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Wilson Stewart “Stu” Harrison of Rehoboth Beach, DE passed away on Friday, February 17, 2023, after a brief illness. Stu was born in 1932 in Claiborne, MD and grew up in St. Michaels, MD with his parents Wilson and Virginia Harrison.

Stu graduated from St. Michaels Junior/Senior High School in 1948 and entered Salisbury State Teachers College. It was in college, pursuing a degree in education, that he met his future wife, Nancy Jane Thompson, of Wilmington, DE. After college he served as a Morse code expert and trainer in the United States Army during the Korean War. Upon his discharge he returned to St. Michaels with his first son, Thomas, and took a math/ science teaching position at Easton High School. The family moved to Easton where his second son, Greg, was born. Stu and his family left Easton and moved to Newark, DE, where he took a position teaching physics and math at Mt. Pleasant Senior High School outside Wilmington, DE. During this time, he obtained a master’s degree in Education at the University of Pennsylvania. His daughter, Suzanne, came along while they lived in Newark. In 1965 Stu accepted the position of Assistant Principal at Mt. Pleasant Junior High School, which at the time was the largest junior high school in the state of Delaware.

The family moved to Wilmington so Stu could be closer to his work. Taking his education further, Stu completed course work for an Ed.D. degree from the New York University. In the late 1970's he was assigned by Judge Murray Schwartz to the New Castle County Desegregation Board and was a part of the team that attempted to solve the segregation problem in New Castle County, DE schools. When the Board was dissolved Stu went to work at the Data Service Center where he served until his retirement. Upon retirement he and his wife, Nancy, moved to Rehoboth Beach where they could enjoy relaxation, travel, gardening, home improvement projects, and his love of surf fishing for blues.

Stu was predeceased by his wife, Nancy in 2008 and his daughter, Suzanne in 202. His son Greg is estranged from the family. Stu is survived by his son, Thomas (Katie Shaulis) of Wilmington, DE; his three grandchildren: James Harrison (Koryn Mocko), Caitlin Harrison, and Cerise Smith; and his three great-grandchildren: Samara, Alyssa, and Kayson.



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In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Stu's memory to the American Cancer Society, <https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate.html>, or another charity of your choice.

A Chapel Committal service will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 1:00 PM, at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery. 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE 19966.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



Events


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Chapel Committal with Military Honors

 **Thursday**, March 16, 2023

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery**
26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro DE





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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Harrison family.



March 15 at 7:17 AM



Eileen Patrice posted:

Stu was always a good friend and neighbour to my grandparents, parents, all of us kids and especially my sister Sharon. He is already sorely missed. Rest in peace.

March 8 at 8:00 AM



John Hogan posted:

I'm sorry to hear of your loss. Stu and Nancy were always close to me. Nancy and I rode to school together for many years. John Hogan

March 6 at 7:20 AM



Sharon Sheridan posted:

Stu was my friend and neighbor for many years. I am grateful for all of our times together talking politics, decorating for holidays, swapping recipes, growing flowers, toasting the weekend and sharing pizza . He will always be in my heart and will be forever missed.

March 6 at 7:01 AM



Michelle Foster posted:

Tom and Katie, I am so sorry to hear of this loss. My prayers are with you and your family. Michelle (Conway) Foster

March 1 at 6:17 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wilson by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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