



## R. Douglas Childs

August 9, 1914 - June 19, 2010

LINTHICUM- R. Douglas Childs, 95, of Linthicum, Maryland, and formerly of Snow Hill, died Saturday, June 19, 2010 at Baltimore Washington Medical Center in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

He was born on August 9, 1914 in Pikesville, a son of the late A. Raymond Childs and Virginia Pape Childs.

Doug was stationed in Hawaii while proudly serving his country in the US Army from April 2, 1941 until his discharge on June 2, 1945. A graduate of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Doug was a lifelong learner, an avid reader, a faithful community servant and a friend to all. He retired in 1974 as a Sperry gyro technician for the US Coast Guard in Curtis Bay after 25 years of service. He was an active member of All Hallows Episcopal Church in Snow Hill and an active member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Linthicum for fifty years. As a member of St. Christopher's in Linthicum, Doug was very active in FISH (Families in Self Help), a volunteer service organization that assisted local families in crisis. Also, Doug was instrumental in founding the preschool at St. Christopher's in the 1970's. Mr. Childs took great care and pride in the mechanical maintenance and repair of the St. Christopher building and grounds and was a constant supporter of the church's outreach efforts. On his 90th birthday he volunteered to serve at the Honor Roll breakfast at North County High School. Doug was, for many decades, a devoted Baltimore

Orioles fan, a golf enthusiast, and world traveler. He loved his country and his fellow man.

He is survived by many special nieces and nephews and his large church family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Anna Jones Childs in 1999, an infant son in 1952 and two sisters, Margaret Adams and Jean Hughes.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 116 Marydel Road in Linthicum Heights, where family and friends may call from 10:00 to 11:30. The Reverend Lura M. Kavel will officiate. A graveside service will be held on Sunday, June 27 at 2:00 p.m. at Makemie Presbyterian Cemetery in Snow Hill. The Reverend Walter E. Reuschling will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to All Hallows Episcopal Church, 109 W. Market Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863, or The Doug Childs Memorial Fund at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 116 Marydel Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **26.** 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church  
116 Marydel Road  
Linthicum, MD

## Service

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JUN **27.** 2:00 PM.

Graveside Service

# Tribute Wall



“ *R. Douglas Childs*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes to the family of Mr. Childs. May the family find comfort in God's promise that soon He will "actually swallow up death forever." (Isaiah 25:8)##imported-begin##Mike Charles##imported-end##*

June 26, 2010 at 06:45 AM



“ *I knew Doug many years ago (many, many years ago). He was one of the finest men I have ever known. For a long time it was my intention to let him know that he was still in my thoughts. I did not act. Now it is too late. I hope this is a reminder to others with good intentions. Don't wait!##imported-begin##Evelyn Schroedl##imported-end##*

June 25, 2010 at 12:14 PM



“ To Doug's relatives:

*I knew Doug for many, many years when I worked as a Pastoral Counselor with an office at St. Christopher's. I knew him to be a very loving, accepting, very non-judgmental gentleman who befriended members of that congregation who may have otherwise been ostracized by their life choices and lifestyles. That acceptance was exceptionally unusual given his age, and I was impressed with his attitude of Christian acceptance for all God's children. He always had a smile for me when he saw me in my office there and often came in to chat about events of the day or the issues of his church community that concerned him as a caring person who knew of others' pain.*

*I will greatly miss Doug. Since I had to move my office out of St. Christopher's just over a year ago because of financial requirements that my non-profit organization could not meet, I had not seen him in some time.*

*As a result of my association with many of the congregation whom I saw as clients in the past, I will not be attending the service for Doug on Saturday, but I wanted you to know of my special affection for him and for all the work he did for God's kingdom during his most productive lifetime.*

*God Bless you all as his most special family,  
Sarah Totushek##imported-begin##Sarah Totushek##imported-end##*

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“ *I got to know Doug by attending the church of St. Christophers. Being a part of the coast Guard family myself hearing Doug talk about working at the Coast Guard yard was very interesting.*

*Had a chance to see him on the Friday before he went up to be with the Lord our God.*

*My prayer's go out to the family. He was a great man.*

*I was pleased that I was one that knew him.*

*Sandra Blood###imported-begin##Sandra Blood###imported-end##*

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