



Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley

October 14, 1954 - August 27, 2025

Samuel Edward "Ted" McSorley of Chestertown, MD passed away on August 27, 2025. He was 70 years old.

He was born in Wilmington, DE on October 14, 1954, the son of the late Samuel Lodge McSorley and Dorothea (Mendinhall) McSorley. He spent much of his childhood in Wayne, PA, but his father's employment allowed the family to move several times. Although he lived in different states including Michigan and Texas, he was always drawn to the family property, Damsite, where he spent many summers and holidays overlooking the Chesapeake Bay. He also had fond memories of his summer volunteering at Acadia National Park in Maine.

Ted began his career as a marine technician, working at several local marinas with an expertise in sailboat rigging, repair, and restoration, eventually establishing his own business as the Yacht Doctor. He was known for his attention to detail in the sailing industry and was a man who could fix just about anything...or at least take a crack at it.

Spending time on the water was second nature to Ted. An avid sailor, he followed in his father's footsteps as he developed a love for log canoes. He was a steadfast crew member during the summer regatta seasons, racing on the Silver Heel for many years and then the Island Image. He also enjoyed fishing on the Chesapeake Bay but waterfowl hunting was his passion with the exception of his memorable moose hunting trip to Maine. Ted truly appreciated nature in all forms and could identify almost any bird by sight or

sound.

Damsite remained an important part throughout his life and was a place full of cherished memories. He believed strongly in the value of deep-rooted traditions and kept them alive by sharing them with his children such as the annual Christmas eggnog-making and roasting oysters every Thanksgiving, creating memories that will last lifetimes.

Ted was well known for his sense of humor and fondness of storytelling, entertaining his children with anecdotes about their family history and his adventures getting lost in the infamous Bermuda Triangle while sailing or chasing down cattle rustlers on horseback. Never far from him was a devoted Labrador retriever. He had a quiet warmth and deep, steadfast loyalty to his family and friends, always there when needed to lend a helping hand.

In addition to his wife, Kim, he is survived by his son Marshall (Melissa) of Chestertown, MD and daughter Braley (Adam) of Easton, MD; sisters, Ruth Anne Taylor of Easton, CT. and Nancy Hoffmann (Peter) of Carbondale, CO. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, September 27th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Church in Chestertown, MD. All who knew Ted are invited and welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, please take a trip to the water, sit outside and listen to the birds, pet a dog, and call a loved one just to chat. Consider making a donation to a charity that is near and dear to you.

Previous Events

Graveside

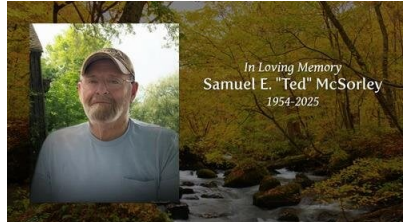
SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 12, 2025 at 12:13 PM

BM

“ *Barbara McCreary lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley*



Barbara McCreary - September 26, 2025 at 04:54 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley*



Jeanette Stubbs - September 26, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley.*

September 16, 2025 at 08:41 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley.



September 16, 2025 at 08:41 PM



“ Lindsay J. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley.

Lindsay J. - September 08, 2025 at 06:02 PM



“ David Thompson lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley



David Thompson - September 08, 2025 at 11:15 AM



“ Rebecca And Scott Thompson lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley



Rebecca and Scott Thompson - September 07, 2025 at 10:28 AM

NH

“ Nancy And Peter Hoffmann lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley



Nancy and Peter Hoffmann - September 06, 2025 at 06:29 PM

JU

“ JudyAdkins lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley



JudyAdkins - September 06, 2025 at 11:04 AM

DW

“ Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley



Donna Wood - September 05, 2025 at 03:11 PM

PD

“ Pamela D'Antonio lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley



Pamela D'Antonio - September 04, 2025 at 11:44 AM

BE

“ Beth Everett lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley



Beth Everett - September 04, 2025 at 09:00 AM

SD

“ Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley



Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski - September 02, 2025 at 02:54 PM

LS

“ Ted and I worked together at Fairweather Sailing Yachts back in 1974/75. He was one of the crew when we raced log canoes back in the day. Ted was a good guy and a handy crew member. Fair breezes Ted - Keep the wind at your back.

Liz Smith - September 02, 2025 at 06:02 AM



“ Kathi Morehead lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley



Kathi Morehead - August 31, 2025 at 02:55 PM

JN

“Joyce Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley



Joyce Nicholson - August 30, 2025 at 01:42 AM

NM

“Nancy (Fletcher) Meeks lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley



Nancy (Fletcher) Meeks - August 29, 2025 at 07:28 PM

CT

“Carroll Thompson lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley



Carroll Thompson - August 29, 2025 at 03:32 PM

JC

“Jeff & Connie Crosman lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley



Jeff & Connie Crosman - August 29, 2025 at 12:27 PM

LC

“ Larry And Peggy Cole lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley



Larry and Peggy Cole - August 29, 2025 at 10:49 AM

LF

“ Liz Fleetwood lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. "Ted" McSorley



Liz Fleetwood - August 28, 2025 at 06:41 PM