 28, 2025 at 11:12 AM

LM

“ *Love, David and Elizabeth Moffly purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Peter Caverly Newlin.*



Love, David and Elizabeth Moffly - January 23, 2025 at 06:02 PM

LM

“ Love, David and Elizabeth Moffly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter Caverly Newlin.

Love, David and Elizabeth Moffly - January 23, 2025 at 06:02 PM

TS

“ Todd And Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin



Todd and Diane Smith - January 22, 2025 at 11:38 AM

SJ

“ My sincere sympathy to Gail and Family. I will remember Peter's huge smile.



Suzanne Jackson - January 21, 2025 at 09:19 PM

DS

“ *Gale,
Peter was an excellent sailor, mentor, and teacher. I joined
Parklawn Sailing with little sailing knowledge, and Peter taught me a
lot over several years. It's hard to believe this picture was taken just
a few short years ago. We all miss him.*
Dana



Dana Sippel - January 21, 2025 at 07:33 PM

JM

“ *Dear Gale , Please remember how oh so many people care about
you & Peter. You are a strong woman yet please care for yourself
during this time & into your future. With Love & Wishing you Peace,
Jeannine & Carlo*

Jeannine A Marsey - November 01, 2024 at 11:41 AM

IT

“ *Inez Thompson lit a candle in memory of
Peter Caverly Newlin*



Inez Thompson - October 29, 2024 at 02:10 PM

“ After graduating from college in 1974 Peter's sister and I crossed the Bay Bridge to the Eastern Shore and arrived in Chestertown at Peter's coaxing. He would connect us with work and housing. Peter believed in the value of community; building relationships was good both professionally and personally. Through the years our families mingled and I had occasion to interact with him professionally. If I were asked to provide a reference for Peter this is what I would say: Peter is unique within established norms(not a breakthrough like F L Wright)but he created a signature look and feel in his designs. Tidewater wood framed houses was the exterior and the interior was all PCN! No I don't mean he forced his preferences on his clients, he rather illuminated the potential heights to which their desires could reach.

Example:

Peter engineered suspending an entire fireplace/chimney... that's right...above the finished floor! All the weight had to be re-directed up, out, and then back down to solid footings elsewhere. That's huge!

Here's something small. I reviewed several of his designs for estimating potential cost. He was thorough to a fault. I found pages of details for ornamentation or patterns (like where nails or fasteners should be placed) that the owner or visitors might never see.

Peter approached all the parts with equal weight so the whole was a virtuous reflection of his work and the clients desires.

Finally. At times he would enter his teacher's mode... which could be annoying...but he always greeted me with his boyish face; pursed lips, raised eyebrows, and then a welcome smile. R.I.P

PJ

“ Dear Gale,

I am grateful for having worked with Peter over the years. He had a way of bringing the best out of people. I use what I learned from him every day.

Patrick

Patrick Jones - October 29, 2024 at 07:57 AM

KO

“ *Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Kristi Osborn - October 28, 2024 at 09:24 AM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - October 26, 2024 at 10:54 AM

BT

“ Peter joined Parklawn Sailing Association of Galesville in about 2007, not long before I joined that sailing club. I was relatively new to sailing and a complete novice as a racer. He was an old hand at both. For years, he skippered our Wednesday night beer can racing in the Galesville Pirates Cove Race Club series. He taught many of our club members the fine art of high-performance sailing. He was instrumental in building the crew that won our class in the storm-tossed 2017 Maryland Governor’s Cup race from Annapolis to St. Mary’s College. Peter was unfailingly patient and generous as a teacher. As a racing skipper, he could handle any situation, weather surprise, broken equipment, crew mistake. And he did that with grace and consideration for everyone aboard. At post-race dinners, he was always more interested in listening than talking. He was loved as a friend by all of us. Thank you, Peter.

Bob Tenney - October 25, 2024 at 07:59 PM

BT

“ 1 file added to the album Sailing



Bob Tenney - October 25, 2024 at 07:56 PM

SW

“ Gale,
I enjoyed many races with Peter on the PSA boats. The fondest memory was when we won our class in the Governors Cup race from Annapolis to St Mary's College in 2017. When we crossed the finish line and heard the gun rather than a horn we just looked at each other in disbelief. We enjoyed many good days on the bay. Hopefully he has already found a new boat to sail on heavenly waters.

Stan Wujcik - October 25, 2024 at 07:26 PM

RJ

“ Robin Joiner lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin



robin joiner - October 25, 2024 at 06:29 PM

CC

“ Dear Gale,

We are praying for friends and family to comfort you, faith to uphold you, and loving memories to help you smile again.

Chris and Jennifer Chekouras



Chris Chekouras - October 25, 2024 at 03:16 PM

PK

“ *Paul W Kelley lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Paul W Kelley - October 25, 2024 at 02:47 PM

JM

“ *My dear Gale,
I was shocked when you texted me- I have many happy memories from our meal at The Morris Inn & our last lunch on my screened porch.*



*It was a privilege for me to write about Peter's creative houses as Spy Houses of the Week- his legacy lives on!
Hugs
Jenn*

Jennifer Martella - October 25, 2024 at 02:18 PM

NR

“ *Nancy McCloy And Terry Rabinowitz lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Nancy McCloy and Terry Rabinowitz - October 25, 2024 at 12:35 PM

LR

“ *Gale I am so sorry to hear of this news . I am sending you love and prayers of peace and comfort . Laura and Charlie Roth*

Laura Roth - October 25, 2024 at 10:59 AM

MW

“ *Marian Walbert Wyble lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Marian Walbert Wyble - October 25, 2024 at 09:43 AM

LM

“ *Leslie Moorhouse lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



leslie moorhouse - October 25, 2024 at 08:51 AM

BG

“ *Gale, I am so sorry for your loss. I ask our Heavenly Father to surround you with His angels to bring you comfort and peace .i love you Gale..you are in my heart during this time. In Christian love, BettyAnn Glenn*



BettyAnn Glenn - October 24, 2024 at 10:47 PM

KM

“ *Gale Kevin and I send our deepest condolences to you.*



Kevin and Tracey Middleton - October 24, 2024 at 08:29 PM

CF

“ *Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Connie Fithian - October 24, 2024 at 07:15 PM

TP

“ *Tara Peace lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Tara Peace - October 24, 2024 at 04:23 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Jeanette Stubbs - October 24, 2024 at 03:51 PM

MP

“ *Mary Pase lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Mary Pase - October 24, 2024 at 01:53 PM

MP

Sending lots of hugs and prayers for Ms Gale. I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Peter was truly one of a kind. You will be missed by so many

Mary Pase - October 24, 2024 at 01:59 PM

PM

“ *Pam Marvel lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Pam Marvel - October 24, 2024 at 11:59 AM

HJ

“ *Gail, thinking of you, sending hugs and love, Holly Johnson*

Holly Johnson - October 24, 2024 at 11:01 AM

EL

“ *Edgar & Nancy Legg lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Edgar & Nancy Legg - October 24, 2024 at 09:37 AM

BC

“ *Barry And Nancy Conner lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Barry and Nancy Conner - October 24, 2024 at 08:35 AM

BR

“ *Bob And Sandra Rust lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Bob and Sandra Rust - October 23, 2024 at 03:52 PM

VK

“ *Vickie Kaylor lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Vickie Kaylor - October 23, 2024 at 11:33 AM

KL

“ *Katherine Langenfelder lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Katherine Langenfelder - October 23, 2024 at 10:21 AM

LI

“ *Luisa's Cucina Italiana lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Luisa's Cucina Italiana - October 23, 2024 at 10:18 AM

SG

“ *Sandy Green lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Sandy Green - October 23, 2024 at 09:26 AM

SG

I was so Shocked to read this. He was my son Kevin's neighbor for years. I am deeply sorry for your loss.

Sandy Green - October 23, 2024 at 09:29 AM

SG

My deepest sympathy for your family

Sandy Green - October 23, 2024 at 09:30 AM

BC

Gail and Family ,May God comfort you as only He can do at this sad time . Know we are all praying for you and are here for you .

Barry and Nancy Conner - October 24, 2024 at 08:39 AM

PQ

“ *Pamela Ann Quarstein lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Pamela Ann Quarstein - October 23, 2024 at 08:19 AM

MW

“ *Mary Williams lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Mary Williams - October 23, 2024 at 07:23 AM

BL

“ *Brenda K Lyons lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Brenda K Lyons - October 22, 2024 at 08:40 PM

SH

“ *SharonTruitt lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



SharonTruitt - October 22, 2024 at 07:54 PM

CC

“ *Carol Callaway lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Carol Callaway - October 22, 2024 at 06:22 PM

DS

“ Heartfelt sympathy for your loss.



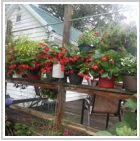
Donell Smith - October 22, 2024 at 05:32 PM

KM

“ Kim McSorley lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin



Kim McSorley - October 22, 2024 at 05:21 PM



“ Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin



Sherrie Jacobs - October 22, 2024 at 04:31 PM

DG

“ Donna Gibbons-Neff lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin



Donna Gibbons-Neff - October 22, 2024 at 04:09 PM



“ *Sharon Crew lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Sharon Crew - October 22, 2024 at 03:45 PM



“ *Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards - October 22, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ *Sara & David Quinn lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Sara & David Quinn - October 22, 2024 at 02:49 PM



“ *Sara & David Qiluinn lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Sara & David Qiluinn - October 22, 2024 at 02:46 PM

CN

“ *Chris & Vivian Nordhoff lit a candle in memory of Peter Caverly Newlin*



Chris & Vivian Nordhoff - October 22, 2024 at 02:36 PM