



## Mr. William Fennimore Childs III

September 9, 1917 - April 23, 2013

William F. Childs, III, of Towson, Maryland died of natural causes on April 23, 2013 at his home at the age of 95. He was born in Salisbury, Maryland and was married to the late Dorothy M. Sands for 56 years, who preceded him in death. They were long time residents of Stoneleigh.

Mr. Childs graduated from Mercersberg Academy prior to entering Johns Hopkins University majoring in the Civil Engineering and Business Administration . While attending Hopkins, he became Manager of the Hopkins' Varsity Lacrosse Team. Between college semesters he worked for the J.E. Griener Company on their survey team, as well as, for the and the Maryland State Roads Commission, now Maryland Transportation Department.

Mr. Childs began his professional career in 1941 with the Glenn L. Martin Company in Middle River, Maryland. His first assignment was to Martin's Field Department survey party for the then new Martin Airport runway construction project. Later he became Inspector for the construction of the largest clear span assembly plant for the Martin PBM3, a Navy patrol bomber. In 1942, Mr. Childs moved into the Engineering Department. During World War II, Mr. Childs was a member of the Drivers Corps of Baltimore County Civilian Defense, which was headquartered at what is now Towson University. He left Glenn L. Martin Company in 1947 to join the Harry T. Campbell Sons Corporation to help promote a new product, "Sakrete"™, ready mix concrete

in paper bags. The Campbell Company was the original manufacturer of Sakrete™ products. These specialty products were developed for use by homeowners and the “Saturday afternoon” contractors. Mr. Childs was the first Sakrete™ sales representative in the United States and responsible for all sales in Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, DC and parts of Maryland.

During the course of his career with Harry T. Campbell Sons he was made General Manager of their Marriottsville, Maryland Quarry. In 1960, Harry T. Campbell Sons Corporation became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Flintkote Company, as well as, the Grove Lime Company of Frederick, Maryland. The Campbell-Grove Division of the Flintkote Company, headquartered in White Plains, NY, appointed Mr. Childs as Assistant to the President in 1968 of the Campbell-Grove Division of Flintkote Stone Products, a position he held until he retired in 1979. After his retirement from Flintkote Mr. Childs was hired as a consultant for the company, a responsibility he held through the Genstar and Redland Corporation ownerships of Flintkote Company. As part of his consulting contract, Mr. Childs became a registered lobbyist to the state of Maryland legislature and remained a consultant/lobbyist for the company and their industry until he fully retired in 1989.

During Mr. Childs’ long time career, he was also involved with and a member of a number of professional organizations, including:  
Founder and Honorary Member of the Maryland Aggregates Association; Vice President of the Baltimore Metropolitan Chapter of the Associated Builders & Contractors and Director and Legislative Chairman of Associated Builders & Contractors; Life Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers; Board of Directors Member of the National Agricultural Limestone Institute; Member of the Engineering Society of Baltimore; Charter Member of the Structural Engineering Institute of the ASCE Member; member of the Maryland Ready Mix Concrete Association and Member of the American Society of Military

Engineers.

Civic Organizations included:

Past President of Timonium Rotary Club, Member of the Boumi Temple; Life Member of the Royal Order of the Jesters of the Boumi Temple; Served on Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church, Towson, Maryland; Life Member of The Annapolis Yacht Club and Race Committee Member; United Appeal for Baltimore County, Maryland; and League for Crippled Children.

As a boating enthusiast, he raced Star boats under the Annapolis Yacht Club burgee and was a member of the club for 70 years. He and his family also enjoyed cruising the Chesapeake Bay on his custom Bay built cabin cruiser for 50 years.

Mr. Childs is survived by his two sons and their wives, William F. Childs, IV and Victoria Wheeler Childs and Harvey Sands Childs and Kay Hilliard Childs, two granddaughters, Jacqueline and Lauren Childs, and his sister-in-law, Blanche H. Childs, wife of his deceased brother, Hodges B. Childs, as well as many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to either:

Trinity Church Memorial Fund

120 Allegheny Avenue

Towson, Maryland 21204

or

Shriner's Hospital

3551 North Broad Street

Philadelphia, PA 19140

ATTN: Terry Diamond

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church  
120 Alleghany Avenue  
Towson, MD 21204

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The times that I spent in Cousin Fenn's presence reminded me of what is best in all the Childs and of his great generation. - Daniel McCoy Childs*

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**Daniel McCoy Childs** - May 04, 2013 at 07:11 AM

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“ *Uncle Bill's sparkling eyes and great smile will be missed by all. A true son of the Chesapeake Bay, he was a sportsman, leader, wonderful father and role model. A member of the Greatest Generation Uncle Bill was likely the first Childs to pilot an aircraft. A life well lived! Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill and Vikki, Sandy, Kay, Jackie and Lauren. - Dave and Joan Childs*

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**D Childs** - April 29, 2013 at 11:12 AM