



## Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.

August 15, 1944 - July 4, 2025

Thomas W. Speakman, Sr. of Still Pond, MD passed away peacefully at his home on July 4, 2025. He was 80.

Born in Trenton, New Jersey on August 15, 1944, to the late Levis and Gladys Willar Speakman. Tom was a 1962 graduate of Pennsbury High School. After high school he graduated from Delaware Valley College in May of 1966 and in June married his high school sweetheart, Sue (Norris) Speakman. A year later, he earned his master's degree in Horticulture from Michigan State University.

Tom worked with Grundstom Company in Glenview, Illinois until he was drafted by the U.S. Army. He served in Vietnam as a first lieutenant before he was honorably discharged.

Tom was part owner of Moon Nurseries and Rickert Landscaping in Yardley, Pennsylvania for 19 years. His work earned him a presidential award from First Lady Rosalind Carter.

In 1989 he moved to Still Pond where he fulfilled his dream of starting Speakman Nurseries & Landscaping.

Tom was a past board member of the Kent County Farm Bureau, a member of the forestry board, Ducks Unlimited, and the National Wild Turkey Federation. He enjoyed hunting, trapping, fishing, and shooting in addition to maintaining a fruit orchard and an asparagus field.

In addition to his parents, Tom was predeceased by his brothers William and Donald Speakman.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Suzanne Speakman; son, Tom Speakman, Jr. (Kelly) of Worton; Daughter Patty Hamsher (Doug) of Cordova; Sister Suzanne Murray (Neal) of Hilton Head, SC; Grandchildren, Megan and Will Speakman, and Gabriella and Sariah Hamsher.

A service will be held Saturday August 9, 2025, at 11am at Chestertown Presbyterian Church 905 Gateway Drive Chestertown, MD 21620. A reception will follow. For those unable to attend in person the service can be viewed online at [www.youtube.com@presbyterianchestertown](http://www.youtube.com@presbyterianchestertown).

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Williamson Trade School, Compass Regional Hospice, or Presbyterian Church of Chestertown.

Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home [www.fhnfuneralhome.com](http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

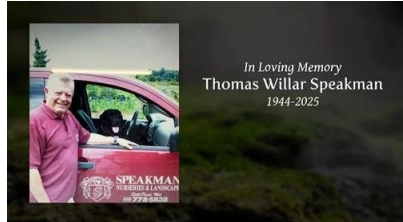
AUG 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Presbyterian Church of Chestertown  
905 Gateway Drive  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 06, 2025 at 08:44 AM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr..*

August 08, 2025 at 08:01 PM



“ *Sue, our sincere sympathy to you and your family/*

Judy and David Sharretts - August 07, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr..*



August 07, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr..

August 07, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ Gerri D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr..

Gerri D. - August 06, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr..



August 06, 2025 at 10:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr..

August 06, 2025 at 10:56 AM



“ Thomas H. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr..

Thomas H. - August 06, 2025 at 09:29 AM

BC

“ *Barbara P COLEMAN lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.*



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**Barbara P COLEMAN** - August 05, 2025 at 02:57 PM

RM

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Speakman family. Many good memories from fishing tales and hearing about the yearly football game they attended with Carl & Lois just to name a few ! Thinking of your family at this time.*

*Ron & Lisa Mazurek*

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**Ron & Lisa Mazurek** - August 05, 2025 at 09:12 AM

CM

“ *Chuck And Kelly Mazurek lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.*



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**Chuck and Kelly Mazurek** - August 04, 2025 at 08:04 PM

CM

“ So many memories! As a pre-teen Mazurek, I felt like an extension of the Speakman family. Of course there was fishing, crabbing, clamming and fishing stories (lies??). But there were so many great memories of making sinkers in the basement, hanging out with Tom Jr. at the beach, and the time we invaded your vacation at the beach house and spent the night. To say the entire family was an indelible part of my memories, is a HUGE understatement. Thank you and God Bless Tom and the entire family.

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**Chuck Mazurek** - August 04, 2025 at 07:59 PM

SM

“ Suzanne murray purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr..



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**Suzanne murray** - August 03, 2025 at 11:26 PM

SM

“ Suzanne murray planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr..

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**Suzanne murray** - August 03, 2025 at 11:26 PM

JO

“ John,Susan,Carole,Larry,Richard,Jill purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr..



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**John,Susan,Carole,Larry,Richard,Jill** - August 03, 2025 at 06:29 PM

ST

“ Sue & Family

*We are so sorry to hear about Tom passing. We will be praying for strength, peace and comfort for you and your family. So many fond memories.*

*Our deepest condolences.*

*Steve & Patti Mazurek*

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**Steve** - July 22, 2025 at 07:16 PM

SM

“ Steve & Patti Mazurek lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



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**Steve & Patti Mazurek** - July 22, 2025 at 07:11 PM

JN

“ Joyce Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



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**Joyce Nicholson** - July 16, 2025 at 08:30 PM

GW

“ *Fond memories of Tom Snr who had a great influence on a period of life and thereafter. Lit a candle in St George’s cathedral in Perth and sending love to all mourning his passing. So grateful that my family got to meet Tom snr and rest of family in 2018.* ”



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**Geoff Watts** - July 16, 2025 at 08:36 AM

DG

“ *Deepest sympathy to Sue and family.* ”



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**Donna Gibbons-Neff** - July 15, 2025 at 06:07 PM

MM

“ *Maryann & Max lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.* ”



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**Maryann & Max** - July 10, 2025 at 09:47 AM

MA

*Our heart-felt condolences are with you all. Much love to you.*

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**Maryann** - July 10, 2025 at 09:48 AM

BB

“ Thinking of your family

Beverly Blakeney - July 10, 2025 at 08:14 AM

JF

“ Jim & Betta Fraccaroli lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



Jim & Betta Fraccaroli - July 09, 2025 at 11:40 AM

RK

“ Rick And Cindy King lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



Rick and Cindy King - July 09, 2025 at 09:54 AM

SW

“ Sharon Wert lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



Sharon Wert - July 09, 2025 at 07:52 AM

CO

“ Tom, my Brother of Infantry, I'll never forget the fun times and stories. See you on the other side! Til Valhalla!



Cory - July 09, 2025 at 07:46 AM

LI

“ Luisa's Cucina Italiana lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



Luisa's Cucina Italiana - July 08, 2025 at 11:50 PM

KL

“ Katherine Langenfelder lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



Katherine Langenfelder - July 08, 2025 at 08:29 PM

PQ

“ So glad I stopped by last week... if there is anything I can do for you Sue and your family please just ask ! Peace and Love, Pam Quarstein



Pamela Ann Quarstein - July 08, 2025 at 08:07 PM

JS

“ Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



Jeanette stubbs - July 08, 2025 at 07:46 PM

GE

“ We are so sorry to hear about Tom. We are thinking about you, Sue, and all your family. We know you will miss him. George & Ginny Eastburn

Ginny Eastburn - July 08, 2025 at 02:45 PM

CF

“ Carroll Thompson & Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



Carroll Thompson & family - July 08, 2025 at 02:34 PM

SF

“ Shirley Foster lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



shirley Foster - July 08, 2025 at 02:28 PM

DN

“ *Debbie & Bob Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.*



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**Debbie & Bob Nickerson** - July 08, 2025 at 02:03 PM

DE

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the Speakman family. We will always remember Tom as a kind and generous man and his love for nature.*

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**Debbie** - July 08, 2025 at 02:06 PM

HF

*I am remembering Tom and all the good times. He was such an awesome man and father. Tom and Sue were a successful couple and between tears I'm smiling at our shared adventures. He will be missed but fondly remembered.*

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**Helen Foster** - July 08, 2025 at 06:27 PM

LA

“ *Lahoma sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.*



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**Lahoma** - July 08, 2025 at 01:59 PM

CC

“ Cody & Cindy Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



Cody & Cindy Clark - July 08, 2025 at 12:48 PM

BB

“ Bernadette Blevins lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



Bernadette Blevins - July 08, 2025 at 11:39 AM

DY

“ Tracy and I were sad to hear about the loss of your father. Please accept our deepest condolences during this difficult time. Your dad was a remarkable man, and I know how much he meant to you, it sounds like he left a lasting mark on everyone who knew him. If there's anything we can do to support you, please do not hesitate to reach out. -Tracy and Dave Yannacci

Dave Yannacci - July 08, 2025 at 11:31 AM

SN

“ Susan Newton-rhodes lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



susan newton-rhodes - July 08, 2025 at 11:02 AM



*Tom, Kelly and family, we send our love and support to you all during this difficult time. Tom and Sue sat loyally in the bleachers with us for many years cheering son and grandson. what a wonderful family and terrific loss. our heartfelt condolences to you all. frank, susan, jack and nellie rhodes*

**Susan Newton-rhodes** - July 08, 2025 at 11:06 AM

BH

“ *Tom and family, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Although we did not get to know Mr. Tom Sr, it is obvious that he was a good man, an excellent nurseryman and revered in his community. His legacy will continue to not only live on but expand through the wonderful family he leaves behind. We are always here for anything we can be of help with. -The Holliday Family*

**Blake Holliday** - July 08, 2025 at 10:52 AM

MT

“ *Tom, Kelly, and family, all our love and prayers. So many good things to remember and celebrate about Tom Sr. For me, the top of the list is the amazing family he raised! Our deepest condolences on his passing. Mike and Jen Twining*

**Michael & Jen Twining** - July 08, 2025 at 10:14 AM

MW

“ *Marian Walbert Wyble lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.*



**Marian Walbert Wyble** - July 08, 2025 at 09:56 AM

NH

“ Every day when we look at our garden, we remember the loving care taken by Tom as he planted it. That was how he approached life - with loving care. May God be very close to you Sue, and wrap you in lots of love and hugs.

*Nancy and John Henderson*

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**Nancy Henderson** - July 08, 2025 at 09:11 AM

RN

“ Sad news...the only person I ever met born on the same day and year as me...remember having a beer on the porch at Haven Harbour Marina...a perfect man and friend...miss him...

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**Richard Newlon AIA Architect Newlon** - July 08, 2025 at 08:29 AM

MH

“ Mary Ann Herron lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



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**Mary Ann Herron** - July 08, 2025 at 08:20 AM

PM

“ Peggy And Moe lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



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**Peggy and Moe** - July 08, 2025 at 08:17 AM

KN

“ Our deepest sympathies to your family. May all your beautiful memories find you peace during this difficult time.



Karen Nelson - July 07, 2025 at 09:28 PM

FL

“ Frank And Cathy Legg lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



Frank and Cathy Legg - July 07, 2025 at 06:59 PM

SQ

“ Sara & David Quinn lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



Sara & David Quinn - July 07, 2025 at 04:10 PM

TB

“ Thelma & Bill Bright lit a candle in memory of Thomas Willar Speakman, Sr.



Thelma & Bill Bright - July 07, 2025 at 03:13 PM

TB

*So sorry to hear this. Thoughts and prayers to Sue and Tom*

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**Thelma & Bill Bright** - July 07, 2025 at 03:15 PM