



Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl

November 7, 1948 - November 28, 2025

Thomas W. Sperl, 77, passed away on November 28, 2025. He was born on November 7, 1948 in Baltimore, MD, to the late Ethel and Edgar Sperl. Tom attended grade school at McDonough School. After graduating from Parkville High School in 1966, he enlisted in the US Navy. He later became the owner of a successful concrete business. In 1968, he married Shirley Duncan and started a family in Parkville, MD.

Tom expanded his career, owning and operating several home building companies throughout the 1970s, 80s and 90s. He became a very successful residential land developer, creating many communities in Baltimore, Harford and Queen Anne counties. Tom also owned a seafood distribution company, utility company and was involved in the oil industry. He was an avid outdoorsman, establishing a hunting club for his buddies at his Kennedyville farm on Turner's Creek. Tom enjoyed all aspects of fishing, including journeying to exotic locations to partake in sport fishing tournaments on one of his many boats. He was a skilled pilot and owned several planes. Tom was also a master sporting clay champion, traveling all over the country to participate in tournaments. He relished the many friendships he made along the way. He moved to Kent Island full-time and semi-retired in 2001.

He is survived by his beloved daughters, Sandy Eshelman (Jon), Melanie Sperl (Devin), all of Chester, and Samantha Sperl of Essex; three grandsons,

Cody Eshelman, Jackson Eshelman, (Alea) and granddaughter Ava Eshelman, all of Chester; and one great grandson, Banks Eshelman of Chester. He is also survived by his former wife, Shirley Sperl (Rich) of Chester, brother Gary Sperl of Darlington and was preceded in death by his beloved mother and father Ethel Sperl and Edgar Sperl, both of Parkville.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at the Fellows, Helfenbein and Newman Funeral home located at 106 Shamrock Rd. in Chester Maryland, where friends and family may visit from 3 to 6 PM. A funeral service will be held at 6 PM following the viewing.

Burial will be private.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 4. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Funeral Service

DEC 4. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 02, 2025 at 12:14 PM

CT

To my family whom I love very dearly in my heart ❤️ I'm so sorry I can't express how I feel 💔 so be blessed tom 🙏❤️ tom is in a better place with God in his father's place which he in haven 🙏😭💔

CURTIS MAHALIA ANN TURNER - December 04, 2025 at 09:54 AM

LD

“ *Linda Dulin Dicus lit a candle in memory of Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl*



Linda Dulin Dicus - December 08, 2025 at 02:57 PM

LD

So sorry to hear off Tom's passing. Prayers for the family

Linda Dulin Dicus - December 08, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl.*



December 03, 2025 at 09:51 PM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Mr Tom's passing. Prayers for the family. Lots of memories with Mr Tom he will be missed. Sandy and Melanie thinking of you so sorry.*

DEBORAH WANLESS - December 03, 2025 at 07:26 PM



*So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Tommy was a a good friend of my brother Joey Buchanan so I have known him for along time. We use to walk home from school many a day.
RIP and fly high!
Doody Buchanan Kelly*

Doody Buchanan Kelly - December 04, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ *Chunhua Cao, GBMC purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl.*



Chunhua Cao, GBMC - December 01, 2025 at 06:40 PM



“ Truly Beloved Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl.



December 01, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ Love Always, Lantz & Veronica Willard purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl.



Love Always, Lantz & Veronica Willard - December 01, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl



Eastern Shore Dental Care - December 01, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ The GBMC APP team purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl.



The GBMC APP team - December 01, 2025 at 10:02 AM

MR

“ Missy, Mark, And Dustin Rousseau lit a candle in memory of Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl



Missy, Mark, and Dustin Rousseau - November 30, 2025 at 01:38 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl.



November 30, 2025 at 12:28 PM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl



Tracy Schulz - November 29, 2025 at 08:44 PM

CK

“ Tom was a good friend. So sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers for the family
Cathy Kerchner



Cathy Kerchner - November 29, 2025 at 11:56 AM

LA

“ Love Johnny & Candi & Cole & Anthony purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl.



Love Johnny & Candi & Cole & Anthony - November 28, 2025 at 06:51 PM

JC

“ John And Candi Coco lit a candle in memory of Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl



John and Candi Coco - November 28, 2025 at 06:33 PM

CA

“ Candi, Johnny , Cole, Anthony lit a candle in memory of Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl



Candi, Johnny , Cole, Anthony - November 28, 2025 at 06:32 PM

JP

“ James & Betsy Pierson lit a candle in memory of Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl



James & Betsy Pierson - November 28, 2025 at 06:08 PM

DG

“ *David And Annie Gardner lit a candle in
memory of Thomas W "Whitey" Sperl*



David and Annie Gardner - November 28, 2025 at 05:13 PM