



## Russell Thomas Lerner

May 3, 1936 - November 30, 2021

Russell Thomas Lerner of Stevensville passed away on November 30th, 2021. He was 85 years old.

Russell was born in Virginia to the late William Lerner and the late Lula Brown on May 3rd, 1936.

Russell enjoyed restoring antique cars and participating in car shows where he won many trophies. He spent most of his time working in his yard and his garden in the summer where he grew many vegetables and blackberries that he shared with family, friends, and neighbors. He was known for being the “Mayor of Bay City” and sharing countless stories with everyone who visited him.

He worked as a truck driver for many years, with the last place he drove for being Annapolis Utilities.

Along with his parents and 3 brothers, Russell is predeceased by his loving wife, Betty Lerner.

He is survived by his daughters, Karen Lerner and Kimberly Gummer; step-children Elizabeth Dorr Wright, William Dorr, and Debbie Dorr; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren that knew him as Pop-Pop; brother

Wallace Lerner; sisters Mary (Sis) Mitchell and Edith (Tally) Brooks.

A viewing for Russell Thomas Lerner will be held on Monday, December 6th from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, followed by a service beginning at 5:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam: 106 Shamrock Road Chester MD 21619.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 6. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619

## Service

DEC 6. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell Thomas Lerner* ”



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - December 06, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ *Russell Thomas Lerner* ”

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Russell Thomas Lerner* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Russell Thomas Lerner* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Jackie Benton lit a candle in memory of Russell Thomas Lerner* ”



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**Jackie Benton** - December 06, 2021 at 05:01 PM

SG

“ Betty and Russell lived down the street from us. I'd see him and Betty trying out his restored vehicle. We'd always wave. Betty was our pet sitter. We loved her and really miss her. We'd see them at the Lions Club car show, and they'd win. Russell really missed Betty and now they're together. Prayers for your family! So sorry for your loss!! He was a great guy!!



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Sharon Goss - December 05, 2021 at 02:12 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Russell Thomas Lerner.



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December 04, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Russell Thomas Lerner.



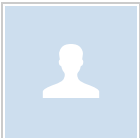
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December 03, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ To his family, “Johnny,” as we knew him, used to live on Crystal Spring Farm Road, when Karen was small. He was always a good friend to our parents, Karl (“Dutch”) and Alice Roscher. He had a big personality and loved to laugh and share stories. He spent many good times at our home on Crab Creek. He and Betty had a lovely home on the Eastern Shore, and were always glad to have company stop by for a visit. They both came to celebrate my Dad’s 80th Birthday in 2008. Our family enjoyed seeing them so much. He was as quick-witted and full of himself, as my brother, sister and I, remembered from those earlier days. We wish you peace and prayers at this sad time. Karla (Roscher) McCarty and Family

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**Karla (Roscher) McCarty** - December 03, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Russell Thomas Lerner.



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 December 03, 2021 at 09:42 AM

PP

“ *Becky and I have nothing but good memories of Russell. When the Kent Island Cruisers was founded almost three decades ago, Russell was here in our living room with the other founding members of the cruisers. I never think of him as a truck driver. I think of him as a creative automotive engineer who took on challenging projects with a smile, rather than with a slew of four-letter words. For example, he stretched the frame of a green tow truck so he could haul another green pickup truck on the back. He even joked about the mouse that killed his big green tow truck (the mouse got into the new radiator and the engine overheated). He and Betty had a Jack Russell terrier named Hemorrhoid ("Hemi") which they dressed in costumes and could snarl viciously on command. At a car show with an Elvis impersonator, Elvis was singing "You Ain't Nothing But A Hound Dog" and walked over to Hemi and while singing. Russell signaled Hemi and Hemi almost bit Elvis. Elvis laughed so hard that he could not continue singing. Russell recently completed installing a front-wheel drive train from a Toronado in a 1930's rear-wheel drive Buick. Unfortunately, he painted every vehicle he built dark green, his favorite color! He was a brilliant automotive designer disguised as a truly nice guy with a fun sense of humor. He was one-of-a-kind! We will all miss him.*

*Paul and Becky Placek*

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**Paul and Becky Placek** - December 03, 2021 at 08:58 AM

MR

“ *Mark & Missy Rousseau lit a candle in memory of Russell Thomas Lerner*



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**Mark & Missy Rousseau** - December 02, 2021 at 06:58 PM

KD

“ Kenny D. purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of *Russell Thomas Lerner*.



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**Kenny D.** - December 02, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Russell Thomas Lerner*.



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December 02, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ *Beautiful Whisper* was purchased for the family of *Russell Thomas Lerner*.



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December 02, 2021 at 02:40 PM

TS

“ *Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Russell Thomas Lerner*



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**Tracy Schulz** - December 02, 2021 at 10:34 AM

AM

“ Russell was a great person like a second father to me he was always there for me you will be missed rest in peace

AI Marks - December 02, 2021 at 09:35 AM

RM

“ Russell was the most kindest and caring person I know always doing things for people we had lots of fun together he was like family condolences goes out to his family rest in peace I will surely miss him



Rita Marks - December 02, 2021 at 09:28 AM

AS

“ Ashley sent a virtual gift in memory of Russell Thomas Lerner



Ashley - December 02, 2021 at 12:10 AM

DG

“ David & Annie Gardner lit a candle in memory of Russell Thomas Lerner



David & Annie Gardner - December 01, 2021 at 10:32 PM

KD

“ *Kenny Duncan lit a candle in memory of  
Russell Thomas Lerner*



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**kenny duncan** - December 01, 2021 at 09:02 PM