



## Rodney V. Councill

March 21, 1933 - September 14, 2024

Rodney Vaughan Councill passed away on September 14, 2024, in Easton, MD.

Rodney was born to William Sherman Councill, Sr. and Flossie Mathilda Plugge Councill on March 21, 1933, in Cordova, MD. He attended Centreville High School and was among the graduating class of 1951. Rodney was awarded a scholarship to The Maryland Institute of Art in Baltimore. Although he did not complete his 4-year scholarship, he remained interested in art his entire life. Which included doing several oil paintings of family, old masters, and places he had visited. While working at the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company one summer it piqued his interest in airplanes and led to him joining the US Air Force in July 1952. Rodney obtained his private pilot license in 1954 and continued to fly until he was in his 60s. While he was stationed in England in 1954, he spotted a young lady on the dance floor doing the jitterbug. Her name was Ann Maher, and they married in London in August 1955. They spent their honeymoon in Ann's hometown of Carrick-on-Suir, Co Tipperary, Ireland. They Moved back to the US and lived in Ridgely, MD for two years while Rodney trained with his brother-in-law, Elwood Cherry, to learn watch and clock making. During this time, they had two children, Sheila Ann and Rodney Sean Councill. Rodney retired from the Air Force in June 1974 as a Chief Master Sergeant (E-9) after serving his country in California, North Carolina, Alaska, Hawaii, Philippines, North Africa, and Europe, as well as serving one year in Vietnam in the late 1960s. After retiring from the Air

Force, he built a home with a workshop in Greensboro, MD and opened a clock and watch repair shop which he operated for over 45 years. He was both a Master Watchmaker and a Master Clockmaker.

Was preceded in death by his wife, Ann in 2013.

He is survived by his children, Sheila Englehart and Sean (Debi) Councill, grandchildren; Jennifer Englehart, Eric Englehart, Derek Penkert, Adam Penkert, and Bryan Councill, great-grandchildren; Skylar Englehart, Layne Englehart, Zanna Penkert, Celeste Penkert, Jack Councill, and Stevie Councill. He is also survived by his dear sister, Faye Councill Pollilo of Stevensville, MD.

The family would like to thank Bayleigh Chase and Talbot County Hospice, as well as his friend and caretaker, Elrine Johnson. A special thanks to his "Lady Friend" Mary Lou McAllister who he met at Bayleigh Chase and kept a smile on his face during his last months.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2024, from 6 to 8 pm. A service will be held on Friday September 20, 2024 at 11am at Spring Hill Cemetery, Easton MD.

In lieu of flowers donations in Rodney's name can be made to Vets Helping Vets VFW Post 5118, Attn: Gene Feher, 355 Glebe Road, Easton, MD 21601 or American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18, 2619 Centreville Road, Centreville, MD 21617.

Online condolences can be made at [www.fleegleandhelfenbein.com](http://www.fleegleandhelfenbein.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Old Spring Hill Cemetery

Easton, MD 21601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 6:00 PM (ET)

Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home  
106 W Sunset Ave  
Greensboro, MD 21639  
(410) 482-8914

## Service

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Old Spring Hill Cemetery  
Easton, MD 21601

# Tribute Wall

LP

“ *Lisa Plummer lit a candle in memory of Rodney V. Councell*



Lisa Plummer - October 25, 2024 at 04:25 PM

PS

“ *Always enjoyed our chats when I'd drop off a piece to be repaired. I admired his intelligence, talent and humility. Such a nice gentleman. Rest in peace* 🙏🕊️🙏

Patricia shulties - September 24, 2024 at 07:53 PM

MB

“ *I have fond memories of Rodney as my classmate at CHS, and watching him play basketball was a special pleasure. May Rodney rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Margaret Taylor Branham - September 19, 2024 at 05:07 AM

DF

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dixon Family - September 17, 2024 at 07:56 PM

DF

*Rodney was a wonderful friend and neighbor and enjoyed visiting on the front porch.*

**Dixon Family** - September 17, 2024 at 07:57 PM

JC

“ *June Clark lit a candle in memory of Rodney V. Councill*



**June Clark** - September 17, 2024 at 05:04 PM

JC

*Rodney and I were classmates at Centreville High school we graduated in 1951 first class to graduate under the 12 year system. RIP my friend*

**June Clark** - September 17, 2024 at 05:06 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jarvis lit a candle in memory of Rodney V. Councill*



**Brenda Jarvis** - September 17, 2024 at 03:37 PM

BH

*I was a friend of Rodney not sure years but it was over 20 years .we both had clock and watch shops mine was Annapolis Md .one time when his eyes were not as sharp when younger would stop at my store and leave a Rolex to repair parts small and said Rodney maybe you need to spend all your time on clocks because parts much larger . Well God Blessing you Rodney , and please rest in peace from Buddy Huguley*

**Buddy Huguley** - May 25, 2025 at 01:03 PM