



## Charles Joseph Bryan, Sr.

October 18, 1934 - December 26, 2025

Charles Joseph Bryan, Sr., of Cambridge, MD, age 91, passed away on December 26, 2025, at the Talbot Hospice House surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on October 18, 1934, in Oxford, MD at his grandmother's home on "The Island," which is now part of the east end of The Strand. Many of his fondest memories were of growing up in Oxford. His parents were Olin Bryan and Lena Colburn Bryan. Charles graduated from Easton High School in 1953 and continued his education at the Franklin School of Science and Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut; and the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

Charles began his career at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in the research lab and later moved back to the Eastern Shore, where he worked at The Memorial Hospital at Easton, MD, for 40 years as a histologist/cytologist.

After his retirement, he built and flew R/C airplanes; sailed along the tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay; went fishing; raced Smith Island crab skiffs; and ate steamed crabs. His favorite activity was spending time with his family and friends. He loved to tell tales of growing up in Oxford and made it sound like a magical adventure. He should have written a book about it.

Charles was a member of the Easton Volunteer Fire Department for 63 years and served for several terms as president, as well as an engineer, an EMT, and a rescue diver. He was also a member of the Oxford Fire Company for six years before he moved to Easton, totaling 69 years of service to Talbot County.

Charles is survived by his wife of 31 years, Julie Bryan; his children, Dawn Mister (Steve) of Tilghman, MD; Charles Joseph Bryan, Jr., of Easton, MD; Deanna Pratt (Jerry) of Easton, MD; Amy Johnson (Gary) of Royal Oak, MD; and Laurie Caldwell (Daryl) of Easton, MD. His grandchildren are Taylor Pepper; JB Hall; Stevie and Bryan Mister; Colby and Austin Bryan; Cole Johnson; and Hannah and Noah Fountain. Marrie Retallack, niece of Easton, MD, Miles Retallack, Nephew of Easton, MD and David Blades(Susan) brother in law of Parkville, MD.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Patsy Retallack; Gary Johnson, son in law and his beloved granddaughter, Catherine Pratt.

He is greatly missed, but we take comfort in knowing that he is in Heaven with Jesus and his family and friends. They probably welcomed him with a crab feast.

The family would like to thank all the members of his care team at Talbot Hospice House who made his final days comfortable and sweet. Also, thank you to all his friends who visited him faithfully. He told all of us that he lived a long and wonderful life.

Unfortunately, services that were scheduled for January 25 at 1:30 PM at Christ Church of Easton have been canceled due to weather, services will be postponed to a later date in the future.



# Tribute Wall

JK

“ Charles was a great cousin. I have a lot of fond memories from when we were growing up in Oxford and on the Island. He will be gratefully missed.

Jane Kenton - February 13 at 08:14 AM

MC

“ Julie, Although I didn't know Charles, I share your grief in the loss of a husband. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Martha Jo Cannon

Martha Cannon - January 13 at 12:09 PM

KH

“ Julie, I am so very sorry for your loss. May you feel the peace and comfort that our Lord provides and in your many treasured memories.

Kelly Hunt



Kelly L Hunt - January 12 at 06:38 PM

BN

“ Charlie was a great boss. But more importantly he became a great friend. I have thought of him often over the last 25+ years since he retired with such fond memories. Every phone call we had over those years were just like when we sat together working at memorial hospital,. Comfortable, warm and always left me with a smile on my face. Charlie you will be missed forever ❤️❤️❤️

Bonnie Niebuhr - January 10 at 08:27 AM

VB

“ Vickie Bildstein lit a candle in memory of Charles Joseph Bryan, Sr.



Vickie Bildstein - January 10 at 12:36 AM

GB

“ Gary Ball lit a candle in memory of Charles Joseph Bryan, Sr.



Gary Ball - January 09 at 10:07 PM

TB

“ Ms Julie... I can only imagine how your heart is feeling right now grieving your partner your best friend and such a gentleman as Mr Charles was. I feel very blessed to have come across him in this life and think I am a better person for it. I will miss his smile and wish I had seen him before he left. Thoughts and prayers always. Teresa

Teresa Baker - January 09 at 05:34 PM

TL

“ Charlie's a wonderful person. I was 19 years old when I started working at Memorial Hospital in the lab. He treated everyone with respect and kindness at all t. Let his memories fill your heart with love. He will never be forgotten. God bless the family at this time and always. Teresa

Teresa Lewis - January 09 at 03:05 PM

SD

“ Julie sending my sincere condolences.

Sherry Dolby - January 02 at 09:39 PM

JV

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this most difficult time.  
Joe & Margaret



Joe and Margaret B. Voshell - January 02 at 12:32 PM

LC

“ Julie. My sympathies to you and the family



Lynn Crouch - January 01 at 12:54 PM

LC

“ Brian and I liked and admired Charlie so much with his professionalism and endurance. We knew him from our long years at the old "Memorial Hospital" that we knew as a family. Julie, I will keep you in my prayers as well as your family. Perhaps Charlie and Bryan will meet and rehash how the hospital would be great if we were "running things."

Lisa Cook - December 31, 2025 at 03:52 PM

ES

“ We are so glad to have had the time last week to talk to him and share memories of old Easton. We will continue to pray for your family. Ernie and Ellen Smith

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**Ernie Smith** - December 30, 2025 at 03:22 PM