



## Walter Rudolph Fritz Bodack

March 13, 1930 - July 19, 2024

Walter Bodack, of Easton Maryland passed away peacefully in his home on July 19th after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 94. Until the end he remained cheerful, engaged and optimistic, frequently communicating with family, friends and neighbors.

Walter was born in Saaz, Czechoslovakia, to Otto Bodack and Maria Schroll on March 13, 1930. The Bodack family suffered significant upheaval during World War II and settled in Georgundsmund, Germany at the end of the war. In Germany, Walter is survived by his loving siblings Hildegard and Horst (Bridget) and numerous nieces and nephews.

At the completion of his studies and the launching of his career in Europe and India, Walter moved to the United States in 1956 at the request of Daimler Benz to help launch Mercedes-Benz North America. While working at Mercedes, he met and fell in love with his secretary, Patricia Cryan. The two were married in 1957 and enjoyed a 67 year marriage. He leaves behind their seven children Elisabeth (Korey), Mark (Mary Ellen), Christa, Leigh (John), Michael, Neal (Carmela) and Maria (Brian). He was a proud grandfather to Bryan, Eric, David, Charlotte, Sophia, Alex, Nick, Tyler, Conner, Katie, Paul, Julia, Efi and Otto and great grandfather to Grace and Sara.

Walter spent his entire career in the automotive industry working for

Mercedes-Benz. He was one of the original 10 employees sent from Stuttgart to set up the distribution network for cars and trucks in North America. He climbed the corporate ladder while raising his large family on Long Island. He held numerous positions within the company and retired as President, Mercedes-Benz North America in 1988.

In retirement, he enjoyed many hobbies namely gardening, fishing and boating. He was an avid reader and especially enjoyed world history and classical music.

A big thank you to his health care team. We are profoundly grateful to his doctors, nurses and aids who made him comfortable in his final years.

# Cemetery Details

## **Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Cemetery and Columbarium**

1214 S. Washington Street  
Easton, MD 21601  
<https://ssppcemetary.com/>

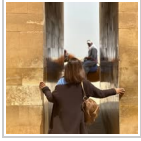
# Previous Events

## **Funeral Service**

**JUL 29.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michaels Mission Church  
109 Lincoln Avenue  
St. Michaels, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to hear this news. Walter was an important part of my life growing up. So many fond memories, it would be hard to pick.. Love to all the Bodacks and family. Olivia Toperoff and family

Olivia Toperoff - August 11, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Rudolph Fritz Bodack.



August 23, 2024 at 01:40 PM



“ A truly decent, ethical and honest man with an ability to inspire those around him has left this world. I had the privilege to work very closely with him for several years in the 1980's and will never forget his cheerful "Top o' the Morning" greeting as he came into the office. My condolences to his wife Pat and their children.

Gisela Folding - August 23, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ May the love of God which cradles us unceasingly bring you peace in your time of loss. Mr. B. was the first person I knew that owned a music CD. He was thrilled with the clarity of the sound. I went on to spend a lot of money on CD's, all of which are now in my basement!! Remember to pray for, with and to him, as he will be advocating with the Lord for all of his loved ones until you're reunited in Paradise. With love, Kevin and Bernie Gentilcore

Kevin Gentilcore - July 27, 2024 at 11:10 AM

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“ *With love, Kevin and Bernie Gentilcore purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Walter Rudolph Fritz Bodack.*



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**With love, Kevin and Bernie Gentilcore** - July 27, 2024 at 11:03 AM

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“ *The Scoular Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter Rudolph Fritz Bodack.*

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**The Scoular Team** - July 26, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter Rudolph Fritz Bodack.*



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July 26, 2024 at 02:36 PM

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“ *Mr. Bodack I will always remember him he was a true gentleman the first day that I went to work for him we became friends. He always listened we had a bond that was unbreakable he trusted me with his life and his heart. He loved his family each and everyone of his children had a special place in his heart .He would ask me every morning how was my coffee, I told him that is my coffee was right then Myrna was alright he would say at the end of my shift God bless you and I'll see you in the morning, that warmed my heart just knowing that he would be glad to see me in the morning. We never had a disagreement he was a pleasure to work for, I will truly miss him 😭 I will miss each and everyone of you it was a pleasure to get to know you all I met everyone but Leigh. So take your rest my friend I will never forget you. To Ms. Pat and family take continue to love one another ❤️ May God Bless You All 🙏❤️ Myrna*

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**Myrna Russum** - July 25, 2024 at 06:44 PM

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“ *I remember Uncle Walt as a strong, ambitious, and kind man.*

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**Brenda Cryan** - July 24, 2024 at 05:56 PM