



Ronald John Forst, Capt. USN, Ret.

May 5, 1935 - December 8, 2011

Ronald John Forst, Capt. USN,Ret., of Grasonville, MD died at his home on Thursday, December 8, 2011. He was 76.

Born in New York, NY on May 5, 1935, he was the son of the late Wenzel John Forst and Edith Mann Forst. After spending his youth in New York City, Capt. Forst attended the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY. Upon his graduation, he became an officer in the United States Navy. After 10 years of service, the Navy sent him to Texas A&M, where he received his Master's degree in Oceanography. He was sent to Vietnam to captain the USS Hickman County LST-825. During this time, his family resided in Sasebo, Japan. Later he served aboard the USS Oklahoma City as well as various other ships and he became the first Commanding Officer of the Thomas C. Hart. Following this tour, he was the US Navy representative at the Naval Command College, the international division of the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He continued his service at the Pentagon, where he received the Defense Superior Service Medal for his work with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He completed his naval career with CINCPAC Fleet in Pearl Harbor. After his Naval service, Capt. Forst became a realtor, working first for Weichert Realtors and then for Long and Foster in the DC metro area before his retirement.

Capt. Forst was a member of St. Christopher's Catholic Church on the

Eastern Shore, where he also served as a Eucharistic Minister. He enjoyed sailing, golf and fly fishing. Throughout his life, Capt. Forst traveled extensively both as part of his military service and on educational tours with his wife's high school students. His travels took him to every continent except Antarctica.

He is survived by his wife, Paula Forst of Grasonville, MD; his five children: Alison M. Jayne of White Stone, VA; Tracy J. Forst of Littleton, CO, Jon E. Forst of San Francisco, CA, Christopher P. Forst of Mount Pleasant, SC and Elizabeth A. Forst of San Francisco, CA; his brothers, Robert Forst of Bay Shore, NY and Glenn Forst of West Islip, NY; his sister, Deborah Poe of Charlotte, NC; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Heise.

Friends may call at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD on Monday, December 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

A funeral liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Tuesday, December 13 at St. Christopher's Catholic Church, 1861 Harbor Drive, Chester, MD.

Burial with full honors will follow at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Queen Anne's, Inc., 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
1861 Harbor Drive
Chester, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald John Forst, Capt. USN, Ret.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ronald John Forst, Capt. USN, Ret.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ronald John Forst, Capt. USN, Ret.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Paula & Family, so sorry to hear about your loss. I truly loved your husband and father. The many holiday dinners in Hawaii, the family get togethers, the random running into him on the eastern shore. He was always a positive person and so proud of his family. I know that God will honor him at his table as Ron honored so many of us at his. My family wishes your family a giant hug, love and prayers at this sad time. Laura, Larry, Merideth, Patrick & Annabelle Ledgard*

Laura M. Ledgard - December 09, 2011 at 08:58 PM



“ *My brother Ron had a wonderfully fulfilling life with a legacy only he could leave and we can all be so very proud of. He will be sorely missed by all of us who knew and love him and I for one will miss the colorful conversations at the dinner table. He leaves us in true "Forst" fashion with a passionate love of life. Rest in peace Bro.*

Debbie L Poe, his sister - December 09, 2011 at 10:38 AM