



## Stephen D. Heller

March 22, 1921 - April 16, 2011

Stephen Davis Heller of St. Michaels died peacefully May 16, 2011, at The Pines in Easton. Born in Philadelphia, he had recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Steve is survived by his wife Irene, four children, and six grandchildren.

After retiring to the Eastern Shore 34 years ago (fulfilling a lifelong wish), Steve became an active participant in the St. Michaels community. He was on the board of the Rio Vista Community Association for many years and served as a docent and officer of the St. Mary's Square Museum. Steve and Irene especially enjoyed traveling on small cruise ships that allowed them to explore many small ports, often rendezvousing with their far-flung family. They hosted many backyard barbecues with family and friends and enjoyed watching the activity on the Miles River.

Before becoming Opa, the relaxed grandfather known to his family, Steve built a 38-year career with the RCA Corporation and was recognized as a pioneer of space flight for his support to the space program at Cape Canaveral, Fla. (where he met Irene). He went on to lead RCA's telecommunications efforts, first in Alaska and later internationally. He also served as a Master Sergeant in the Army Signal Service Battalion during World War II.

Opa approached life with a sense of purpose and threw himself into every

challenge. He was a natural role model to his children and community. He was a fine craftsman whose projects had clean lines that became his signature style.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, May 20, at St Luke's Methodist Church in St. Michaels. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made to the St. Mary's Square Museum.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
304 S. Talbot Street  
St. Michaels, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen D. Heller*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Stephen D. Heller*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Stephen D. Heller*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM