



## Richard Cary Willey

February 5, 1941 - November 12, 2022

Richard C. Willey of Bozman, MD, died on November 12, 2022, at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Easton. He was 81.

Richard was born in St. Michaels on February 5, 1941, to Oliver A. Willey and Carrie Park Willey. He graduated from St. Michaels High School in June of 1959. In December of that same year, he married Annabel Marshall.

In 1956, Richard began his career with Acme Markets in Easton. In 1965, he was drafted into the Army, where he spent time as a Staff Sgt. in the 9th Medlab in Vietnam. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Acme Markets and transferred to the St. Michaels location. He retired from Acme Markets 36 years later.

In 1986, he was divorced from Annabel and married Shirley Diane Pearson of Trappe, MD. At that time, he went to work as a caretaker at Grace Creek Farm for Mr. and Mrs. R. Train.

Richard was a lifetime member of St. Michaels Fire Department, serving as Treasurer for many years. He was also a member of the Miles River Yacht Club, the local Moose Club, St. Luke's Methodist Church and Royal Oak Methodist Church. He and his wife Diane raised seeing-eye dogs, caring and training dogs who would then go out and help others.

Richard is survived by his daughter, Carrie L. Whitby and her husband Chuck of VA; a son, James O. Willey of Preston, MD; grandchildren, Courtney, Keghan, and Tiffany Willey; his brother, Oliver Willey (Margie) of CA; his stepson Chris (Helene) Pearson of CA; four step-grandchildren, Catherine Stichberry (John), Sam Pearson, Shawn Pearson, and Ryan Pearson; and two step-great-grandchildren, Ember and Audrey.

He is predeceased by his wife, Diane Willey; his parents; his brother, Leonard Willey; his sister, Ruth Brady; as well as his stepson, Troy.

A memorial service will be held at Royal Oak Community Methodist Church at 3 p.m., following with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in St. Michaels.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that plants be donated to be placed in Richard's yard. Memorial donations may be made to Guiding Eyes, 611 Granite Springs Road, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598 (<https://donate.guidingeyes.org/>) or to Royal Oak Methodist Church, 6968 Bellevue Rd, Royal Oak, MD 21662.

# Cemetery Details

## Olivet Cemetery

304 Talbot St.  
St. Michaels, MD 21663

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 20. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Royal Oak Community Methodist Church  
6968 Bellevue Road  
Royal Oak, MD 21662

## Graveside Service

NOV 20. 4:00 PM (ET)

Olivet Cemetery  
304 Talbot St.  
St. Michaels, MD 21663

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Cary Willey*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Richard Cary Willey*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Richard Cary Willey*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Thank you for your dedication to raising such wonderful guide dogs and lifelong contributions to community service.*



**Chris** - November 16, 2022 at 09:59 AM



“ *Vickie Bildstein lit a candle in memory of Richard Cary Willey*



**Vickie Bildstein** - November 15, 2022 at 08:30 PM

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“ I've known Mr Richard since I was a child growing up in St. Michaels. He was always a nice man. I'm sorry for the loss to the family and community. RIP with your Diane ❤️



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**Judy Parrott Schwaninger** - November 15, 2022 at 06:32 PM

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“ Connie Harris Sypniewski lit a candle in memory of Richard Cary Willey



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**Connie Harris Sypniewski** - November 14, 2022 at 06:12 PM