



## Shirley Steele Gooch

May 26, 1931 - February 29, 2020

Shirley Steele Gooch of Easton, MD, died at home on Saturday, February 29. She was 88.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, in 1931, she was the daughter of the late William Isaac Steele and Maria Carter Steele. She was raised in Takoma Park, MD, where she graduated from Calvin Coolidge High School. After receiving a BS in Business and Public Administration from The University of Maryland, she was a pioneer for women in technology as she joined the federal systems division of IBM as a systems service analyst. During her eight-year career with IBM, she was engaged primarily with the defense agencies of the government. She met Claiborne Watts Gooch, III, (Clay) at IBM, whom she married on June 30, 1962. Mr. Gooch died April 15, 2005.

Mrs. Gooch and her husband built their home in Talbot County in 1969. Active in her community, she was a member of Christ Church, St. Michaels, the Talbot County Garden Club, Talbot Country Club, and the Harbor Club. She served as a board member at the Talbot YMCA, the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, and the Country School. She also served as a member of the Memorial Hospital Association. She was an avid golf and tennis player and coached the Easton High School tennis team for several years. Her involvement in the community were a reflection of her pride in Talbot County and its inclusivity. Her goal was to touch every child of Talbot County with her

generosity.

Mrs. Gooch is survived by her four children, Ginny Hunneke of Asheville, NC, Carter Bradshaw and her husband Chris of Talbot County, MD, Chris Gooch and his wife Cindy of Virginia Beach, VA, and Bill Gooch and his wife Suzanne, also of Virginia Beach, VA; and six grandchildren, Kensey Gooch, Madison Bradshaw, Tucker Bradshaw, Tyler Gooch, Morgan Hunneke, and Cooper Bradshaw.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Claiborne S. Trott of Frederick, MD; and her brother, William B. Steele of Wittman, MD.

The memorial service will postponed till a later date. Service details to come.

A private graveside service for the family will be held at Christ Church Cemetery, in St. Michaels, MD.

Memorial donations may be made to Christ Church, PO BOX S, St. Michaels, 21663 or to the YMCA of the Chesapeake for the benefit of St. Michaels or Easton facilities, 111-1 East Dover St., Easton, MD 21601.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Steele Gooch*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Shirley Steele Gooch*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Shirley Steele Gooch*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Shirley Steele Gooch*



**Phil Foster** - March 25, 2020 at 03:42 AM



“ *Albert L. Thomas lit a candle in memory of Shirley Steele Gooch*



**Albert L. Thomas** - March 23, 2020 at 06:32 PM

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“ *Agnes Thomas-Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Shirley Steele Gooch*



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**Agnes Thomas-Hubbard** - March 23, 2020 at 06:30 PM

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“ *Mrs. Gooch was a lovely, gentle lady. I will miss our "visits" in the dental office when we caught up on her family that she adored.*  
*Debbie Boege*

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**Deborah Boege** - March 20, 2020 at 05:11 PM