



Mr. Fielding H. Lewis Jr.

March 30, 1929 - February 13, 2023

Fielding H. Lewis Jr. / Inventor

Fielding passed away peacefully at his home on the Wye River on February 13, after an amazing experienced filled life, blessed with great friends and family. Born and raised in Towson, he would rather ride his horse than get a driver's license but that changed with the influence of his revered uncle, Duncan Black. Fielding would remain a car enthusiast throughout his life, racing, tinkering or just generally messing around. He had many other interests including sailing, kayaking and road cycling but his true passion was the game of lacrosse. From the early days of wooden sticks and repairing gut walls on hand made jigs in his basement to 25 years at STX Inc., he was always infatuated with the equipment and game but most importantly the great friendships with his lacrosse family around the world. He was amazed and proud of the impact modern lacrosse sticks had on the expansion of the men's and women's games.

Fielding enjoyed solving problems from his early work experience at Martin Marietta and Bendix Friez, learning the drafting and designing skills that would come to bear in the advancement of the synthetic lacrosse stick. He held over a dozen patents on lacrosse heads, handles and protective gear, being instrumental in the concepts of open side wall heads and aluminum handles. While proud of his accomplishments, Fielding always gave credit to leaders in

the game, players and coaches alike, who helped test and refine the tradition breaking developments that elevated the game and its expansion throughout the United States and around the world.

After joining the Coast Guard as a 21-year-old stationed in Boston, Fielding had the great fortune of meeting a young lady, Jacqueline Fraser, on New Years Eve 1950, who was in town from Nova Scotia. Love at first sight led to a 64-year marriage that included three children, ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Fielding and Jacquie moved to Queenstown, Maryland on the Wye River in 1981. Life on the eastern shore was a new and adventure filled next phase of life, where Fielding and Jacquie explored their passions for learning, doing, and experiencing all things new. For Fielding, it included dog trials with his Vizsla, cycling 4,000 miles a year, paddling his kayak on the rivers and creeks of the eastern shore, wrenching on his Porsches, or catching a lacrosse game with one of his cohorts.

Fielding will be remembered for many things but his ability to create relationships was remarkable. Friends of all ages have expressed how much his support and interest in what they were doing and wanted to accomplish, impacted their lives. For a modest man, not much more one could ask for.

A private service was held on February 18, 2023.

Survived by:

F. Duncan Lewis and his wife Rory R. Lewis

Paige Lewis Dachille and her husband Timothy A. Dachille

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10 grandchildren

6 great grandchildren

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