



Woodrow Franklin Purcell Sr.

March 11, 1922 - October 14, 2013

Woodrow Franklin Purcell, Sr., 91, of Stevensville, MD, passed away peacefully at his home on October 14, 2013.

Born in Jonesboro, TN, on March 11, 1922, he was the son of the late Melvin and Nellie Gray Purcell.

Mr. Purcell served in the United States Army from 1942-1946, where he served in Central Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge, and earned three Bronze Service Stars and a Purple Heart. He was a master carpenter who worked on many historical buildings in Baltimore and Annapolis. He finished his career at the United States Naval Academy.

Mr. Purcell was an avid crabber and fisherman. He was known all over Kent Island for his vegetable garden, especially his tomatoes. He was a member of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, a Life Member of the American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Combat infantrymen's Association and St. Christopher's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his son, Woodrow Purcell, Jr., of Stevensville, MD; daughters Dolores Cirillo of Rehoboth, DE and Linda Casey of Ocala, FL; a daughter in-law, Jeannie Botteon of Severn, MD; grandchildren, Brian Cirillo, Kimberly Cirillo, Stephanie Casey, Joseph J. Botteon, Jr., and Jennifer Sparks;

and great-grandchildren, Taylor Cirillo, Jeremy Trimble, Ronnie Botteon and Amanda Botteon. He was preceded in death by his wife, Angeline Purcell; a son, Joseph Botteon; and a brother, Harold Purcell.

A funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, October 21 at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD, where friends may visit with the family on Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. as well as one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at the Maryland Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock, MD.

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

Cemetery Details

Maryland Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery

Hurlock, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

OCT **21**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Service

OCT **21**. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Woodrow Franklin Purcell Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 13, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ *Woodrow Franklin Purcell Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Woodrow Franklin Purcell Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Woodrow Franklin Purcell Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Jennifer Marquardt lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Franklin Purcell Sr.*



jennifer Marquardt - July 15, 2014 at 03:16 AM

SW

“ *Shelley Wheatman lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Franklin Purcell Sr.*



shelley wheatman - October 21, 2013 at 12:26 PM

RV

“ *Mr Woody, I shall miss our great conversations on the 82nd Airborne(my father) and you 101st Airborne "Battle of the Bulge".*

Ronnie K Valentine - October 20, 2013 at 02:59 PM

DM

“ *Dr. Denise Mariner lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Franklin Purcell Sr.*



Dr. Denise Mariner - October 17, 2013 at 10:53 PM

DM

“ Dear Jeanie, Dale and Woody,
We are so saddened by the passing of our Uncle Woody. His kindness to us over the years has provided us with special memories. We shall miss his visits here at the house, his smiles, his jokes. More importantly we shall miss his shining example of what Christian love and a profound sense of duty and honor truly mean within a family. Our prayers are for everyone in the family that God will grant you all his peace and consolation, and for the repose of his soul. R.I.P. Uncle Woody, from one "Confederate" to the other, we miss you so much already but trust in the Lord's mercy that you are at his table in heaven with our beloved Aunt Angie. Save a place for me please....on the "Southern Side of Heaven!!" We love you.

Denise Jonczak Mariner, Donald Mariner, Timothy Mariner, Richard M. Jonczak, and, your "Sis," Helen A. Jonczak

Dr. Denise Mariner - October 17, 2013 at 10:49 PM

JB

“ Dear Dad, I will miss your great smile, but most of all your loving hugs. You were a terrific hugger. Give my love to Busia and my Joe.



Jeanne Botteon - October 17, 2013 at 03:38 PM

JS

“ Jaju, as you always were you will always be in our hearts. Give my love to Busia and Dad. Love Jen, Rob and the Boys

Jen Sparks - October 16, 2013 at 09:21 AM

KN

“ *Woody and Dale - I am sorry for your loss. I remember Uncle Woody's smiling face at our Christmas get togethers and those summers at 'Tanglewood'. My thoughts are with you at this time.*
Karen Jonczak Nally

karen nally - October 15, 2013 at 08:01 PM

JO

“ *Mr. Purcell, I am so sorry to hear of the death of your dad. It was my privilege to give him Communion in the last few months, and I wish I would have known him better. God bless you for taking such good care of your dad.*

Joan Oliver

joan oliver - October 15, 2013 at 07:37 PM

MJ

“ *Woody & Dale, very sorry for your loss. I will always remember Uncle Woody as the war hero that he was. Ginny & I will remember him in our prayers.*

Mel Jonczak - October 15, 2013 at 05:09 PM

AH

“ *Angel Huffman lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Franklin Purcell Sr.*



angel huffman - October 15, 2013 at 04:26 PM

AH

Woody and family so sorry for your loss your dad was one of those special people I have know since I was little he always had a story to tell and a smile as big as the story to go with. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Angel and Mike Huffman

angel huffman - October 15, 2013 at 04:32 PM