



## Read Earl Messick Jr.

September 4, 1954 - July 13, 2016

Read Earl Messick, Jr., died Wednesday July 13, 2016, at Compass Regional Hospice in Centreville, MD. He was 61.

Read was born September 4, 1954, in Camp Kilmer, NJ, the son of the late Read Earl Messick, Sr., and Eleanor McCabe. Read was a 1973 graduate of Lakeforest High School in Delaware. He went to work for Burriss Food in Harrington, DE, for several years before going into business for himself as a carpenter. In the mid 90's, he went to work for Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home overseeing maintenance and repairs. Read eventually went back into business for himself operating Messick's Carpentry until his illness forced him to retire. Read was a member of the Millington Lion's Club and loved spending time with the members at all their functions. Read was a hard worker and took pride in every project he tackled. His hobbies included rebuilding classic cars, fishing, woodworking, going to car shows, and car cruises and he loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his companion and best friend, Tina Zabetakis of Millington, MD; one son, Mathew Messick (Sheri) of Milford, DE; stepson, Emmanuel Zabetakis (Elizabeth) of Worton, MD; two sisters, Deborah Wester of Milton, DE, Cindy Adkins of Bridgeville, DE; one brother, Dale Messick of Dover, DE; and four grandchildren, Avery Messick of Milford, DE, Jackson, Jameson and Lily Zabetakis all of Worton, MD.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, July 29, 2016, at 5 pm, at Fellows Family Funeral Home, 370 Cypress St., Millington, MD. Visitation will be held from 4-5pm prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to Compass Regional Hospice, 255 Comet Dr. Centreville, MD 21617.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 29. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Fellows Family Funeral Home  
370 West Cypress Street  
Millington, MD 21651  
(410) 928-5311  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## celebration of life

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - July 26, 2016 at 12:31 PM



“ *Read Earl Messick Jr.*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Read Earl Messick Jr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Read Earl Messick Jr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Martha & Royce Herman lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.*

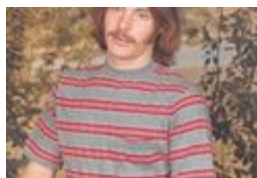


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**Martha & Royce Herman** - August 08, 2016 at 10:37 AM



“ 152 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - July 26, 2016 at 11:51 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of *Read Earl Messick Jr.*



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July 26, 2016 at 08:38 AM



“ *Basket of Joy* was purchased for the family of *Read Earl Messick Jr.*



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July 25, 2016 at 03:59 PM

MS

“ Dear Tina,  
No one can know your loss or understand your struggle to care for Read these last few years. Your efforts were heroic. Those who haven't cared for a loved one suffering from Alzheimer's or other long term illness can comprehend the struggle and the toll the fight takes on a person.  
Rest, give yourself time and most of all be happy. He would have wanted that for you.  
Love,  
The Schecks



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**maggie scheck** - July 25, 2016 at 10:13 AM

JN

“ Joyce Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.



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**Joyce Nicholson** - July 21, 2016 at 03:40 PM

CP

“ Carmen Pratt lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.



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**Carmen Pratt** - July 15, 2016 at 02:23 PM

KI

“ I am so sorry for your loss! I knew Ready from working into Tailgate Market. He was such a nice guy!! My condolences to his family. Kim and Catey Crew

Kim - July 15, 2016 at 09:38 AM

LG

“ Lana Grove lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.



Lana Grove - July 15, 2016 at 06:58 AM

LG

I have known Read for many many years and he was always smiling. What a great man that will be missed. Prayers to his family. R.I.P. Read. <3

Lana Grove - July 15, 2016 at 07:00 AM

AT

“ Anna Thomas lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.



Anna Thomas - July 15, 2016 at 06:24 AM

JJ

“ *John Edwards Jr lit a candle in memory of  
Read Earl Messick Jr.*



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**John Edwards Jr** - July 15, 2016 at 01:47 AM

DC

“ *David Cummerford lit a candle in memory of  
Read Earl Messick Jr.*



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**David Cummerford** - July 15, 2016 at 12:48 AM

MB

“ *Mary Ann Bottomley lit a candle in memory of  
Read Earl Messick Jr.*



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**Mary Ann Bottomley** - July 14, 2016 at 07:46 PM

SD

“ Our condolences and love go out to you Tina, Emmanuel and Liz, Jax, James, Lily, and the rest of Read's loving family and friends. He was always very kind to us, and loved making conversations with my daughter Aemelia.

Tina and Read have always been a wonderful addition to our family and always make us feel welcomed into theirs as well. He will be truly missed. Tina please know that I am here for you and the family if you need anything at all, as you have been there consistently for us and especially for my sister through our difficult times as well. Love you, and you all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

All our Love,  
Sarah and Aemelia 💕



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Sarah Darrah - July 14, 2016 at 07:34 PM

CB

“ From the years I have known Read he has been a very loved and we'll liked person. I appreciate all that he is done for my grandparents over the years, helping put on a roof on their house and helping him with projects restoring furniture. I will especially not forget all the times he let us kids go down and fish on his property growing up we had a lot of memories down on the edge of the river. I will miss every time I would stop in to my grandparents he would come over and talk to me and come and show me his project he's working on whatever car it might be, and I would go over and we would have long talks and each time I would check in and see how those projects were coming along it was always nice good conversations those will be really missed.

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Charles burris - July 14, 2016 at 07:16 PM



“ *Blake Thompson lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.*



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**Blake Thompson** - July 14, 2016 at 07:05 PM



*So sorry to hear this. Had some great conversations with him on the streets of Millington about houses, politics and what not. God Bless your family in these sad times.*

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**Blake Thompson** - July 14, 2016 at 07:06 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Wiest lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.*



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**Debbie Wiest** - July 14, 2016 at 06:44 PM

DC

“ *Dale And Kim Conner lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.*



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**Dale and Kim Conner** - July 14, 2016 at 06:35 PM

JR

“ I didn't know him well. but will miss seeing him around town. Prayers go out to the family.



Joyce Redding - July 14, 2016 at 05:30 PM

FF

“ Tina so sorry for your loss! Reed was part of our family and we loved him very much, Frank loved talking to him about cars all the time. He will be missed. Loved spending times doing our family get to get hers. If you need any thing just please call we are only a step away. We love you 😞



Frank and Roxie Newsome and family - July 14, 2016 at 05:29 PM

LA

“ Lisa Adkins lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.



Lisa Adkins - July 14, 2016 at 04:55 PM

DH

“ *Read has been in our family for over 25 years as he was married to my sister Tina Zabetakis. I did not know him as well as I would have liked, but know that he made my sister happy and was a great step-father to my nephew Emmanuel Zabetakis. May you rest in peace and we will all miss you. Say hello to my mother and other family members that are with you now.*



*Love and prayers,  
Debora Huggins*

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**Debora Huggins** - July 14, 2016 at 04:32 PM

EM

“ *Eli Manning lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.*



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**eli manning** - July 14, 2016 at 04:21 PM

MH

“ *what a kind, darling, selfless man we all knew in Read. too short a life, we will meet up with him again someday. . . .i'll just bet he's creating something beautiful in walnut with a big power tool right about now. miss his great disposition & laugh. . . .Tina, even far away, we are all here for you with love in our hearts. he was the greatest.*

*love & prayers,*

*marty hayes*

*geoff egan*

*marsha vanderveen*

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**MARTY HAYES** - July 14, 2016 at 04:06 PM

GW

“ *Dear Tina & Family.....we too are saddened by the loss of a good man. Gene especially has great memories working with him and having coffee together. He was a great carpenter and a good friend. A life to short.....gonna miss him. Take care of yourself.*  
*With Love,*  
*Gene & Gloria*



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**Gene & Gloria Wiest** - July 14, 2016 at 02:16 PM

SS

“ *Read will be missed by so very many people. It truly was a blessing to have known him. My thoughts and prayers are with you Tina and the family. Deepest sympathy, Sheila Schmidt*

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**Sheila schmidt** - July 14, 2016 at 12:45 PM

CB

“ Read had such a kind hearted soul. Always upbeat and extememly hard working...he never hesitated to help anyone with anything. We will miss him. Tina, we're wishing you peace and comfort in the days ahead.

*Drew and Cheryl Bowman*

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**Cheryl Bowman** - July 14, 2016 at 09:43 AM

D(

“ I will miss my brother so much. He was a great man. Will remember all the good times as a kid, teenager and adult. I loved you Read,. RIP. I will see you again one day.

*Love you,  
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**Debbie Wester (sister)** - July 14, 2016 at 09:38 AM

MC

“ What a good guy, going to miss you buddy. Rest in Peace!  
*Marion & Lisa Chance*

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**marion chance** - July 14, 2016 at 07:37 AM

JH

“ *Jeff & Donna Hollett lit a candle in memory of  
Read Earl Messick Jr.*



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**Jeff & Donna Hollett** - July 14, 2016 at 07:21 AM

GT

“ We were saddened to hear the news. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

*Glenn & Jane Tosten*

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**Glenn Tosten** - July 14, 2016 at 06:50 AM

LC

“ So sadden hearing Read passing! Prayers to his whole family! He was such a great man, always smiling!



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**Lisa Cahall** - July 14, 2016 at 06:08 AM

SD

“ Sheila Dwyer lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.



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**Sheila Dwyer** - July 13, 2016 at 07:57 PM

MU

“ Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.



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**Marie Usilton** - July 13, 2016 at 07:46 PM

WT

“ Wanda Torres lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.



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**Wanda Torres** - July 13, 2016 at 05:28 PM

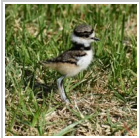


“ The Teat family sends its deepest sympathies. Much love and hugs.



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**Pam Teat** - July 13, 2016 at 05:28 PM



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**Pam Teat** - July 13, 2016 at 05:28 PM

GT

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. He and I shared a lot I g laughs together and I will certainly miss him.*

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**Glenn Tosten** - July 14, 2016 at 06:45 AM

MW

“ So saddened to hear of Read's passing. So very much enjoyed chatting with him throughout town. My condolences to Tina and family.

Mary J. Wood - July 13, 2016 at 04:54 PM

TC

“ Tina Campbell Cohey lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.



Tina Campbell Cohey - July 13, 2016 at 04:43 PM

HJ

“ To Tina and your family, thinking of you, so very sorry.

Holly and Mike Johnson

Holly Johnson - July 13, 2016 at 04:15 PM

JM

“ I will never forget Read and our many conversations at the Town office. I will miss seeing him around Town. My thoughts and prayers to Tina and his family.



Jo Manning - July 13, 2016 at 03:31 PM

CA

“ Millington Hardware will miss Read. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tina and family.

Cindy Anderton - July 13, 2016 at 02:13 PM

MM

*Read has been so helpful to so many over the years and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. He was such a good carpenter . We will remember his cheerful and friendly attitude and .his love of cars. May your good memories comfort you now.... Our thoughts and prayers are with Tina and all his family. Maryland, Pete and Aida*

**Maryland Massey** - July 13, 2016 at 03:36 PM

SC

“ *Susan Chance lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.*



**Susan Chance** - July 13, 2016 at 12:17 PM

PP

“ *Patrick And Lisa Powell lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.*



**Patrick and Lisa Powell** - July 13, 2016 at 10:58 AM

RJ

“ *ROBBIE-ROBIN JOINER lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.*



**ROBBIE-ROBIN JOINER** - July 13, 2016 at 10:22 AM

BT

“ *Billy & Tonya Thomas lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.*



**Billy & Tonya Thomas** - July 13, 2016 at 09:05 AM

BI

*Please know our thoughts and prayers are with Readie's family. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead.*

**Billy** - July 13, 2016 at 09:11 AM

RF

*Tina & family, So sorry for Reads passing,we will all miss the Young Coot as he was a real talent and friend!*

**Rich & Fran** - July 13, 2016 at 02:52 PM

CI

“ *CRAIG DEBI INGRAM lit a candle in memory of Read Earl Messick Jr.*



**CRAIG DEBI INGRAM** - July 13, 2016 at 08:45 AM

CI

*So very sorry to hear of Readie's passing. Please know that family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

**CRAIG DEBI INGRAM** - July 13, 2016 at 08:48 AM

AK

*Read will be missed. He is a Millington icon. From the infamous black truck to his work truck parked on the road--the first thing you would see coming into Millington. He was a talented carpenter and an amazing friend. Our animals loved him, in fact every time he came here to work we have to inspect his tool bag to make sure one of the cats didnt hop in to go home with him :) RIP our dear friend....Tina hugs....Aaron and Ann Keeney*

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**Ann Keeney** - July 29, 2016 at 02:59 PM