



Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor

November 11, 1953 - October 2, 2025

Purnell Theodore "Ted" Batchelor, Junior of Chestertown, Maryland passed away with his son by his side Thursday October 2, 2025. He was 71 years old.

Ted was born to the late Purnell Theodore, Senior and Pearl Lena Matilda Batchelor. He grew up in Skinners Neck close to his extensive family who taught him how to make a life for himself on the water. With the help of his father and grandfather he learned how to build and fix just about anything. As a young man he served as a fireman in the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company. Service to others and involvement in his community were hallmarks of Ted's life.

He graduated from Rock Hall High School in 1971 and soon after met the love of his life Margaret Teresa "Teri" Batchelor on a blind date. Ted was devoted to Teri and supported her as she attended college in West Virginia. After she graduated and found work back home in Maryland they were married on February 21, 1981.

As a man who came from a long line of craftsmen, tradesmen and watermen, applying his skills in the marine industry came naturally to him. Ted made a career of building and repairing boats at local marinas such as Worton Creek Marina and Georgetown Yacht Basin. In the early 2000's he started his own business, Moonlight Yacht Service. He made a name for himself as a talented

craftsman who found creative ways to repair boats and build all sorts of things. He especially enjoyed working with wood at his shop on the family farm outside Fairlee.

After the birth of Ted and Teri's son, Clayborne Theodore "Clay" Batchelor, Ted became involved in Cub Scout pack 246 of Rock Hall, Maryland and later Boy Scout Troop 130 of Chestertown, Maryland. Ted was an active member of the troop's adult leadership and guided many young men including his son to the rank of Eagle Scout. He served as a scoutmaster of troop 130 for many years and was involved with the organization regionally. He earned many prestigious awards for his endearing service to Scouting including the distinguished Silver Beaver Award.

Ted was a member of the Chester Masonic Lodge No. 115 A.F. & A.M., and a member of the York Rite bodies of Denton MD, with Temple Lodge 128, and Edenton Royal Arch Chapter 36, Adoniram Council No. 21 and Select Masters.

In retirement Ted and Teri started Bakers Lane Christmas Tree Farm outside Fairlee. They worked tirelessly to grow the best trees they could and treat their guests like family. Clay and his wife, Lauren, now continue the tree farm in their honor.

Ted was predeceased by his wife, Teri and his sister, Carol Ann Walls. He is survived by his son Clay, his daughter-in-law Lauren Batchelor and 3 grandsons Lucas, Elijah and Noah who all bear a striking resemblance to their grandfather. Ted is also survived by his nephews Sam Walls Jr. of Millington and Matthew Walls of Rock Hall.

The funeral will begin with a Masonic service on Saturday, October 18, at 1:00 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown and will be live-streamed. Friends and relatives may call from

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Interment will be held in St. Paul's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

OCT 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Burial

OCT 18 (ET)

St Paul's Kent
7579 Sandy Bottom Rd
Chestertown, MD 21620-4520
(410) 778-1540

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 18, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 17, 2025 at 08:33 AM

DB

“ *David&Stefanie Blyman lit a candle in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor*



David&Stefanie Blyman - November 04, 2025 at 06:27 PM

EF

“ *Evan Toth and Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor.*



Evan Toth and Family - October 18, 2025 at 12:49 PM



“ *My condolences to Clay and the Batchelor family!! Mr. Batchelor will be missed!!
-From Kevin Bean and Family!!*

Kevin Bean - October 16, 2025 at 10:50 AM

SM

“ *Sincerely, Carole & Joe Mulford purchased the Gable Gift Box for the family of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor.*



Sincerely, Carole & Joe Mulford - October 14, 2025 at 06:15 PM

LS

“ *Liz Smith lit a candle in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor*



Liz Smith - October 14, 2025 at 06:36 AM

DD

“ *Debbie Dalrymple lit a candle in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor*



Debbie Dalrymple - October 13, 2025 at 01:15 PM

DW

“ *Mr. Ted you will truly be missed..I will treasure all our talks and our rides R.I.P friend*💔💔

Darcel Wilson - October 09, 2025 at 08:10 PM

RE

“ *RIP My Friend , It was a pleasure knowing u ..*



Regina - October 09, 2025 at 05:24 PM

RE

“ *Regina lit a candle in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor*



Regina - October 09, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor.

October 08, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ Barbara And Bill Joyce lit a candle in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor



Barbara and Bill Joyce - October 08, 2025 at 05:54 PM



“ John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor



John M Larrimore - October 08, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor.

October 08, 2025 at 11:05 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor.*



October 08, 2025 at 11:05 AM



“ *Ted was a wonderful person. He loved Rock Hall and Skinners Neck and his spirit will live on. Fond memories of Ted. Rita and Eddie Kulley*



Rita and Eddie Kulley - October 04, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ *Lee Phillips lit a candle in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor*



Lee Phillips - October 04, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ *Joan Hatcherson lit a candle in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor*



Joan Hatcherson - October 04, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ *Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor*



Sherrie Jacobs - October 04, 2025 at 01:54 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Ted was a great person and will be missed by many. Keeping all of his family in our thoughts and prayers.*



Frankie and Cathy Legg - October 03, 2025 at 06:59 PM



“ *Jeff And Vicky Galt lit a candle in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor*



Jeff and Vicky Galt - October 03, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor*



Jeanette Stubbs - October 03, 2025 at 05:33 PM

IT

“ *Inez Thompson lit a candle in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor*



Inez Thompson - October 03, 2025 at 04:19 PM

MM

“ *Ted will forever be remembered as a kind gentleman. Sincere sympathies to Clay and his family and to Ted's cousins.*



Mary Alice Munson - October 03, 2025 at 03:59 PM

GS

“ *George Short lit a candle in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor*



George Short - October 03, 2025 at 01:31 PM

KB

Ted was a funny classmate and friend. Many fond memories. So sorry for your loss. Prayers.

Kyle M Bramble - October 03, 2025 at 09:51 PM



“ *Frank N Joan Gannon lit a candle in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor*



Frank N Joan Gannon - October 03, 2025 at 01:08 PM



“ *Chris & Vivian Nordhoff lit a candle in memory of Purnell "Ted" Theodore Batchelor*



Chris & Vivian Nordhoff - October 03, 2025 at 12:29 PM