



W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel

March 14, 1944 - February 8, 2025

W. Thomas Capel – Passed on February 8th 2025.

Born Tuesday March 14th, 1944, at the family home in “Bryantown” Bennett Point Road, Queenstown MD, to the late Mary Catherine (Katie) Lister Capel and Otto Harvey Capel.

“Tom Cat” as he was later in life referred to grew up on the Wye River and all of its waterways. He was the ultimate Eastern Shore Man, under the tutelage of his outdoorsman father. Tom excelled as a hunter, waterman, trapper, dog handler, marksman, and storyteller. Entertained all with precision and descriptive dialogue of his many adventurous memories.

He was best described as “one-of-a-kind”, strong willed, humorous, hardworking, strong yet gentile and loving man.

He met the love of his life Dorothy L. Patrick and together with their daughter Stephanie Lynn began an incredible journey of love and life together. They recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on December 4th.

Tom worked for many years with his father as a partner in Otto H. Capel and Son-Fur Dealers. He also worked for S.E.W. Friel as a machinist, and summers from his workboat properly named the “WYE KING”.

He derived great pleasure from traveling with friends to decoy shows and was an avid decoy and gun collector. His collecting honed his bartering skills.

Above all Tom loved his family, was a proud and devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, and big brother with a gigantic genuine heart. He is survived by his loving wife Dorothy, two precious grandsons; Sam Fallon (Katie), Elijah Fallon (Misato), sisters; Mary B. Carter (Charles Sr.), Emily C. Meintzer (Mark), nephew Jonathan Perkins (Jamie), niece Billie Jo Carter Kneps (Carl), his faithful feline companion "Miss Kitty", and many friends, cousins, and family. He is predeceased with whom he will be reunited, parents : Otto and Katie Capel, beautiful daughter Stephanie Lynn Fallon- Zlatos, father-in-law Sam Patrick, mother-in-law Doris Perkins, and brother-in-law Bobby Perkins.

Services will be private.

Tribute Wall

SW

“ I’m holding onto the beautiful memories I shared with you and your family. Keeping you close in my thoughts and prayers



Stephanie Williams Walkley - January 08 at 07:23 PM

TR

“ The Rogalls purchased the Memories 44" Sonnet for the family of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel.



The Rogalls - March 14, 2025 at 07:56 PM

TR

“ The Rogalls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel.

The Rogalls - March 14, 2025 at 07:56 PM

SJ

“ Miss Dorothy, I'm so sorry for your loss!! I know your heart is broken. Know that he is taking good care of Stephanie now, and will be forever in our hearts and memories. I love you💕



Stephanie Johnston - March 13, 2025 at 03:41 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Hahn lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel*



Brenda Hahn - February 17, 2025 at 09:37 AM

KB

“ *Kirby has many fond memories of Tom Cat and Otto in the fur shed. I considered them friends for life.*

Kirby Bryan - February 17, 2025 at 08:29 AM

DJ

“ *Dear Dorothy
Please know that I'm thinking of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Dawn Jones - February 15, 2025 at 05:08 PM

RR

“ *We are so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. Sending our heartfelt condolences to the family. Love Rob and Becky*



Rebecca & Rob - February 15, 2025 at 12:29 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Whaley lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel*



barbara whaley - February 15, 2025 at 11:32 AM

LH

“ *Lyn Higdon lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel*



Lyn Higdon - February 13, 2025 at 01:42 PM

JC

“ *Tomcat will be missed by many as he truly was a gentle giant with many stories to share!*



John and Jaye Clough - February 12, 2025 at 05:01 PM

BH

“ *Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel*



billy & dorothy hollingsworth - February 12, 2025 at 04:54 PM

GL

“ Dorothy, Mary B., Emily and family,
So sorry to learn of Tom's passing. May God wrap His loving arms
around you and comfort you. Sending our love.

Greg and Kathy Lantz - February 12, 2025 at 01:57 PM

EF

“ Eddie & Bonnie Fooks lit a candle in memory
of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel



Eddie & Bonnie Fooks - February 12, 2025 at 01:17 PM

FJ

“ We grew up together in Bryantown, played ball and swam in the
Wye River. Good old days. God Bless.

Frank and Jarrett - February 12, 2025 at 08:20 AM

SH

“ Susan Hart lit a candle in memory of W.
Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel



Susan Hart - February 11, 2025 at 07:42 PM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel



Tracy Schulz - February 11, 2025 at 06:39 PM

BN

“ Bobby And Genevieve Norris sent a virtual gift in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel



Bobby and Genevieve Norris - February 11, 2025 at 05:47 PM

DC



Dorothy CAPEL - February 11, 2025 at 05:59 PM

JM

“ Joe Mullikin lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel



Joe Mullikin - February 11, 2025 at 02:58 PM

DC



Dorothy CAPEL - February 11, 2025 at 05:59 PM

TR

“ *Tracie Riddell lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel*



Tracie Riddell - February 11, 2025 at 01:45 PM

DC



Dorothy CAPEL - February 11, 2025 at 05:59 PM

RC

“ *What a wonderful and outdoor knowledgeable man, TomCat was!! The story I remember him most telling in our family store, Wye Mills Market, with the dying Chesapeake Bay, the government needed to contract with CATERPILLAR machine company, to install irrigation up and down the bay, to circulate the water to put oxygen back in. Heaven gained a very kind and resourceful man ~ Rest in peace dear soul*

Rhonda Riggelman Corder - February 11, 2025 at 12:35 PM

AG

“ *Amy Benton Greenwood lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel*



Amy Benton Greenwood - February 11, 2025 at 12:13 PM

FT

“ Frankie Todd lit a candle in memory of W.
Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel



Frankie Todd - February 11, 2025 at 12:08 PM

JC

“ Until 1972 I lived close to Tommy and Otto. As a young kid both took me under their arms to teach lessons that I cherish today. Tommy often took me hunting. Taught me how to trap. Taught me how to skin those animals for their fur. Took me oystering to cull and paid me. Even showed me how to hand tong. Crabbing and fishing were also taught. All along the Wye River long before the many homes lined its shores. He truly was the “Wye King” Tommy thanks for the memories. RIP

Jay Cappa - February 11, 2025 at 11:56 AM

PW

“ Patti Webb lit a candle in memory of W.
Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel



Patti Webb - February 11, 2025 at 10:23 AM

DC



Dorothy CAPEL - February 13, 2025 at 06:38 PM

DH

“ *Diane Hoxter lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel*



Diane Hoxter - February 11, 2025 at 09:26 AM

DH

Sending love to Tommy's Family will miss him and fun we all had together

Diane Hoxter - February 11, 2025 at 09:28 AM

SH

“ *Sherri & Tj Hunter lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel*



Sherri & Tj Hunter - February 11, 2025 at 09:01 AM

DC



Dorothy CAPEL - February 13, 2025 at 06:38 PM

TR

“ It is with deep sadness that we mark the passing of Mr. "Tom Cat" Capel, a true outdoorsman whose passion for the wilderness, trapping, crabbing, fishing, and hunting was unmatched. Tom Cat was not just a skilled woodsman and waterman but also a man who embodied the spirit of adventure, respect for nature, and the camaraderie that comes with a life spent in the great outdoors. His knowledge, stories, and friendship will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his legacy live on in the fields, forests, Wye River Chesapeake Bay he loved so much.

The Ridgleys - February 11, 2025 at 07:12 AM

DC



Dorothy CAPEL - February 13, 2025 at 06:39 PM

CM

“ Chris Metz lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel



Chris Metz - February 11, 2025 at 06:33 AM

CM

Spent several fun summers working at Friel's with Tom-Cat and Rabbit!

Chris Metz - February 11, 2025 at 06:34 AM

NS

“ Shirley & Nan



Nan Severa - February 11, 2025 at 01:18 AM

DC



Dorothy CAPEL - February 13, 2025 at 06:39 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - February 10, 2025 at 10:10 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel



June Clark - February 10, 2025 at 10:04 PM

RW

“ Roger & Elaine Wroten lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel



Roger & Elaine Wroten - February 10, 2025 at 09:37 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel.



February 10, 2025 at 08:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel.

February 10, 2025 at 08:15 PM

RD

“ Raymond A Dorrell lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel



Raymond A Dorrell - February 10, 2025 at 06:38 PM

JS

“ Johnny Stubbs lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel



Johnny Stubbs - February 10, 2025 at 06:35 PM

BJ

“ Uncle Tom-always welcoming with one of his giant hugs. A true definition of a hardworking, family man. May you rest in peace with those who greeted you at Heaven's gate.



Brandy (Perkins) Jewell & Delaney Jewell - February 10, 2025 at 06:24 PM

JA

“ Judy Adkins lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel



Judy Adkins - February 10, 2025 at 05:56 PM

JS

“ Jeanne Suterland-Bielecki lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel



Jeanne Suterland-Bielecki - February 10, 2025 at 05:54 PM

CL

“ *Carla Lister lit a candle in memory of W. Thomas "Tom Cat" Capel*



Carla Lister - February 10, 2025 at 05:31 PM

CL

“ *I will forever remember Tommy and uncle Otto running the family fur business. I would ride with my Dad (Bobby) to drop off what he had trapped. Tommy was always happy to see us and had tons of stories! He will surely be missed. Sending many thoughts and prayers to all. Carla Lister Morgan*

Carla Lister - February 10, 2025 at 05:31 PM