



John Streett Broadbent

November 15, 1942 - April 19, 2026

J. Streett Broadbent Obituary

John “Streett” Broadbent of Reisterstown, MD passed away on April 19, 2026, after a battle with leukemia. He was 83 years of age. Born in Baltimore, MD, he was the son of the late Walter Scott and Mabel Naomi (House) Broadbent. He is survived by his son, Ken Broadbent, and daughter-in-law, Alison, of Arlington, VA; by his daughter, Sandy Tilmes, and son-in-law, Matt, of Hanover, PA; and by his four grandchildren: Ben and Lexie Tilmes, and Everett and Katerina Broadbent.

Streett was a graduate of Franklin High School, class of 1960. Following high school, Streett attended Western Maryland College (WMC), now known as McDaniel College, and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Physics. He was a member of the Gamma Beta Chi fraternity, participating in intramural wrestling and basketball. It is there that he met Barbara Petschke, to whom he was married, and is the mother of Ken and Sandy. He joined the Army National Guard of Maryland in 1964 and served until May 1970.

Streett worked for Black & Decker (B&D) for his entire career, starting as a summer intern while in college, and joining permanently in June 1964 after graduating from WMC. He started in the Test Department, then the Prototype/Model Shop, and into the Engineering Department. He retired as

the Director of Engineering Technology & Applied Sciences. Streett was involved in key projects such as bringing B&D into the computer age, including Computer Aided Design world-wide, and also the launch of the DeWalt brand in 1992 as their premium, yellow-and-black line of professional-grade power tools. He was also the B&D representative to Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering (AMIE), working with Morgan State University and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He retired in Sept 2003.

He founded Easy Streett Enterprises (ESE), LLC in 2003, providing consulting services in business, engineering, and conference planning. He obtained his Merchant Mariner's License (Captain's License) - Masters Inland, and provided Yacht Management Services via ESE to several marinas, boat manufacturers, and private owners.

Outside of work, Streett was an active member of the Jaycees until the age of 36, volunteering around the community. He was also a member of the Maryland Junior Miss program, serving as Chairman for nine years. Boating was his passion. He was an active member of the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron (a.k.a. America's Boating Club - Baltimore), serving as a Member of the Bridge from September 1989 until his passing. He was a Certified Instructor for both the Power Squadron and the Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources, teaching numerous courses from Basic Boating to Advanced Piloting, and also performing Vessel Safety Checks. He held several leadership positions, including Editor of the newsletter for three years, Squadron Education Officer (SEO) from 2011 to 2016, Executive Officer 2017-2018, and Commander for three terms, 2018-2021, and then supported all SEOs again throughout the remainder of his tenure. He was also a member of Bowley's Marina, serving at times as Chairman of the Board, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, and member of the Pier Committee, from 2013-2024.

A Celebration of Life:

It will be Sunday, May 31st, from 1:00-3:30 at:

Charles Village Pub

19 West Pennsylvania Ave.

Towson, MD 21204

In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made to Blood Cancer United in memory of
Streett Broadbent via our friend's Visionary of the Year link: <https://pages.ils.org/voy/nca/dcmetro26/cstevens> through June 13, 2026.

Tribute Wall

YC

“ *Streett hired me as a CAE Engineer in 1987. No doubt, he was a great boss. He mentored me to learn the various power tools how they worked that helped me applying the loads in the right ways for simulations. During those 15 years, Streett also mentored me in the management to lead CAE team. He always supported me to discover advanced simulation technologies to further support product development for the company.*

After finishing my Suzhou assignment, I returned to Towson. Streett has already retired in 2003. So we lost connection for many years. Later Kent and I retired, we three reconnected and stayed in touch through meeting up for a lunch or text messages for the last 6 years. Those birthday lunches we enjoyed so much on chatting for couple hours.

Streett, now there is no pain for you. You are in a peaceful land. We all will miss you.

My sincere condolences and prayers are with you and your family.

Yingfa Chen

Yingfa Chen - May 31 at 10:32 AM

KL

“ *Streett was a wonderful boss during our years at Black & Decker and later became a dear friend with whom I could share thoughts and life experiences. After I returned from my overseas assignment, I was fortunate to reconnect with him, and we made it a tradition to meet at least once each year in November to celebrate our birthdays, which fell in the same month.*

Before his passing, Streett sent Yingfa and me a note updating us on his condition. We prayed for him and take comfort in knowing that he is now in God's loving hands.

Rest in peace, Streett. You will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences and prayers go out to your family during this difficult time.

Kent Lin

Kent Lin - May 31 at 09:06 AM

HM

“ *This is a real loss to Jane and me, I have known Streett since we entered WMC as freshmen in 1960, a tremendous individual with a quick smile and a wonderful individual, we enjoyed our trips with him and Barb and remember especially our trip to Paris France with our other roommates. Streett could grill a great steak and was a very accomplished boater and engineer. He is in a better place and will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace. Howard and Jane Mooney*

Howard Mooney - May 27 at 10:22 AM

BG

“ Our sincere sympathies to the family. We shared a finger pier with Easy Street at Bowley's Quarters marina. As Viking owners we shared good times.

Brenda and Gary Braightmeyer (Braight Idea)

Brenda & Gary - May 21 at 09:06 PM

EF

“ What wonderful memories I have of spending time with Streett and some of the Black and Decker gang on the Easy Streett. One of the most generous and joyful people I have ever known. Deepest sympathy to his family.

Ellen Foreman - May 05 at 11:13 AM

RP

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Streett. We had a lot of good times in the Jaycees and with Junior Miss. He was a good mentor and role model for me when I was young in the Jaycees. We had not been in touch in the more recent past, but the memories will live on. God bless and rest in peace. Bob & Shirl Prietz

Robert Prietz - May 04 at 07:25 AM

ED

“ Streett was a pillar of our boating group, a great teacher and mentor. He was always willing to share his extensive knowledge of both boating and engineering. He will be missed enormously. -Ned Dexter

Edward Dexter - May 01 at 03:02 PM