



## William Eareckson Denny III

July 8, 1932 - November 20, 2021

William Eareckson Denny, III of Stevesville, MD died Saturday November 20, 2021 at Arcadia Assisted Living in Chester, MD. He was 89.

Born on July 8, 1932 on Kent Island the son of the late William E. Denny, Jr. and Ida Gibson. Bill grew up on Kent Island and was a 1949 graduate of Stevensville High School which at the time only went to grade 11. After 11th grade graduation he went on to Randolph Macon Academy for 1 year. He went on to attend the University of Maryland in College Park, MD. He married Joyce Marlene Chance in August of 1953. Joyce predeceased him in October of 1994. Bill would join his father in the family business working for the William E. Denny & Son car dealership and garage in Stevensville, MD until his retirement in the mid 1990's. He married Janet Guertin-Ellis in April of 1996. Bill served for many years as a director on the Queenstown Bank of Maryland Bank board. He was an active member and director of the Kent Island Heritage Society as he always enjoyed doing 1800 century reenactments in MD, VA, PA and DE. He loved waterfowl hunting and was active with ducks unlimited in advocating and preserving hunting land.

He is survived by his wife Janet Denny; four sons: William E. "Eric" Denny, IV; Randolph "Randy" G. Denny; John Gregory "Greg" Tolson Denny and Richard C. "Rick" Denny. Two step daughters; Cheryl Epperson and Barbara Bolin-McKnight and a step son; Benjamin Lellis. 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday November 30, 2021 from 2Pm to 4Pm and

6PM to 8PM at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home 106 Shamrock Road Chester, MD 21619. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday December 1, 2021 at 11AM. Burial will follow in Stevensville Cemetery in Stevensville, MD. For online condolences see [www.hnfuneralhome.com](http://www.hnfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street  
Stevensville, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619  
(410) 643-2226  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Visitation

NOV 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619  
(410) 643-2226  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

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DEC 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619  
(410) 643-2226  
[info@fhnfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhnfuneralhome.com)

## Burial

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DEC 1 (ET)

Stevensville Cemetery  
808 Main Street  
Stevensville, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William Eareckson Denny III*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - December 01, 2021 at 10:54 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Eareckson Denny III*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - November 22, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ *William Eareckson Denny III*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William Eareckson Denny III*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William Eareckson Denny III*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *My Prayers & Condolences. Many fine memories of you Mr. Denny. Rest Easy, Philco.*

**Phil Davidson** - December 10, 2021 at 07:45 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Mr. Denny. Best Bus Driver Ever!*



**Ann Lee** - December 09, 2021 at 03:51 PM



“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary lit a candle in memory of William Eareckson Denny III*



**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - December 05, 2021 at 08:51 PM

DW

“ He stopped by my yard sale back around 2010 or so and we chatted for about an hour which apparently he could out talk me! He had a lot of questions and told me the story of his life, his kids and marriages. I don't know how he got it all in in one hour but he did! When he found out I was Kurt Roser's daughter well then of course he came in the house! I showed him the painting my Mom did of his sheep. He had no idea it was hanging in my sons bedroom. My Mom took a photo of his sheep one morning as she sat sipping her coffee at the end of his lane. He was pretty tickled about this and had no idea they had made such a debut! Going to miss this icon! The sheep are now in Texas!



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**dani woodhurst** - December 05, 2021 at 11:02 AM

JS

“ To the Denny Family,

*Our prayers and thoughts are with you! Mr. Denny was a pillar of this community and will be remembered always. May the memories you have together comfort you and be your saving grace.*

*God Bless you,*

*Joe and Mollie Scharnus*

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**Joe Scharnus** - November 30, 2021 at 11:01 AM

DD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Derrick and Kylie Denny** - November 29, 2021 at 08:12 PM

DF

“ *Donnie Crouch & Family purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of William Eareckson Denny III.*



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**Donnie Crouch & Family** - November 29, 2021 at 12:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Eareckson Denny III.*



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November 29, 2021 at 08:53 AM

GS

“ To The Family of Mr. Denny,

*Mr. Denny was a household name. As a child I always heard my dad mention Mr. Denny. As I got older I remembered going home from school each day passing Mr. Denny's store.*

*My family are the Nickens. Joe Nick was my dad. We all as children knew Mr. Denny as we often referred to him as. A kind, gentle man always respectful of others. I remember him driving the school bus.*

*I had the privilege of being in class with his son Greg Denny. He followed in his fathers footsteps in many ways. One way in particular was becoming a school bus driver.*

*Families on Kent Island knew each other and were like a close net family. Families names like the Denny's, the Leggs, the Brown's etc were names the majority of people living on Kent Island knew. Mr. Denny made a good name for himself. He will be missed.*

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**Grace (Nickens) Stripling** - November 27, 2021 at 09:54 PM

MW

“ *Mr. Denny always had a good story to share.  
He will be missed!  
Melanie and Scott Wright*



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**Melanie Ohler Wright** - November 26, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - November 26, 2021 at 10:29 AM

LC

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



**Lou Crouch** - November 25, 2021 at 03:58 PM

LC

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



**Lou Crouch** - November 25, 2021 at 01:17 PM

DR

“ So sorry to hear of Mr Bill's passing, he was a great man and always a joy to talk with. Our thoughts And prayers with Mrs Janet and his family ,may he RIP



**Dean & Sandie Rhodes** - November 24, 2021 at 06:36 PM

NS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Denny family.*

*Shirley & Nan Severa*



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**Nan Severa** - November 24, 2021 at 03:50 PM

RD

“ *A Tribute to my father from Randy Denny.*



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**Randy Denny** - November 24, 2021 at 03:49 PM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of William Eareckson Denny III*



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**Jim and Mary Ann Edwards** - November 24, 2021 at 01:06 PM

RD

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Randy Denny** - November 24, 2021 at 11:54 AM

JE

“ James Ewing lit a candle in memory of William Eareckson Denny III



James Ewing - November 24, 2021 at 11:43 AM

TL

“ Tammy Kaufman Larrimore lit a candle in memory of William Eareckson Denny III



Tammy Kaufman Larrimore - November 24, 2021 at 06:51 AM

JJ

“ I met Mr. Denny through my brother Michael and from the moment I met him, I felt his heart. He always let you know he was happy to see you and had such joy in his story. He had a great life and was loved by many people. Blessings to Janet and family and may the Lord give them comfort.,

Janice Jiles - November 24, 2021 at 12:03 AM

SB

“ I have known you all my life Mr. Denny. You are a good man. The first day of school when you opened the doors there you sat. Always greeting me. I will see you on the other side. Paul and Sharlene Bullen.



Sharlene Bullen - November 23, 2021 at 11:54 PM

GS

“ Greg & Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of William Eareckson Denny III



Greg & Laura Saddler - November 23, 2021 at 10:27 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of William Eareckson Denny III



June Clark - November 23, 2021 at 09:08 PM

LH

“ Lynn Martin Hirschauer lit a candle in memory of William Eareckson Denny III



Lynn Martin Hirschauer - November 23, 2021 at 07:36 PM

TF

“ Tracy And Stacey Schulz And Family lit a candle in memory of William Eareckson Denny III



Tracy and Stacey Schulz and family - November 23, 2021 at 11:17 AM

BC

“ I met Mr Denny when i tried to rent one of his houses that is almost like a country cottage and I always would ride past and think how cute this house is many years ago and after numerous requests phone calls and pretty much bugging him every day because another person had been in line before me I had to wait for her to decline before I finally got into the house . Mr Denny as we all know was a man of his word and the handshake was better than a lease to him so thats what we did . He kept his word and so did I and 28 yrs later I still live and love this home. He called me his best horse in the race and Sugie ! Every month I hand delivered the rent check and (that took a while ) I would hear another life story and I enjoyed all of them He would surely tell you something! He loved his family and grandchildren and would enjoy his time with them so much . My memories of him are special to me and I will always remember him and I believe that he's truly at peace and reunited with family and friends and catching up on the news. To Janet and all the family you have my sincere thoughts and prayers. 🙏❤️  
God bless you all  
Love Bonnie



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**Bonnie Coleman** - November 23, 2021 at 10:04 AM



“ Another true Easter Shoreman gone. Mr. Denny always treated everyone with complete respect. He would help anyone and everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with you Greg and Rick and the rest of yhe family. God Bless. Gene Cullison

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**Raymond Cullison** - November 22, 2021 at 09:26 PM