



William "Billy" Ronald Edwards

August 11, 1939 - January 2, 2022

William (Billy) Ronald Edwards will be remembered as a lifelong waterman. He was born in Rock Hall, MD, on August 11, 1939, the son of the late Franklin and Lula Van Sant Edwards.

After graduating from high school in Rock Hall, Billy served in the US Navy aboard the USS Dewey as a sonar man traveling to France, Italy, and Spain, Turkey and several countries in Africa. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in Boston and stayed awhile working at the very first Radio Shack as an electronics technician. He was present when Mr. Tandy toured the store to buy the place and begin the chain.

In Boston, he met and married Charlotte Whitney. Returning to MD to raise a family, he lived in Linthicum and Pasadena while working at Westinghouse and then for 12 years at the National Security Agency in Fort Meade with a top secret clearance as a computer programmer and analyst.

He was trained by Honeywell for those first room-sized computers. After moving to Kent Island and back to the Eastern Shore, he decided to honor his family legacy and returned to the life of a waterman in 1975, happily following a working life on the water from Kent Island to Wingate to Trappe.

In addition to his wife Charlotte, he is survived by his children: Elizabeth

Edwards Gracia, David Edwards, John Edwards, Laura Edwards Hoxter; and siblings, James Edwards, Charles Edwards, Kay Edwards Lockery; grandchildren, Joshua, Alexandra, Adam, Tucker, Charles, Haley, Chloe, and Mitchell; and a great-grandchild in Boston.

Graveside Services will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 2:00 PM, at Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Rock Hall, MD. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wesley Chapel Cemetery, P.O. Box 338, Rock Hall, MD 21661 or Trappe-Faith Chapel United Methodist Church Memorial Funds, P.O. Box 362, Trappe, MD 21673.

Cemetery Details

Wesley Chapel Cemetery

6179 Rock Hall Road
Rock Hall, MD

Previous Events

Graveside

JAN 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Rock Hall, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William "Billy" Ronald Edwards* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 09, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ *William "Billy" Ronald Edwards* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William "Billy" Ronald Edwards* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William "Billy" Ronald Edwards* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Jeff & Ginger Phebus lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Ronald Edwards* ”



Jeff & Ginger Phebus - January 22, 2022 at 06:51 PM

DE

“ *Dean Edwards lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Ronald Edwards*



Dean Edwards - January 09, 2022 at 05:54 PM

DE

Condolences to the family. Billy was a good man!!

Dean Edwards - January 09, 2022 at 05:57 PM

TM

“ *Condolences to the Edwards family. He was a great neighbor 🌸*



The Meacher's - January 08, 2022 at 03:39 PM

FP

“ *Frank & Tish Palmatary lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Ronald Edwards*



Frank & Tish Palmatary - January 07, 2022 at 10:19 PM

TB

“ Timothy And Esther Blackiston, lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Ronald Edwards



Timothy and Esther Blackiston, - January 07, 2022 at 10:19 PM

CW

“ Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Billy" Ronald Edwards



Centreville Methodist Women - January 07, 2022 at 10:18 PM

WR

“ Wanda Moore Ruark lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Ronald Edwards



Wanda Moore Ruark - January 06, 2022 at 12:28 PM

RT

“ My deepest condolences to the Family



Roni Lynn Thomas - January 06, 2022 at 05:37 AM

MB

“ *Mr. Bill was a nice man always willing to help others. He will be dearly missed.*

Deepest sympathy to the Edwards Family. Mike Basil

Mike Basil - January 05, 2022 at 06:05 PM

FS

“ *Frank Smith lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Ronald Edwards*



Frank Smith - January 05, 2022 at 04:17 PM

KP

“ *Keith Parkerson lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Ronald Edwards*



Keith Parkerson - January 05, 2022 at 11:16 AM

LD

“ *To the Edwards Family,
So sorry to hear about the death of Mr. Bill. I have fond memories of him crabbing when I worked at the boat ramp a couple summers. They made it a fun job and passed the time away while I was bored. I loved shooting the crap with them. Thinking of you all.
Lisa Grollman Davis*

Lisa Davis - January 05, 2022 at 10:56 AM

CN

“ Chris & Vivian Nordhoff lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Ronald Edwards



Chris & Vivian Nordhoff - January 04, 2022 at 05:32 PM

LT

“ Lynn Tanman lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Ronald Edwards



Lynn Tanman - January 04, 2022 at 03:46 PM

LT

“ Deepest sympathy in your loss. May precious memories bring you comfort and blanket you with peace.

Lynn Tanman - January 04, 2022 at 03:45 PM

DH

“ Denny And Judy Edwards Hickman lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Ronald Edwards



Denny and Judy Edwards Hickman - January 03, 2022 at 09:06 PM

AS

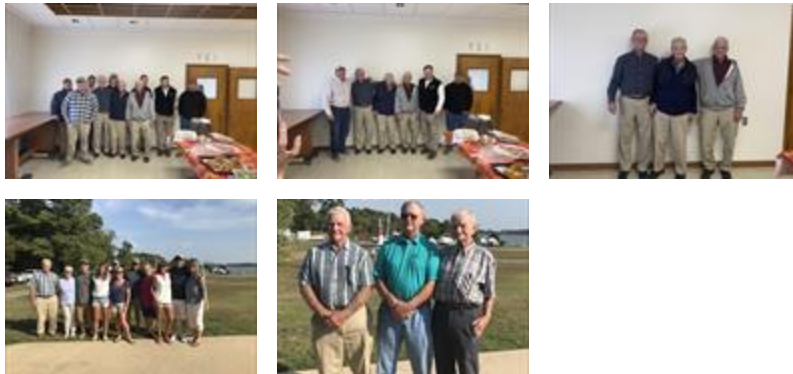
“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Amy Stokes - January 03, 2022 at 04:17 PM

AS

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Amy Stokes - January 03, 2022 at 04:05 PM

NH

“ Nancy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Ronald Edwards



Nancy Hubbard - January 03, 2022 at 03:36 PM

CE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Charles and Donna Edwards - January 03, 2022 at 03:09 PM

CE

“ Charles & Donna Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Billy" Ronald Edwards



Charles & Donna Edwards - January 03, 2022 at 02:54 PM