



## Earl Charles Stauffer

September 2, 1953 - October 7, 2015

Earl Charles Stauffer of Fountain, CO, and formerly of Preston, MD passed away on October 7, 2015. He was 62.

He was born on September 2, 1953 in Lancaster, PA, the son of the late Earl Christian Stauffer and Lucyll Embry Stauffer.

Earl graduated from St. Paul's School in 1971. After studying at Elmira College, Earl enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served as an Aircraft Loadmaster on the C-5 Galaxy, in the 326th Airlift Squadron at Dover Air Force Base. Earl served in the Air Force Reserves for over 9 years, receiving many medals and decorations. He later worked for Norfolk and Southern Rail Road as a yard master in Harrington and Christiana, Delaware.

Earl enjoyed his final years living in Colorado, basking in the view of Pike's Peake from his front porch. When he wasn't riding his beloved Harley or target shooting, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and hiking in the Colorado Rockies. Above all these things, Earl loved his family the most.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Paul Stauffer of Rhodesdale, MD, three children: Laura Stauffer Parks and her husband David of Hampstead, MD, Earl Christian Stauffer of Albuquerque, NM, and Sarah Katherine Stauffer of Easton, MD; and two granddaughters: Richelle Vera Kuleshov and Sarina Pearl Stauffer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Samuel Victor Stauffer.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 3:00pm at the Federalsburg V.F.W. Post #5246 in Federalsburg with the Reverend Ronnie James officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Following the service, the family would like to invite anyone for a memorial ride on their motorcycle to honor Earl. Inurnment will be at a later date and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Baywater Animal Rescue, 4930 Bucktown Rd, Cambridge MD. Or do one better, and adopt your next pet from a local shelter, like Earl loved to do. He loved rescuing the dogs that no one else would.

# Events

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**OCT**   **Visitation**            01:00PM - 03:00PM

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Federalsburg VFW Post # 5246

Veteran's Drive, Federalsburg, MD, US, 21632

**OCT**   **Memorial Service**                            03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I served with Earl in the MD National Guard and followed him to a Dover in 1990. I cannot believe I just found this in 2020. My condolences to the family, he will be missed.

**Scot Sherbert** - May 10, 2020 at 01:00 AM

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“ Sorry to hear about Earl. I know it's a year later but just found out. I knew Earl for a couple of years when he lived in Preaton. We shared many dog training shories will sitting next to his bike or truck in front of shore stop. I remember how happy he was to move out west! Earl I'm glad you got to live your dream!

**Marcus Trise** - September 25, 2016 at 01:00 PM

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“ I have a little story about Earl Stauffer, my friend who passed away last week. It was a Fall Saturday morning, probably in 1970. Earl had to drive his mom to Chestertown for the weekend and I rode along with them. We dropped her off and headed back home. If you know anything about the Eastern Shore you know the quickest way to get back to Towson is crossing the Bay Bridge, the same way we got there. Somehow, Earl got on I-95 in Newark, De.. We took a wrong turn somewhere, probably several of them. He was driving his mom's Mercury Marquis that had a 454 under the hood. So Earl said to me, I wonder how fast this thing can go? I don't remember whether I answered or not but all of a sudden we're doing 110mph. Back in 1970, I-95 was in it's infancy and traffic was rare and very light all the time. He eventually backed off on the speed and we made it home safely. The following Monday, as soon as I walked in the door from school, the phone rings and it's Earl telling me he's grounded for a month. I asked why and he said, remember when we hit 110 on Saturday? That's not something you forget very quickly and I said, yes. He said, "We passed a friend of my mom's and she recognized the car." True story.

**Bruce Scheck** - November 19, 2015 at 10:07 AM



“ Earl was a great friend of mine in HS. We spent a lot of time together partying and just hanging out. Unfortunately we lost contact and didn't reconnect until late July 19th. I learned of his diagnosis and honestly, I never thought he would pass. That just wouldn't happen to him, not to Earl. We had made plans to get together when he moved back to Baltimore to live with his daughter. Even though we had lost contact, his passing hurt me deeply. I miss you dude, and probably always will. R.I.P. my friend and may God Bless you.

**Bruce Scheck** - November 19, 2015 at 10:22 AM



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**Rick Staples** - November 03, 2015 at 09:01 PM

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“ Dear Family,  
I just learned of his passing....My deepest and most sincere condolences to all. He will be greatly missed!



**Len Peele** - October 28, 2015 at 11:43 AM

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“ Henrietta Porter lit a candle in memory of Earl Charles Stauffer



**Henrietta Porter** - October 26, 2015 at 03:44 PM



“ Barbara and family, I am so sorry to see this. I think about you all a lot. My prayers are with you.

**Henrietta Porter** - October 26, 2015 at 03:45 PM

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“ John Grasmick sent a virtual gift in memory of Earl Charles Stauffer



**john grasmick** - October 25, 2015 at 10:37 AM



“ Earl was a great classmate from our good old days at St.Paul's. I remember his sweet mom, his cat "Funky", and lots of good times. It appears he carried that cheerful, easy going mind set through out his fruitful life and touched may souls. Now, at eternal peace with our Saviour, he will be missed by all his loved ones that await the reunion in Heaven.

**john grasmick** - October 25, 2015 at 10:52 AM

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“ Oh my gosh...I have to think that Earl would be urging many of us on to tell any one of the mighty tales from our high school hi-jinx years. But Earl . . . we've got to keep it on the up and up here.

We all know those people in our early lives who if they were in a book, they'd jump off the page. This was Earl for me, to be sure. The week that Earl was able to commandeer his mother's big green (was it green?) Cadillac and pilot a bunch of us on a road trip disguised as a college-visits trip . . . I'll just say that the gentlemen from St. Paul's left some interesting memories on various campuses, but I don't know that any of us dared attend those colleges.

Earl was one of the first rough diamonds I ever met. As generous as they come. No time for a dull moment. We all remember Earl's maniacal laugh? Half hilarity and half happy-paranoid? It's registering in my head even now. Onward, Earl. Or really . . . Further. A long strange trip. My heartfelt prayers to Earl's family.

**Tim Cockey** - October 23, 2015 at 02:52 PM



“ It was a green Lincoln Grand Marquis Ed rode around in Virginia under the guise of college investigating...

**john grasmick** - October 25, 2015 at 11:14 AM

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“ Judi lit a candle in memory of Earl Charles Stauffer



**Judi** - October 21, 2015 at 09:17 PM

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“ Because I still have the BLUES for you. One day we will sing some Pink Floyd tunes again because you are my CRAZY DIAMOND, you'll always Shine On and On and On

**Judi** - October 21, 2015 at 09:23 PM

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“ Paul Yannucci lit a candle in memory of Earl Charles Stauffer



**Paul Yannucci** - October 21, 2015 at 08:43 PM

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“ Stephen And Stephany Allendorf lit a candle in memory of Earl Charles Stauffer



**Stephen and Stephany Allendorf** - October 21, 2015 at 08:18 PM

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“ I remember the first time I met you , you came into Prettyman's store and I had my ABATE tee on and you asked what it was , and we were friends from then on. Our kids played together we partied together and rode motorcycles together Charlie and I and the kids spent a lot of time at your house and enjoyed that time. Earl you will be missed , and may God rest your soul. Tell Sammy Hi for all of us Mary Ann Roe

**Mary Ann Roe** - October 21, 2015 at 07:18 PM

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“ I met a stranger online named EARL on 11/24/14 from a musical posting titled "PINK FLOYD"/ Music Man are you out there? He loved my musical post about Pink Floyd, and told me he had a dog named Floyd. I think I won his heart that day and I knew we would become great friends. He said he was single, no g/f, looking for companionship, fun. Is this YOU, he asked? Earl told me his life's story, told me about his 3 children and how proud he was of all of you, where he was from and where he lived in Fountain and than asked me out to meet on 11/29/14 at a McDonald's and from there we went back to his house to meet his 4 dogs and a really BIG kitty cat and the rest was history. We became friends, no more no less. From the beginning we were so comfortable together. Someone to have fun with, watch TV, listen to music, talked about his Military experience, what he liked about Colorado, how he liked to camp out in the mountains, hunt and he showed me his gun collection and promised me he would show me how to target shoot one day if I wanted to. Sometimes we drank a beer outside and gazed at all the stars and all the places he hope to explore here in Colorado. One night in July we took a ride on his Harley, I had on flip flops, no coat, no hat and he was mad because this is how I showed up cause who knew he wanted to take me for a ride. Earl loved that Harley and rode it with pride and I wasn't scared under the dark starlight night. This was actually the last real time I got to spend time with him since after that day I went on a road trip and I guess he had himself another g/f and I had myself a b/f and than when I returned in September he asked me to come and help him because of his illness and he was all alone and needed my help. I was glad to give him any help he needed.

We were friends, comfortable friends from the day we met until the day we parted. I loved your father, your father loved me, as two best friends who could be 'Comfortably Numb; together. I was honored to spend the last week with Earl, to be there for him in anyway I could because I know he could not do what he needed to do all alone. Your father always said "JUDI, JUDI, JUDI" where are you judi when he left a message on my voice mail, I keep these messages from him as memory of him. I will never erase them. I loved the way he said my name. I am so happy I met this man, a stranger who became one of my best male friends ever. He always said I had too many men orbiting around me, why he said this I really don't know. He orbited around me and I orbited around him and I will never forget Earl, never. He will be my Special Guardian Angel up above as he will be the same to all of you. I know he lived his life to the fullest and I know the way he was in the end was not the way he would of wanted to be so I find peace in his passing, but still I will miss him dearly. Yes I will miss one of the best friends I have ever met here in Colorado.

Let Heaven's Little Light Shine Down on Me, Give Me a Word, Give Me a Sign, Show Me where to look what will I find, when I look up in the evening sky and see the bright stars shining so brightly in the dark blue Colorado skies I know I will be seeing my Earl, my friend shining down brightly on me. I hope you will all look up into the heaven's and see him also.

This is my story, my memory of how much he meant to me.

I love you EARL STAUFFER with tears in my eye I say: "WISH YOU WERE HERE" and one day I will see you in the "Darkside of the Moon".



“ Earl was a dear friend, we met and trained together as C-5 loadmasters when we both joined the reserves together. I have wonderful memories of the many times we spent together traveling and growing together as enlisted aviators. I am devastated by his passing and my heart breaks for the family and friends he left behind. I am happy I was able to see him in Colorado last fall. We spoke of family and how proud we were of are children. On his last birthday I sent him a t shirt and you would have thought I sent him a billion dollars. Earl was a kind soul and loved life, family and country. I am sure he and Jester are smiling down on us and will stand watch over us all. May God hold him in the palm of his hand and provide comfort fur his beautiful family!!



**Tom Vernon** - October 20, 2015 at 09:04 PM



“ God bless Earl. I will miss him dearly. We served together in Cco 2bn, 29th light infantry division. 88-92 time frame and did a lot of shooting at his farm. God keep and bless you Earl. I will miss you dearly. Prayers for strength and peace for the family.

**LTC Robert Rouse, US Army** - October 21, 2015 at 01:01 PM



“ I'm there with you Rob, a lot of shooting we did.

**Scot Sherbert** - May 10, 2020 at 01:06 AM

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“ Keeping the family in prayer during this difficult time.



**Melinda Ewing** - October 20, 2015 at 08:08 PM



“ 40+ years later I can still see that expansive grin on Earls face!! Thanks for the memories of the good times.

**scott franklin '73** - October 23, 2015 at 03:07 PM



“ To the Stauffer family,  
Our family was shocked, to say the least, of your father's passing. We pray your memories and family stories will comfort you in your grief.

**Hildebrand Family** - October 27, 2015 at 12:38 AM