



## Stanley Ardell Shirey Jr.

July 25, 1943 - June 18, 2015

Stanley Ardell Shirey, Jr., Stan to his friends, Artie to his family, born July 25, 1943, in Darby, PA, to Marion McCormick Marsh and Stan Shirey, Sr., died June 18, 2015, at PRMC, Salisbury, MD.

He grew up in Delaware County, PA – Folsom, Swarthmore, Collingdale, Gradyville and in Caroline County, MD – Greensboro and Denton among other favorite towns in both areas. He played football and graduated in 1962 from North Caroline High School, Denton. He loved his classmates and anticipated the reunions every five years. After high school, he joined the Navy for four years for the Vietnam war. He was exceedingly proud of his service and his country, attending USS Southerland reunions every two years with anyone who served on board from the time she was commissioned to the time she was sunk. Quite a history lesson, great chances to travel and a lot of fun, by and for him.

After separating from the Navy, he worked for Gayle Electronics in Denton, the Easton Police Dept. for five years, managed Bill Mann's Gun Shop on Dover St., worked at Lafayette Electronics on Rt. 50, did HAM radio repairs, and retired from the Dept. of Juvenile Justice after 30 years where he became the first supervisor on the Eastern Shore. He loved kids, could relate to them if they were troubled; teach them through Girl Scouts as a leader, area chairman, day camp director, silk screen instructor for the tri-state area, Fall

School of Scouting chairman, and Training the Trainer instructor; and entertained them with humor, magic and clowning, especially with the Hanneford Circus for Boumi Shrine at Timonium.

He loved to make people happy, following the precepts of his heroes, Abraham Lincoln, Hopalong Cassidy, W. C. Fields, Red Skeleton and Jimmy Durante and actively pursued a life of entertainment, learning at conventions in Baltimore, PA, NJ, VA, and Las Vegas, performing privately and for civic groups and businesses and was honored at the 100th anniversary of Owen Magic Supreme. Freedom was important to him, for everyone as well as for himself and his scooter gave him that sense. His reputation for honesty and fairness was implicit, he demanded truth and hated liars and fiction. After learning to read hieroglyphs from the University of Chicago, we went to Egypt on a trip of a lifetime. He was a Mason, Eastern Star, past President of the Magicians Alliance of Eastern States, and a 25 year member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Not being much of a pet person, he loved his sugar gliders, magic bunnies and doves. Hobbies he enjoyed included collecting and firing guns, 50's cowboys and country music, square dancing, oldies but goodies, TV: Big Bang Theory, NCIS, CSI, Castle, Bones, Sci-Fi, nature and history documentaries, woodworking, scuba diving, amateur astronomy, photography, painting, making jewelry, Disney, travel, model trains, face painting, balloon sculptures, clowning and MAGIC, MAGIC, MAGIC. He was proud to have been called a Renaissance Man.

Stan lived his entire married life of 44 years in Easton, MD. He is survived by his wife, Riki, Aunt Margaret Rankin, first cousins Helen Ehrmann & Dan Lawrence, second cousins Christina & David Paleschic, Stacy & Adam Reid and Joe Ehrmann and four third cousins in New Jersey. Anyone who knew him, knew he was an extraordinary man.

His motto: Live well, laugh often, love much...and he did.

His creed: Hopalong Cassidy's Creed, Gene Autry's Cowboy Code, The Cowboy Code of Honor

1. The highest badge of honor a person can wear is honesty. Be truthful at all times.
2. Your parents are the best friends you have. Listen to them and follow their instructions.
3. If you want to be respected, you must respect others. Show good manners in every way.
4. A cowboy never betrays a trust confided in him. He never goes back on his word.
5. Only through hard work and study can you succeed. Don't be lazy and maintain focus. Be punctual. A cowboy is a good worker. Take pride in your work, always finish what you start and do what has to be done.
6. A cowboy is helpful when someone is in trouble.
7. Your good deeds always come to light. So don't boast or be a show-off.
8. If you waste time or money today, you will regret it tomorrow. Practice thrift in all ways. Talk less and say more.
9. A cowboy is kind and gentle to children and old folks, and also himself.
10. Many animals are good and loyal companions. Be friendly and kind to all creatures.
11. A strong and healthy body is a precious gift. A cowboy must keep himself clean in thought, speech, action and personal habits.
12. Treat everyone the same way as you wish to be treated. Accept people as they are. You can only lead by example. A cowboy is free of racial and religious intolerance.
13. A cowboy must never shoot first, hit a smaller man, or take unfair advantage, even of an enemy.

14. Live each day with courage. Be tough but fair. Know your boundaries and ask for help.

15. Our country's laws are made for your protection. Observe and protect them carefully.

16. Children in many foreign lands are less fortunate than you. Be glad and proud you are an American. A cowboy is a patriot.

17. Remember that some things aren't for sale. Be thankful for what you have, and be generous when you can. Pay it forward.

18. A cowboy's purpose is to grow to be a better person today than yesterday.

19. A cowboy is more than he appears to be, he is a master of his fate.

20. Enjoy your life. Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.

# Cemetery Details

## **Maryland Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery**

Hurlock, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ Stanley Ardell Shirey Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Stanley Ardell Shirey Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Dear Riki, I was so sorry to hear of your husband's Passing. I know how close you both were, I never saw one without the other. You were my neighbors when you both lived in an apartment on Aurora St. in Easton. I remember Stan when he was a police officer, he was such a kind caring man. Riki, you took care of me a few years ago on the fourth floor after I was moved out of ICU. My friend Priscilla Jamart called me yesterday 9/5/2015 and said she saw you in Wal-Mart. You have been on my heart every since I saw the Obituary in the paper. God Bless You. Hope you are doing as well as you can. You are really a special nurse and I will always remember how good you were to me when I was so ill. I would look forward to you coming on duty each evening. Please take care of yourself and remember, Stan will be waiting for you in Heaven. With Sincere Sympathy, Sharon Warner Ireland.



Sharon Ireland - September 06, 2015 at 08:06 AM

JM

“ Jennifer Marquardt lit a candle in memory of Stanley Ardell Shirey Jr.



Jennifer Marquardt - August 18, 2015 at 04:38 AM

MA

“ Marcy And Rick Anderson lit a candle in memory of Stanley Ardell Shirey Jr.



Marcy and Rick Anderson - July 27, 2015 at 11:41 AM

MA

“ Marcy And Rick Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Stanley Ardell Shirey Jr.



Marcy and Rick Anderson - July 27, 2015 at 11:36 AM

MA

*Our lives have certainly been enriched because of you, Stan. We will always remember your smile, laughter, and wonderful sense of humor. How much we enjoyed our times with you and Rikki at the USS Southerland reunions! Rest easy, big guy. You are FREE.*

Marcy and Rick Anderson - July 27, 2015 at 11:40 AM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Stanley Ardell Shirey Jr.*



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**Phil Foster** - July 04, 2015 at 02:55 AM

DH

“ *I have known Mr Stan for most of my life, I first met him and Miss Riki in girlscouts and have had the honor of being able to enjoy their company at many family events. Not many people are blessed enough to be able to share people with their children and grandchildren that greatly affected their own lives as children, Tim and I have been that lucky! My heart goes out to you, you are wonderful people and the world lost a great person. Miss Riki your extended family is here for you. Live, Laugh, Love! Tim and Dawn Hanrahan*

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**Dawn Hanrahan** - July 02, 2015 at 08:54 AM

BB

“ *Bonnie Bowman lit a candle in memory of Stanley Ardell Shirey Jr.*

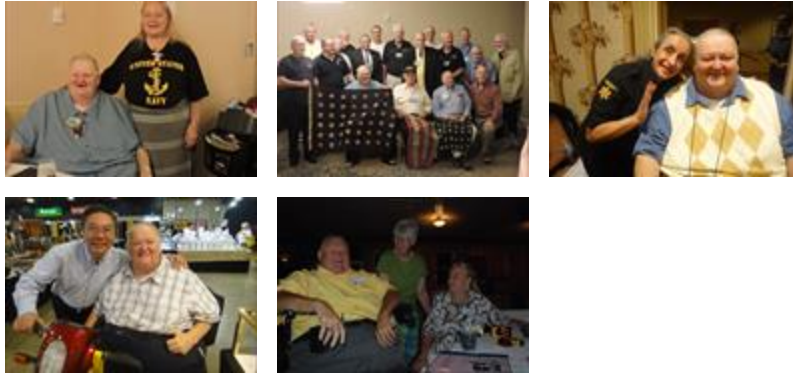


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**Bonnie Bowman** - June 30, 2015 at 07:51 AM

RS

“ 141 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Riki Shirey - June 28, 2015 at 04:10 PM

PH

“ *My love and prayers go out to Riki in the loss of your soulmate, he was a dear friend and we will miss him greatly. He and Jim and Dickie loved to go fishing together just to wet a line and spend time together.*

Pat Hanrahan - June 27, 2015 at 04:05 PM

GS

“ *Ginny Shorter lit a candle in memory of Stanley Ardell Shirey Jr.*



Ginny Shorter - June 25, 2015 at 02:20 PM

GS

“ Our hearts are so heavy with the loss of our dear friend, Stan. He was a wonderful person. We hold dear to our hearts the many times he made us laugh. Truly, he was one in a million.

All our love,  
Ginny & Leroy Shorter

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**Ginny Shorter** - June 25, 2015 at 02:16 PM

WM

“ Riki,  
I'm so sorry to hear about Stan. I think of you often. You all had such a great relationship. I know it will be difficult; but i hope after some time you will be able to celebrate the life you shared. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Wilma Miller

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**Wilma Miller** - June 24, 2015 at 02:06 PM

LM

“ Linda A Middleton lit a candle in memory of Stanley Ardell Shirey Jr.



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**Linda A Middleton** - June 24, 2015 at 10:49 AM

JH

“ Ricki,  
You have our deepest sympathy. Tom and I  
are so sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed  
being with Stan. His stories were just so  
entertaining and enjoyable. We will certainly  
miss him and the joy that he created.  
Love and sympathy,  
Joyce Hollingsworth



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**Joyce Hollingsworth** - June 23, 2015 at 11:07 AM

PH

“ Pat Hanrahan lit a candle in memory of  
Stanley Ardell Shirey Jr.



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**Pat Hanrahan** - June 23, 2015 at 07:24 AM