



## Commander Robert F. Caulk, Ret USN

November 22, 1930 - January 13, 2017

Robert F. Caulk passed away on Friday, January 13, 2017 at Compass Regional Hospice Center. He was 86 years old.

Born on November 22, 1930, in St. Michael's, MD, the son of the late James Calvin Caulk and Ida Shannahan Caulk, he graduated from St. Michaels High School, Class of 1947 where he was a star athlete. After a year at the Severn School he attended the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD where he graduated in 1952 with a BS in Naval Science and Marine Engineering. Bob had a very successful military career as a Naval Aviator that took him all over the world. His skill as an aircraft carrier pilot led to him being selected as the East Coast Naval Aviator of the Year two times. He commanded an S-2 and OV-10 squadron in San Diego, squadron members still talk about what a great leader he was and how he mentored his people. Bob retired from the Navy in June 1977 as a Commander with 25 years of service. After the Navy he worked as a project manager for various US Navy missile programs. Retiring again, Bob and Betty, his wife of 56 years, traveled to Florida by cruising the Inter-Coastal waterways and stayed there for 10 years. In the summers they would travel across the USA and the world, going as far as Amsterdam and seeing their family whenever they could. Bob is best remembered by those that loved him as a hero. A great athlete, skillful hunter, exceptional aviator, good friend, devoted husband and father, he lived a hero's life.

He is survived by his four children Robert F. Caulk, II (Judy), Peter Caulk (Margaret), Catherine Kerr (John) and Kelly Caulk (Mandy); 12 grandchildren Ryan, Erin, Bob, Katie, Fletcher, Kelly, Matthew, Jeffrey, JP, David, Emma and Addy; 7 great grandchildren Liam, Leann, Luke, Nico, Noah, Sarah Jane and Finn with one more on the way. Bob was predeceased by his wife Betty in 2008.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, January 19 at 11:00 am at Christ Church, St. Michaels, MD. Interment will be at the same location.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Church St. Michaels Parish  
103 Willow Street  
St Michaels, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Commander Robert F. Caulk, Ret USN*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Commander Robert F. Caulk, Ret USN*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Commander Robert F. Caulk, Ret USN*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I didn't know Robert but we were related. My mother's maiden name was Caulk. Her name was Joan. My mother was born in 1930 also, she passed away in 2000. Robert's grandfather and my great-grandfather (Joseph Franklin Caulk) were brothers. I wish I knew more of my extended family but I like being able to follow the family tree. My condolences to the family.*

*Kate (Tack) Painkin*

**Kate Painkin** - January 17, 2017 at 01:51 PM

CI

“ Gone From My Sight

*I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side,  
spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts  
for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength.  
I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck  
of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each  
other.*

*Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone."*

*Gone where?*

*Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast,  
hull and spar as she was when she left my side.  
And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her  
destined port.  
Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.*

*And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone,"  
there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices  
ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"*

*Van Dyke*

*Please know we are keeping all of you in our prayers at this difficult  
time. We never met your dad, Pete, but he must have been a good  
man to raise such a fine son. Our love to all of you.*

*The Conrads*

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Cindy - January 17, 2017 at 04:38 AM

LA

“ *Lisa Adkins lit a candle in memory of Commander Robert F. Caulk, Ret USN*



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**Lisa Adkins** - January 16, 2017 at 08:29 PM

BH

“ *DeEtte joins me in sending our deepest sympathies.*

*Bob Hoch*

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**Bob Hoch** - January 16, 2017 at 05:51 PM

ES

“ *We are sorry that we won't be able to attend Bob's service this Thursday. Every time we had a chance to visit with him, the subject of conversation always turned to his family and his pride in his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Bob was a special SV neighbor. We won't forget him.*

*Bob and Eleanor ("Pooh") Strietman*

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**Eleanor Strietman** - January 16, 2017 at 01:28 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Commander Robert F. Caulk, Ret USN.*



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January 16, 2017 at 10:36 AM

TL

“ *The Lode's lit a candle in memory of  
Commander Robert F. Caulk, Ret USN*



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**The Lode's** - January 16, 2017 at 08:09 AM

JS

“ *Family, I am saddened by the loss of your father, father-in-law,  
grandfather and great grandfather...I know his spirit will continue to  
live on in and with his family and friends...*

*Gratefully,*

*John Siccardi*

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**John Siccardi** - January 16, 2017 at 07:22 AM