**Donald Ray Staley**

Donald Ray Staley, Sr., 74, of Frederick, formerly of Boyds, died peacefully at Frederick Memorial Hospital on September 28, 2012.
Born on March 3, 1938, he was the son of the late Ralph and Nellie (Claggett) Staley.
Donald farmed the Staley Dairy Farm in Boyds for over forty-five years with his brothers Hunter and Earl. He was a member of the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Association. He loved being outdoors and working with the animals and was an avid fan of anything to do with farming, especially the family's many Farmall tractors.
Donald was an active member of the Masonic Lodge, Pentalpha Lodge No. 194, Germantown, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Pentalpha Chapter No. 38, Germantown, serving as Worthy Patron numerous times.

The family would like to extend its gratitude to the many people who helped and assisted Donald over the past twenty-three years, especially Linda and Paul Mercer, who tirelessly devoted their time to Donald, cared for him, and are considered a part of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, 636 Morris Turnpike, Suite 3A, Short Hills, NJ 07078 (christopherreeve.org) or Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607(shrinershospitalsforchildren.org)