



## Steve Sharkey

April 4, 1939 - March 19, 2026

Steve Sharkey, 86, passed away peacefully on March 19, 2026, surrounded by his family and with his cat sleeping on his lap. He was born on April 4, 1939, in Carteret, New Jersey, the son of the late Stephen Csaki and the late Elizabeth Szalay. In 1961, he married Barbara Jennings, the love of his life, beginning a lifelong partnership centered on family, friendship, and adventure. After starting their family in New Jersey, they moved to Chesapeake Isle on Turkey Point, Maryland, at the head of the Chesapeake Bay. After Steve retired, they moved to Centreville, Maryland, and spent the next 30 years continuing a lifestyle that embraced the outdoors and family.

Steve served his country honorably in the United States Marine Corps from 1956 to 1959.

Following his military service, he dedicated 30 years of his career to DuPont. Never one to sit still, Steve later founded and ran TK Composites for eight years.

Deeply connected to nature, Steve was an avid sailor on the Chesapeake Bay and found joy and purpose in working to protect the natural world. His efforts included participating in initiatives to restore oyster populations and cultivate seagrass beds. He was an active member of the Chester River Association and helped found the Corsica River Conservancy.

Steve also enjoyed traveling throughout the world, including China, New Zealand, and South America. He especially treasured his birding and nature expedition to Ecuador.

Steve's creativity was evident in his beautifully carved swans, ducks, and other wildlife, which he leaves behind as lasting symbols of his appreciation for nature. He was endlessly curious about people, always eager to connect, and rarely still for long.

Steve is survived by his beloved wife Barbara, his children Susan Sharkey (husband Robert Bell), Steve B. Sharkey (wife Audrey), grandchildren Brittany, Matthew (wife Janie), and Allison, and great grandchildren Scott and Lily. He is also survived by his sister, Alice Hill, and her children, Randy and Sharon.

Steve will be remembered for his energy, creativity, generosity, and the deep love he shared with his family and friends. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the

community he

helped shape, and the natural world he worked to preserve.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Barbara and the family thank

Compass

Regional Hospice for their wonderful, loving care in Steve's final weeks of life.

He will be dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Compass Hospice,

255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD, 21617 or Shore Rivers, 114 South

Washington St., Suite 301, Easton, MD 21601.

# Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album *Celebrating Dad*



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**Susan** - March 27 at 09:49 PM

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“ Thank you Uncle Steve for sharing your kindness and words of wisdom with me. Thank you for always welcoming my kids and I into your home and your pool. I felt a real connection with you and looked up to you for so many reasons, but most of all your moral compass and compassion for this earth. We will forever love you and hold you in our hearts.

*Kat, Adam, Brooklyn, and Marshall Tappan*

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**Katherine Tappan-Verderosa** - March 26 at 05:46 AM

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“ Steve Sharkey was our neighbor. My husband, Allen, and I always enjoyed visiting with Steve and Barbara. Our conversations usually focused on the beautiful Eastern Shore and decoy carving.

*We send our condolences to Barbara and their family.*

*Allen Lopez and Jean Dearden*

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**Regina Dearden** - March 25 at 11:35 AM

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“ *Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Steve Sharkey*



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**Eastern Shore Dental Care** - March 25 at 09:16 AM

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“ *We are so sorry for your loss, your family is in our thoughts and prayers!*

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**Sheriff Gary Hofmann** - March 25 at 08:54 AM