

## **James Thomas Wharton**

July 7, 1930 - April 4, 2003  
Resided in Stevensville, MD

A Mass of Christian burial will be offered at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 620 N. Bestgate Road, for James T. Wharton, 72, of Stevensville, a lawyer who practiced in Washington, D.C., and Maryland for 47 years.

Mr. Wharton died April 4 at Anne Arundel Medical Center as a result of a car crash on Kent Island. He was born in Cresson, Pa., and graduated from Pennsylvania State University where he was a member and president of Sigma Nu fraternity as well as the Lions Paw Honors Society. He graduated from Georgetown University Law School in 1956. For many years he had a private practice in Rockville where he and Joseph S. McCarthy founded the Law Firm of McCarthy and Wharton. At the time of his death he was the managing partner of Wharton, Levin, Ehrman, Traut and Klein in Annapolis.

Mr. Wharton was past president of the Montgomery County Bar Association and a former member of the Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar Association. Surviving are his wife, Beverly Kecken Wharton; eight children, Michael Thomas Wharton of Baltimore, Sharon Wharton Wiley of Midlothian, Va., Patrick James Wharton of Rockville, Maureen Wharton Phillips of North Potomac, Christopher Robert Wharton of Potomac, Mark Edward Wharton of Frederick, Timothy James Wharton of Gaithersburg and James Thomas Wharton of Bethesda, whose mother was the late Sara Ann Breen Wharton.

Also surviving are 16 grandchildren. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hardesty Funeral Home, 12 Ridgely Ave. Burial will be in St. Peter's Catholic Church Cemetery in Queenstown.

- See more at: <http://www.hardestyfuneralhome.com/obituary/James-Thomas-Wharton/Stevensville-MD/38087#sthash.iK0Vz7pF.dpuf>