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David Carvel Bryan was born in Baltimore, MD, the son of Amanda Fusselbaugh and James Edgar Bryan. He grew up on his parents' farm on the Wye River in Queenstown, MD. He was 90 years old.

David attended The Country School in Easton, St Andrew's School in Middletown, DE 1947-1951 and the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University 1951-1955. He worked during his college years in Washington DC. He had ordinary jobs in extraordinary places...an elevator operator at the US Capital, a clerk at the US House of Representatives, office staff for Congressman O'Hara, a property manager for National Savings & Trust, a contract negotiator for the Dept of Defense, and a civil servant for the Alliance for Progress.

After college David joined the U.S. Air Force. He served as a navigational instructor 1955-1958 and then remained in the Air Force Reserves as a navigator while attending night school at the George Washington University Law School 1958-1962. During these years he married Barbara Colthurst and had two daughters. When he retired from the Air Force as Captain, David moved his family from Alexandria VA to Centreville, MD.

Lawyers Row in Centreville was home to his law practice for many years specializing in real estate, banking and zoning. He prided himself on being a "country lawyer" enjoying the work of estates and trusts with local families. He

would often barter if cash was tight for his clients and frequently came home with oysters, firewood or manure for his garden.

Through the years David also served as Director and lawyer for Centreville National Bank (now Shore United Bank), Special Prosecutor for Queen Anne's County, Trustee and Treasurer for the QAC Library, Director for the Rotary Club of Centreville, VP of the QAC Historical Society, Treasurer and Sr Warden for Old Wye Church, Chairman of the Town of Centreville Board of Zoning Appeals, and Attorney for the Town of Centreville. He was a member of the QAC Chapter of the American Red Cross, a member of the District Advisory Board for the Public Defender System, President of the QAC Bar Association and Commodore of the Corsica River Yacht Club. After moving to Easton, he joined the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club and the Tred Avon Yacht Club. On weekends, he was sailing his 18' Hampton in local regattas.

It was 1988 when David moved his law practice to Easton, MD. In 2001 he joined Fountain, Bryan & Ritter (formally Henry & Price) (later Ewing, Dietz, Fountain & Kehoe) and Eastern Shore Title Company. David was active in the Diocese of Easton/ Episcopal Church serving on the Committee on Constitution & Canons and as chancellor for many years.

Throughout his career, he earned a reputation for being honest, hardworking, respectful and compassionate. His advice to all who listened: Live simply, serve generously, care deeply and speak kindly.

David is survived by his wife of 68 years and daughters, Meredith Damschroder (Kent) of Stevensville, MD and Amanda Tatem (Thaddeus) of Isle of Palms, SC. He has five grandchildren: Andy, Bailey, Patrick, Sarah & Cate and two great-granddaughters. He is preceded in death by his brother, James Bryan, and sister, Margaret Bryan Bruehl.

A funeral service will be held for family and friends on Friday, May 9 beginning at 4 pm, Old Wye Church in Wye Mills, MD.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in his name to Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely, Talbot Hospice in Easton, Compass Hospice in

Centreville or Old Wye Parish in Wye Mills.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY **9** (ET)

Old Wye Church
14114 Old Wye Mills Rd
Wye Mills, MD 21679
(410) 827-8484

Tribute Wall

AL

“ Meredith & Amanda - I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I know he will continue to watch over you and your families. Angela Lane (STT1976)

Angela Lane - May 08, 2025 at 09:45 AM

JW

“ May Peace and Grace embrace David's spirit, family, loved ones, and all who were touched by his life.

Mr. Bryan's broad smile and friendly greeting, often on Lawyers Row, added a little more brightness to these exchanges. I felt a connection to him from the days when he and my father were partners in the late 1960's. Time marches on. Grateful for small town kindnesses that Mr. Bryan shared in his community.

James Wood and Family

James Wood - May 07, 2025 at 09:58 AM



JA

“ John A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Carvel Bryan.

John A. - May 05, 2025 at 09:02 AM

JA

“ John A. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of David Carvel Bryan.



John A. - May 05, 2025 at 09:02 AM

JI

“ Sincere condolences from the Irvin family.

Jennifer Irvin - May 02, 2025 at 09:32 AM

SM

“ Barbara and Mare, always enjoyed long conversations with David at the WYE IS house with barbs Easton shore cooking. Big HUGGS , Steve McLaughlin



steve mclaughlin - April 25, 2025 at 09:05 PM

JH

“ His was a long life, well lived. My sympathies and condolences to his family.

Jonathan Hodgson

Jonathan A. Hodgson - April 24, 2025 at 03:18 PM

TF

“ The Fountain Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Carvel Bryan.

The Fountain Family - April 24, 2025 at 07:23 AM

TF

“ *The Fountain Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of David Carvel Bryan.*



The Fountain Family - April 24, 2025 at 07:23 AM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of David Carvel Bryan*



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - April 23, 2025 at 08:34 AM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of David Carvel Bryan*



Doug Pierson - April 22, 2025 at 08:39 AM

BC

“ *Billie Carroll lit a candle in memory of David Carvel Bryan*



Billie Carroll - April 21, 2025 at 06:01 PM

JY

“ Jane And Bill Young lit a candle in memory of David Carvel Bryan



Jane and Bill Young - April 20, 2025 at 07:18 AM

PF

“ I always enjoyed time spent in conversation with David and am sorry to learn of his passing. Prayers for the family.



Phil Foster - April 20, 2025 at 05:07 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of David Carvel Bryan



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - April 19, 2025 at 05:35 PM

JP

“ JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of David Carvel Bryan



JoAnn & Royden Powell - April 19, 2025 at 11:42 AM

JC

“ *Jane Coppage lit a candle in memory of David Carvel Bryan*



Jane Coppage - April 19, 2025 at 07:55 AM

JP

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to the Bryan family during this sorrowful time*



John Payne - April 18, 2025 at 10:57 PM

BP

“ *Bill And Norma Patton lit a candle in memory of David Carvel Bryan*



Bill and Norma Patton - April 18, 2025 at 07:03 PM

RJ

“ *Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of David Carvel Bryan*



Ronnie and Rhonda Jewell - April 18, 2025 at 06:37 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of David Carvel Bryan



June Clark - April 18, 2025 at 05:20 PM

JC

*Barbara and family,
David was our lawyer when he was in Centreville but I knew him and his family from Queenstown . He was a true country gentleman and I know he will be missed by many.RIP DearFriend*

June Clark - April 18, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ Laura Covey lit a candle in memory of David Carvel Bryan



Laura Covey - April 18, 2025 at 02:11 PM

JS

“ Always enjoyed talking to David. Knew th family well God Bless.

Jarrett and Frank Smith - April 18, 2025 at 09:51 AM

LM

“ My condolences to the entire Bryan family on your loss. My years working in his law office were full of good memories. RIP David Bryan.



Lucy Blackiston McGinnes - April 18, 2025 at 09:15 AM