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It is with profound sadness that we share the passing of our beloved father and husband, George Edward Gadsby of Lewes, DE, at the age of 79 on July 19, 2025.

Dad lived a life anchored in service, strength, and love. He proudly served his country in the United States Coast Guard, retiring as a Senior Chief Boatswain Mate. His dedication to the sea continued as a respected Captain with the Cape May Lewes Ferry, where he helped countless travelers safely cross the waters he knew so well.

George was also a proud and devoted Mason, an active member of both the Blue Lodge and the York Rite. His commitment to the principles of brotherhood, integrity, and service extended far beyond his professional life.

To us, though, he was so much more than his titles. He was a steadfast presence, a source of quiet wisdom, and a man of deep integrity. Whether he was navigating rough seas or simply sitting with us at the kitchen table, Dad led with calm, care, and unwavering devotion.

His legacy lives on in the many lives he touched with his stories, his laughter, and his generous heart.

We will miss him deeply, but we take comfort in knowing he has found calm waters beyond this life in his daughter Megan's arms.

George was preceded in death by his daughter, Kimberly Ann Gadsby, on November 27, 1968; his father, George Weiss Gadsby, on August 2, 2002; his mother, Florence Conway Gadsby, on May 6, 2006; and his daughter, Megan Lea (Gadsby) Hammel, on July 17, 2008.

George is survived by his wife, Cheryl Lea (Doron) Gadsby of Lewes, DE; his son, Patrick Edward Gadsby and wife Carrie of Anderson, SC; and his daughter, Cheri Lea (Gadsby) Kiser and husband Faron of Harrington, DE. George's grandchildren include Shane Patrick Gadsby, Joseph George



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Mack, Emily Anne Gadsby, Dyquan Trivas Lee Snead, Angelina May Hammel, Melody Rose Gadsby, Luke Walker Hammel, and extended grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Fair winds and following seas, Captain.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium's Atkins-Lodge Chapel in Lewes, DE, followed by a Masonic service from 2:45 to 3:00 PM, immediately preceding the celebration of life ceremony at 3:00 PM in the same location.

Please sign the tribute wall located on this webpage.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLOWERS DELIVERED ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 2025 BY 10AM. TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



Events

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Visitation

 **Saturday**, August 23, 2025

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


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16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



Masonic Services

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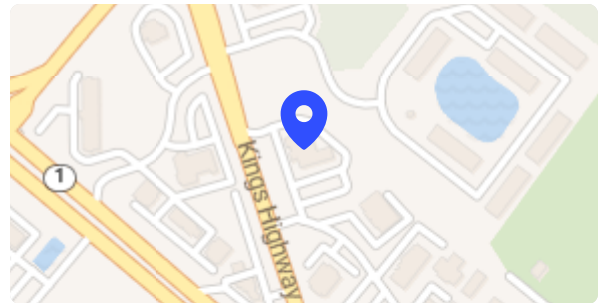
Celebration of life

 **Saturday**, August 23, 2025

 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

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York Rite Of Delaware sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Gadsby family.

August 19 at 12:46 PM



York Rite Of Delaware planted a Memorial Tree in honor of George.

August 19 at 12:46 PM



Melody Gadsby lit a candle in honor of George.

Poppy always brought so much comfort to me. He could always find joy in the simplest of things. I remember once when he came to visit he sat in the sunroom and just watched the squirrels. He found it so interesting how they were chewing up a rope on our old playset. He would then come tell us all about it, that always made me smile. Poppy always had a soft spot for animals, something he and I had in common. He and I would always be talking about our cats. I hope to continue to show the same love and kindness that he showed the world. I miss you poppy, you're forever in my heart.

August 18 at 11:31 PM



Emily Gadsby lit a candle in honor of George.

Poppy was more than just a grandfather to me. He was a mentor, a comforting light of wisdom and guidance. Even though we didn't visit as frequently, the phone calls and memories will still always be there. My favorite memories were him coming down to our house and bird watching with me. Just the two of us. Ive always loved birds and he has. He always cheered me on during school, and I'm set to graduate with my Associates in ECD next fall. I hope that when I walk that stage he will be there in the crowd cheering me on in spirit. I'll miss you poppy, I love you so much. Take care of yourself up there, I'll see you someday. Until we meet again. Emily Gadsby

August 18 at 10:57 PM





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Charles Sykora posted:

My association with the Gadsby family began through his son Patrick, with whom I was honored to serve in the U.S. Navy on USS DALLAS. Based upon the dedication, intelligence, and integrity I observed in his son, I knew he had derived from the best of stock. Then Patrick and I had the privilege of hosting both George and my own father (who passed away in 2014 from Vietnam-derived cancer) for a Dependent's Cruise on the DALLAS nuclear fast attack submarine from Cocoa Beach, FL to Groton, CT, the submarine's home port on a leisurely two night underway. It was easy to see how Patrick was such a great sailor when I got to know his U.S. Coast Guard vet father. After I left the DALLAS, we took an overnight trip down to Lewes, DE to visit George and Cheryl. We had the opportunity to ride the Cape May ferry he piloted in his second career, including a VIP tour of the vessel. We had a great day with them, including a wonderful meal, but mostly our memories are of the fellowship with the Gadsby family that day. I'm honored to remember the legacy of this extraordinary veteran, father, and citizen. May God bless his family in this time of grievance.

August 13 at 4:41 PM



Lacey Nice lit a candle in honor of George.

Sending all of our love to the entire Gadsby family. We loved seeing Mr. Gadsby and Mr. Robshaw each Thursday here in Dover at Shooter's Choice. We are all sending prayers of comfort to everyone.



August 6 at 11:16 AM



Anonymous sent an Enduring Grace to the Gadsby family.



August 4 at 10:33 AM



Jim Mendicino shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Farewell, Senior Chief. We have the Watch. Cape May CPOA.



July 24 at 5:47 PM



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Brenda Douglass lit a candle in honor of George.

Dear Cheryl, Our deepest condolences to you and your family. We remember George fondly as a kind, gentle soul—always warm and gracious. His presence left a lasting impression, and he will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Sending love, prayers, and strength to you during this difficult time. With sympathy, Brenda and Glenn Douglass Cape May

July 23 at 6:02 PM



Rose And Randy Mullen sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Gadsby family.

July 23 at 9:04 AM





Media

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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