



James Benjamin Stagg

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James Benjamin Stagg passed away at 86 on April 16, 2021 at the Talbot Hospice House in Easton, Maryland. Ben was born and grew up on the family dairy farm near Snow Hill, Maryland. He later sold the farm and studied golf course maintenance under the late George Gumm, golf superintendent at Ocean City Yacht and Country Club, and transformed his abilities growing corn and hay to growing turf grass. In 1969, Ben became the first golf course superintendent at Nassawango Country Club. Ben left Nassawango in 1974 and moved to Easton, Maryland to be the golf course superintendent at the new Hog Neck Golf Course where he helped foster a love for the game of golf to many in the Mid-Shore region. During his 27-year golf superintendent career, Ben helped form and lead the Eastern Shore Association of Golf Course Superintendents, and then served as a Director, Secretary and President of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents. One of his greatest joys was chairing the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Prayer Breakfast held annually at their annual conference. He also served as a Director and President of the Maryland Turfgrass Council.

In addition to his prowess for growing turfgrass, Ben was a gardener as many golfers passing by the 6th hole on the Hog Neck Executive Course can remember. He loved to share his delicious produce with golfers, family, and friends. Gardening kept Ben grounded and close to his dairy farm roots.

Ben was preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, Hilda Stagg. He is survived by his four children, Bill (Sharon) in Easton, Charlotte (John) in Severn, MD, Judy (Nono) in Jacksonville Beach, FL, and Tim (Katie) in Easton. Additionally, he is survived by seven grandchildren, Nathan, Curtis, Megan, Asa, Jessie, Jordan, and Rachel, and two great-grandchildren, Millie, and Carter.



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A funeral service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church in Easton on Friday, April, 23, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Due to Covid restrictions, the funeral will have limited seating capacity. A grave- side burial service will be held at a future date at All Hallows Parish, Snow Hill, Maryland. The service will be live streamed on the Christ Church facebook page as well, <https://m.facebook.com/christchurcheastonmd/>

All who knew and loved Ben are asked to remember him in your thoughts and prayers and share those happy memories of better times. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the University of Maryland Memorial Hospital Foundation, Christ Church, St. Peter's Parish, Easton, or Talbot Hospice.

Arrangements are entrusted to, Framptom Funeral Home- Ostrowski Chapel, St. Michaels, MD. 21663, (Please visit www.framptom.com).



Events

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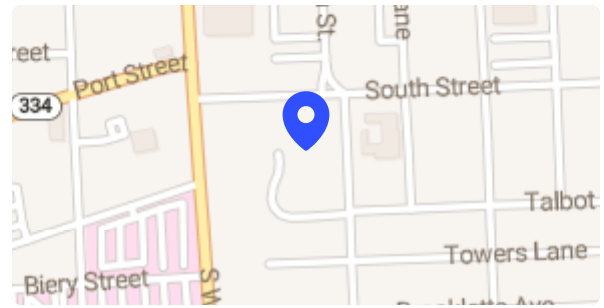
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Funeral Service

 **Friday**, April 23, 2021

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **Christ Episcopal Church of Easton**
111 South Harrison Street, Easton MD 21601





Tribute Wall

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John Sharpe shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

In addition to being an overall delightful person, Ben was a devoted and faithful Christian. Ben and Hilda were participants and leaders in the Episcopal Cursillo movement in the Diocese of Easton during the 1990s. Both of them faithfully and joyfully served on a number of Cursillo teams. My deepest condolences to Judy and the rest of the Stagg family as you continue to grieve over the loss of this precious man.



May 31 at 12:27 PM



Ronnie Russum October 11 at 4:55 PM

Mr Ben Staggs hired me back in 1976 and trained me take care of the sandtrapps.i very much appreciated. Rest in peace sir 🙏.



Amy Stagg Long lit a candle in honor of James.



April 23 at 8:50 AM



Amy Stagg Long April 23 at 8:56 AM

I will forever cherish memories of my cousin Ben who taught me to pick crabs in record time and danced with me at my wedding when my dad couldn't. His smile was a warm embrace.The Pete Staggs send love and prayers to the whole family.



Doug Pierson lit a candle in honor of James.



April 22 at 5:38 AM



Doug Pierson April 22 at 5:41 AM

Had the pleasure to serve on the board at Hogg Neck,he was great to work with.He loved what he did!



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Teresa Smith posted:

Sending condolences to the Stagg family, Much respected in the Indiantown/Snow Hill community

 Teresa Smith - Snow Hill Maryland

April 21 at 3:11 PM



Kim Wilson lit a candle in honor of James.



April 20 at 9:41 AM



Kim Wilson April 20 at 9:42 AM

A kind man who will be missed. He always had a good story to share and did many good works.



Megan Omohundro sent a virtual gift in honor of James.



April 20 at 6:04 AM



Phil Foster lit a candle in honor of James.



April 19 at 11:43 PM



Teresa Buchheister posted:

Ben had the warmest smile and hardy laugh. He was a joy to know. I can only imagine the hug he gave his wife, when seeing her in heaven.

April 19 at 5:12 PM



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Mike Delano posted:

Ben was a inspiration to all who knew him. His love of growing things was on display in his farming and on the golf course. I was blessed to live across from his farm and was able to help in his dairy and on the farm. Some of my fondest memories were built around Pat, his pony, that he let us ride.

April 19 at 4:32 PM



Media

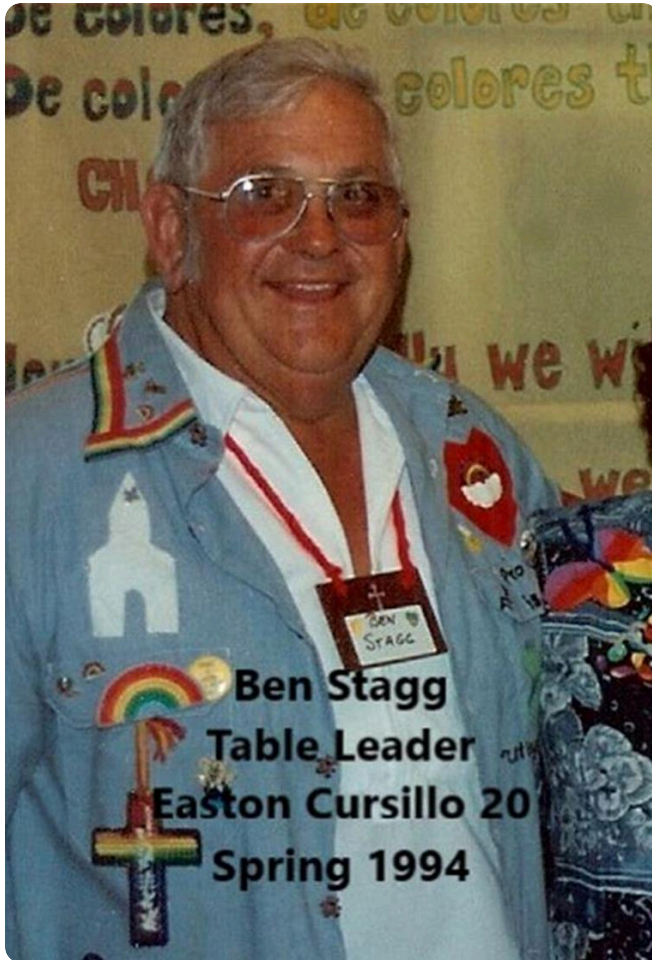
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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