



## Willard H. Usilton, Jr.

September 2, 1939 - December 21, 2012

Willard H. “Sonny” Usilton, Jr., of Queenstown, MD, died at the Safe Haven Manor, Sudlersville, MD, on Friday, December 21, 2012. He was 73.

Born September 2, 1939, in Queenstown, MD, he was the son of the late Willard H. and Elva Powell Usilton. He attended Chestertown High School and later served in the U.S. Army National Guard as a medic.

He was a great mechanic and tow truck operator that started his own service station at a very early age. He worked seven days a week and rarely took a holiday. Sonny had a very “tell it like it is” personality but inside he had a big heart and was willing to help just about anyone.

He enjoyed gardening and had a strong love for all types of animals. His best pal for years was “Sporty,” his cat that lived inside the service station.

Mr. Usilton is survived by his wife, Elizabeth “Goldie” Gowe Usilton of Queenstown, MD; two daughters, Patty Kettering (Billy) of Centreville, MD, and Vonnie Gowe of Baltimore, MD; two granddaughters, Alicia Kettering-Lindner (Justin) of Church Hill, MD, and Makayla Owen-Gowe of Baltimore, MD; two great granddaughters, Ashtyn and Makinley Kettering-Lindner of Church Hill, MD, and miracle number 3 and a sister, Mary Ellen Kendall of Crumpton, MD.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Ann Smith.

Services will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Queen Anne's Inc., 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Willard H. Usilton, Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Willard H. Usilton, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Willard H. Usilton, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *WENCK FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Willard H. Usilton, Jr.*



**WENCK FAMILY** - December 29, 2012 at 07:39 AM



“ *John & Judy Thompson lit a candle in memory of Willard H. Usilton, Jr.*



**john & judy thompson** - December 29, 2012 at 07:37 AM

SW

“ *Sheila Willis lit a candle in memory of Willard H. Usilton, Jr.*



Sheila Willis - December 27, 2012 at 08:35 PM

SW

*So sorry for your loss Goldie.*

Sheila Willis - December 27, 2012 at 08:37 PM

SW

“ *Shelley Wheatman lit a candle in memory of Willard H. Usilton, Jr.*



shelley wheatman - December 26, 2012 at 01:30 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Crew lit a candle in memory of Willard H. Usilton, Jr.*



Kathy Crew - December 26, 2012 at 01:06 PM

KC

*What a great man. It was a joy to get to know him. He reminded me of Boss Hog in Dukes of Hazzard and oh how we kidded about that. May he rest in peace.*

Kathy Crew - December 26, 2012 at 01:08 PM

GC

“ Gary & Linda Cecil lit a candle in memory of Willard H. Usilton, Jr.



Gary & Linda Cecil - December 25, 2012 at 01:59 PM

LF

“ Lisa Fleetwood lit a candle in memory of Willard H. Usilton, Jr.



Lisa Fleetwood - December 24, 2012 at 10:57 AM

SR

“ Samantha Russell lit a candle in memory of Willard H. Usilton, Jr.



Samantha Russell - December 24, 2012 at 10:12 AM

SR

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.*

Samantha Russell - December 24, 2012 at 10:13 AM

KP

“ Uncle Sonny, you always came home early Christmas morning to see grandmom & granddad and they always look so forward to see their Sonny that's all they would talk about for days they were always so proud of you.. Now you get to spend Christmas with them and Aunt Shirley who's grave you would visit first.

My Uncle Sonny was a hard working honest rough around the edges at times and loved to keep you on your toes man but to know him and to understand him was to love him.

He always praised his wife and joked with me when we talked she is his Goldie, he loved her and their family together he would talk about Patti and the grandchildren and over the phone you could feel him light up.

I love you Uncle Sonny you will be missed but never forgotten!

Your Niece,  
Kim



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**Kimberley K. Pearson** - December 24, 2012 at 08:32 AM

JM

Goldie , Jake and I wanted to say we were sorry about your loss . You supported Sonny through the worst times and it was obvious he loved you. May the happy memories get you though this difficult time.  
Jake and Mary Marzucco

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**Jake Marzucco** - December 27, 2012 at 09:47 AM

WC

“ Dear Mrs. Goldie, Patty, and Alicia. Ever since we moved our business to Queenstown you and Sonny always made us feel like family. I really enjoyed coming over to the station and giving Sonny a hard time and laughing with him. My father always told me what a great guy Sonny was and how he gave him his first account so he could get gas for his lawn mower. After my fathers passing, when i would see Sonny he would always have nothing but nice things to tell me about him and then he would joke with me and tell me how my dad didnt know what hard work was and then he would laugh. I can only imagine the lies they are telling each other up there and i am truly grateful for knowing such an honest and upfront man that didnt mind telling you the truth.

*Willie Comegys and family*

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**Willie Comegys** - December 23, 2012 at 05:59 PM

AH

“ Patty so sorry to hear the passing of your dad. Please know you and your family our with us in thoughts and prayers. Angel & Mike Huffman

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**Angel Huffman** - December 22, 2012 at 10:26 PM

AH

“ Angel Huffman lit a candle in memory of Willard H. Usilton, Jr.



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**Angel Huffman** - December 22, 2012 at 10:23 PM

LB

“ *Linda Bennett lit a candle in memory of Willard H. Usilton, Jr.*



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**linda bennett** - December 22, 2012 at 10:11 PM

CA

“ *Cathycarpenter lit a candle in memory of Willard H. Usilton, Jr.*



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**cathycarpenter** - December 22, 2012 at 12:01 PM

CC

*Sonny you were my buddy and you will always have a special place in my heart. Goldie, Patty and Alicia you are all great and I will always keep you in my heart too.. You all feel like family to me and I am so greatfull that I had the chance to get to know each of you and to have had the chance to take care of Sonny he was alot of fun and a sweet person even though he didn't want us to see that side. Like I said he was bucky bad ass in a teddy bear body . I love you Sonny and you rest in peace and one day I will see you on the other side..... LOVE, cathy carpenter  
Hospice of queen anne's*

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**cathy carpenter** - December 22, 2012 at 12:22 PM

SB

“ *Sheila Bryant lit a candle in memory of Willard H. Usilton, Jr.*



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**sheila bryant** - December 22, 2012 at 12:00 PM

SB

*it was a true honor and pleasure to be able to be with all of you in the past few months. You never who God will put in your life and why but i am so glad i was able to be apart of yours.i will miss you sonny so much and never ever forget you and all the fun we had.(even the bath tub) LOL. and every time i make pancakes or hotdogs it will always bring a smile to my face. Goldie,Patti,Alicia you have some kind of strenght that is beyond words and because of that you will be blessed. I love all you guys . SONNY BUNNY may you rest in peace and know how many lives you have touched and made better just by being you. love u.*

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**sheila bryant** - December 22, 2012 at 12:23 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary lit a candle in memory of Willard H. Usilton, Jr.*



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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - December 22, 2012 at 06:59 AM

GP

*Miss Goldie and family: Our prayers and thoughts are with you in the loss of Mr. Sonny. May God give you the strength to face each new day. We know you have been through a difficult time with Mr. Sonny's illness, but now he is resting in peace. Blessings to all of you during this Christmas Season. Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.*

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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - December 22, 2012 at 07:03 AM

RC

“ *God bless you, Miss Goldie. I am so sorry to hear about Sonny, but may he now be at peace. Fondly, Rhonda Corder-Wye Mills*

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**Rhonda Corder** - December 21, 2012 at 08:30 PM

NF

“ *Nina White And Family lit a candle in memory of Willard H. Usilton, Jr.*

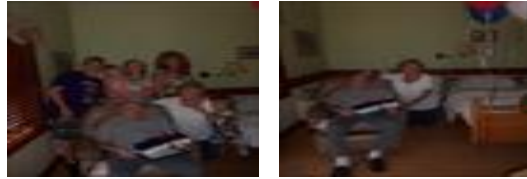


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**Nina White and Family** - December 21, 2012 at 05:43 PM

AK

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**Alicia Kettering-Lindner** - December 21, 2012 at 04:01 PM

AK

“ *My Dearest Pop-Pop,  
These last 7 months have been the hardest of my life. As each day passed, i thanked god for just "one more day". We shared some of the greatest times together as a family, things that had been hard for you in the past and for that I am grateful. We have met so many wonderful people on our journey down this path and it has been worth every minute. These people not only were visitors, caregivers and volunteers but they became like family <3. I know you are now up in Heaven driving around in your tow truck with Sporty on your lap and that makes me happy. I will never forget the words of wisdom we shared these last few weeks and will make sure my girls are passed on your headstrong values. Sleep Easy tonight and everynight Pop-Pop and keep us safe until we meet again.*

*Love You Always & Forever  
Your Curtainclimber <3*

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**Alicia Kettering-Lindner** - December 21, 2012 at 03:57 PM

BJ

“ *Miss Goldie and Family-so sorry to hear of Sonny's passing. I always enjoyed visiting with him at the gas station, he always had a funny story to tell. Sending thoughts and prayers to you all.*

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**Brandy Jewell** - December 21, 2012 at 01:43 PM