



## Walter E. Woodford, Jr.

December 24, 1924 - May 22, 2013

Walter E. Woodford, Jr. of Centreville, MD, died at the Hospice Center in Centreville, MD, on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. He was 88.

Born December 24, 1924, in Centreville, he was the son of the late, Walter E. and Margaret Foard Woodford. He graduated from Centreville High School, Class of 1941, and attended Washington College from 1941 – 1943 and in 1950 earned his Bachelor of Engineering degree from The Johns Hopkins University. He served from 1943 – 1946 in the 1395th Engineer Construction Battalion, serving in the Pacific Theatre of Operations as Tech Sergeant. Following his release from active duty, he earned his Registered Professional Engineer License for Maryland and his Registered Professional Land Surveyor License.

He worked for the Maryland State Roads Commission/State Highway Administration as Construction Project Engineer from 1950-1957 during which time he was in charge of state highway and bridge projects including U.S.50, U.S.301, MD 213, MD 404, MD 331, MD 309, MD 33, MD 327, MD 333, MD 313 and others. He was appointed District Construction Engineer from 1957-1960 and was responsible for all State highway and bridge construction in Talbot, Caroline, Queen Anne's, Kent, and Cecil counties from the Choptank River to the Susquehanna River. He was appointed Chief of the Administrative Division from 1960-1965. In 1973, Walter left the State to take a position of

Vice President and Director of Engineering for the Rouse Company. Over the next fourteen years he was instrumental in the design and building of the city of Columbia, MD, as well as many other Rouse projects around the country. From 1987-2010, he was a professional consultant in planning, zoning, development, traffic, project administration and general civil engineering, including, traffic studies for Columbia, MD; restoration of Historic Stevensville; and zoning ordinances for Queenstown, Centreville Day Care Center, and others.

His statewide activities included the Maryland Transportation Authority, Canton Railroad and Canton Development Corporation, Governor's Transportation Task Force (Hellman Commission), Maryland Transportation Professional Services Selection Board, Appalachian Regional Commission, Maryland State Secondary Highway System, State/County Road Financing, Assateague Island, Maryland Civil Defense, Governor's Task Force on Modern Management in State Government; United Appeal, State Equipment Procurement, Howard County Comprehensive Plan and Baltimore Regional Planning Council.

His Queen Anne's County activities included Kent Narrows Development Foundation where he was a Board Chairman for eleven years; Economic Development Commission; Comprehensive Plan where he was a member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the 1985 Plan; Education Facilities Plan, Superintendent of Education's Advisory Committee; Museum Advisory Committee where for 10 years he was the Chairman of the committee to establish a museum in Queen Anne's County; Scenic By-Way Program, Corsica River Conservancy; Masonic Lodge where he was a 57 year member of the Centreville Lodge #180 AF & AM; Centreville Rotary Club where he was a member for eight years and president in 1957; American Legion, Jeff Davis Post #18 where he was a life member; Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City; Centreville Goodwill Fire Company; Centreville High School Alumni

Association; Kent Narrows Racing Association; Queen Anne's County Historical Society, where he was a life member; and a member of the Kent Island Yacht Club.

He was a member of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Centreville, MD, where he received the Priest's Service Recognition Award in 2010.

Mr. Woodford is survived by two sons, Walter Wallace Woodford of Timonium, MD, and Thomas Kevin Woodford of Fallston, MD; three grandsons, Joshua Bryan Woodford, Jason Todd Woodford, and Justin Michael Woodford; a granddaughter, Angelina MargEliz Woodford; and two step-grandsons, Braden Manfredi Jump and Joshua Mychal Jump.

He was pre-deceased by his wife, the former Elizabeth Gannon Woodford who died in 2007.

A visitation will be held at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, Centreville on Friday, May 31, 2013, from 5 – 8 p.m.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church a week later on Saturday, June 8, 2013, at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Queen Anne's Inc., 255 Comet Dr., Centreville, MD 21617.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
[info@fhfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhfuneralhome.com)

## Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
301 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter E. Woodford, Jr.* ”



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 17, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ *Walter E. Woodford, Jr.* ”

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Walter E. Woodford, Jr.* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Walter E. Woodford, Jr.* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

KA

“Woody made a difference in our community. He was a beacon of goodness and generosity in a world that well benefitted from his loving and kind manner. He always displayed concern for the best interests of everyone he touched. I feel blessed that he was present in my life over the years and will miss his smile and warm embrace. I know God has called home one the finest people ever to grace this earth, and there is one more angel in heaven as a result.



*My condolences to his sons and their families.*  
*Kathy Magruder*

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**Kathy** - June 04, 2013 at 09:46 AM

SF

“Although our contacts over the years were infrequent, each was for me a happy one. Woody was a pillar in his years of active loyalty to Hopkins and his bride always a pleasure to chat with. In brief, he was one of the most kind, nice and totally decent men I have ever known, and I shall always miss him. -- Sam Freeland (Easton.)

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**Samuel Lyles Freeland** - May 30, 2013 at 10:29 PM

MH

“Martha Herman lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Woodford, Jr.



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**Martha Herman** - May 30, 2013 at 10:41 AM

MH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Mr. Woodford came into Q.A. County Planning & Zoning where I worked many times with his subdivision proposals. I always enjoyed talking to him and assisting him with this questions. May God be with you always and grant you peace. Great memories will prevail always. Martha Herman

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**Martha Herman** - May 30, 2013 at 10:40 AM

BM

“ Barbara Jones, MDTA lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Woodford, Jr.



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**Barbara Jones, MDTA** - May 29, 2013 at 12:21 PM

MG

“ Martin & Sandy Gahley lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Woodford, Jr.



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**Martin & Sandy Gahley** - May 28, 2013 at 02:48 PM

JZ

“ I served with Walter for many years on the Board of the Canton Railroad, which he chaired. He was a brilliant and thoughtful leader, a kind person, and a true gentleman through and through. I have wonderful memories of the crab feast he and Betty hosted for all of us on the Board at their lovely Eastern shore home about 10 years ago. And I will never forget the many kindnesses Walter showed to me when my own husband died in 2004. He always remembered to ask about my children and to encourage me to continue to live life in a fully engaged way, and he practiced what he preached when Betty left this world a few years ago. He will be greatly missed by everyone who was fortunate to know him.

*JoAnne Zawitoski*

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**JoAnne Zawitoski** - May 28, 2013 at 12:53 PM

KF

“ *Koogle Family lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Woodford, Jr.*



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**Koogle Family** - May 26, 2013 at 09:04 PM

JP

“ *JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Woodford, Jr.*



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**JoAnn & Royden Powell** - May 26, 2013 at 08:10 PM

RF

“ Ruder Family lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Woodford, Jr.



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**Ruder Family** - May 24, 2013 at 10:28 PM

JN

“ Walter was my mentor, boss and friend while at the Rouse Company. He hired me in 1977 "to work with him" and from 1977 to 1987 we did just that. I never felt like I worked FOR him, I worked WITH him. When he retired from The Rouse Company I moved into his position, but I didn't replace Walter, he couldn't be replaced. He was a special person, a GREAT engineer and a gentleman. All who knew him were better for it.

*Joe Necker*

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**Joe Necker** - May 24, 2013 at 08:52 PM

CW

“ Chel Woodford lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Woodford, Jr.



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**Chel Woodford** - May 24, 2013 at 06:57 PM

GJ

“Walter was my roommate for a year at Johns Hopkins, and there were five of us from the same dorm area who in later years visited together at our various vacation locations. Woody and Betty were great hosts at their rental facility on Hilton Head Island. He was an engineer through and through, and his knowledge and wisdom gained him respect wherever he went and with all he met. We loved him dearly and will miss his memory of recounting his experiences of living the life of a shoreman and his duty with the army in the Pacific Theatre of Operations during World War II.” George Delaplaine

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**George Delaplaine Jr.** - May 24, 2013 at 01:02 PM

VK

“Walter, it is with great sorrow that I say goodbye to one JHU alumnus from another. I've only known you a short time however, I have learned from your leadership, beheld your wisdom, and experienced your kindness. I know your family will miss you as we all will. Take comfort in knowing that all those you leave behind have been enriched by knowing you.

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**Valerie Kolman** - May 24, 2013 at 09:27 AM

JM

“From all of us at Canton Railroad Company we wish to express our heartfelt condolences to the Woodford family. Walter was a beloved figure at Canton and we will miss his leadership, mentoring and most importantly his true love of our company and its employees. We will always remember him fondly as we try to continue in the path he helped define.

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**John Magness** - May 24, 2013 at 08:50 AM

Angela  
Vazquez

“ *Angela Vazquez lit a candle in memory of  
Walter E. Woodford, Jr.*



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**Angela Vazquez** - May 24, 2013 at 06:50 AM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary lit a candle in  
memory of Walter E. Woodford, Jr.*



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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - May 23, 2013 at 09:01 AM

GP

*To the Woodford Family: Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with your family in the loss of your dad. He will surely be missed by many and his legacy will live on forever. So glad I got to be with him at Hospice on Monday and share a some time during his last few hours. Remember the good times and they will remain in your hearts forever. Blessings and prayers to all of you, Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.*

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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - May 23, 2013 at 09:04 AM