



## Richard Harrison Stancliff Jr.

December 13, 1944 - July 16, 2025

Richard “Pappy” Harrison Stancliff Jr., 80, of Port Tobacco, Maryland, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 in La Plata.

Born on December 13, 1944 in Franklin, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Richard Harrison Stancliff Sr. and Margaret Louise Strawbridge. He was the oldest of two brothers and grew up in Lanham, Maryland. Richard was a graduate of DuVal High School then later went on to receive a Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Maryland and a Master’s Degree from Bowie State University. As a teenager, Richard worked in his father’s hardware store. He also worked a variety of jobs including with C & P Telephone, Giant Foods, and as an Educator with the Prince George’s County School System. Richard also received his Broker’s License in Real Estate and taught Real Estate classes at the College of Southern Maryland. He loved spending time with his family, and he will be greatly missed. He was an avid movie goer and also enjoyed playing tennis, radio-controlled airplane flying, fishing, crabbing, boating, caving, gardening, model trains, woodworking, watching Westerns, and even learned to drive an 18-wheeled tractor trailer. Richard’s teaching and driving skills were passed on as he taught the grandchildren how to drive! Anything that piqued Richard’s interests was worth trying out at least once.

Richard is survived by his wife of 60 years, Judith; his brother Lawrence David Stancliff (Rebecca); his son Richard Harrison Stancliff III (Jennifer); his

daughter Angela Marie Stancliff (Terry); his grandchildren Adrienne Dronenburg (Jacob), Eric Stancliff (Madi), Kaitlyn Grubb (Carter), Andrew Stancliff, Harrison Stancliff, and Samantha Stancliff; his great grandchildren Jacob Dronenburg Jr., and Eli Stancliff.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2025 from 10AM until time for services to begin at 12Noon at the La Plata United Methodist Church, 3 Port Tobacco Road, La Plata, Maryland 20646 with the Reverend Dr. Susan Boehl officiating.

Interment to follow services at Trinity Memorial Gardens, 3321 Mattawoman-Beantown Road, Waldorf, Maryland 20601.

Memorial contributions in Richard's name may be made to the La Plata United Methodist Church Food Pantry, 3 Port Tobacco Road, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Memorial Gardens And Mausoleum

3221 Mattawoman-Beantown Road  
Waldorf, MD 20601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 24. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

La Plata United Methodist Church  
3 Port Tobacco Rd  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2288

## Service

JUL 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LM

“ I’m Dwight Montgomery if I every paid attention to a teacher, Mr. Stancliffe was one of them he always had a story for us about him and his brother back in the day he taught me how to wright a check and open a savings account my condolences to the family he will be missed

Louis Montgomery - July 24, 2025 at 02:12 PM

BB

“ Beverly Brown lit a candle in memory of Richard Harrison Stancliff Jr.



Beverly Brown - July 24, 2025 at 10:47 AM

LR

“ Mr. Stancliff was a stellar educator and brought so many great ideas and encouragement to the classroom. I hold him in my heart with utmost respect and fond memories from his 9th Grade Business class at Surrattsville Jr. High School (1968-69). God bless Mr. Stancliff and may he rest in eternal peace. 🙏🕊️

Laurie Roberts - July 24, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Harrison Stancliff Jr..

July 24, 2025 at 09:18 AM

BC

“ Beth C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Harrison Stancliff Jr..

Beth C. - July 23, 2025 at 12:58 PM

TF

“ The Kercher and Maddox Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Harrison Stancliff Jr..

The Kercher and Maddox Families - July 22, 2025 at 05:51 PM

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“ The Kercher and Maddox Families purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Richard Harrison Stancliff Jr..



The Kercher and Maddox Families - July 22, 2025 at 05:51 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Harrison Stancliff Jr..



July 22, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ I loved Mr Stancliff who taught me at Surrattsville Jr High. He had a voice that cracked and I found that so endearing. I was amazed when he announced that his wife was getting higher grades than he was in his graduate classes. He was the first person who I heard say that your wife could be smart, even smarter than you and he was ok with that. You have to remember that was in the 60's. He was also the first teacher who shared he thought I was intelligent. I've always felt grateful he believed in me and told me so. My life was changed by this teacher. Never underestimate the power teachers have to make a difference. My condolences to his family.

Terry Mhlbauer - July 22, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Harrison Stancliff Jr..

July 22, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Richard Harrison Stancliff Jr..



July 22, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Harrison Stancliff Jr..



July 22, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Harrison Stancliff Jr..

July 20, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Harrison Stancliff Jr..



July 20, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Richard Harrison Stancliff Jr..



July 20, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Harrison Stancliff Jr..

July 20, 2025 at 10:51 AM