



Harry Edward Bly

July 25, 1935 - September 27, 2023

Harry Edward Bly passed away peacefully at Chesapeake Hospice of Life Center on Wednesday, September 27, 2023. He was 88 years old.

Mr. Bly was born on July 25, 1935, in Cross, West Virginia to the late Russell E. Bly and Gladys Juanita DeShong. He was the oldest of 2 sons, and was preceded in death by his brother, Ronald.

He graduated from Barton High School in 1953, and moved to Ohio where he began painting and working in a local factory. In 1956 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at what was formerly called Andrews Air Force Base (Joint Base Andrews). After completing his service, including a tour in Korea, he was honorably discharged in 1960. That same year he met Nancy Carol Crouch, and they were married on December 28, 1960, in Chester, MD. They first made their home in Tiffin, Ohio, and later moved to Clinton, MD after Mr. Bly accepted a position with the National Weather Service (NOAA) as a computer specialist. They were residents of Clinton for nearly 30 years and fondly remembered the time spent with the Bells United Methodist Church community. He served on the property committee of Bells UMC for many years and was the past president of the Wildwood Neighborhood Civic Association.

In 1988 Harry moved his family to Chester, Maryland. He became a member

of the Kent Island United Methodist Church and regularly sang with the choir. He retired from NOAA in 1998 and began a part-time position with the Queen Anne's County Board of Education as a computer technician. Many Friday evenings were spent playing slow pitch softball for the parks and rec over 40 league or working on projects in the garage that he built. He was also an active member of the Museum of Eastern Shore Life and the Kent Island Heritage Society. He was well liked by all of his friends, teammates and coworkers.

Harry's greatest joy was the time spent with his family. Harry was a devoted husband and was inseparable from Nancy's side. They frequently enjoyed traveling to Western Maryland, Ocean City or even to the grocery store. The time spent together is what he treasured the most. He loved coaching his children's sports teams, volunteering at band events, and taking them camping. He was always eager to spend time with them and show his support. Harry loved being a grandfather to his six grandchildren and spent many afternoons watching them play sports, attending their music concerts, fishing or sailing kites with them.

Mr. Bly is survived by his loving wife of nearly 63 years, Nancy Bly. He is also survived by his daughter Bonnie Bly Elliott of Delmar, DE, his son Russell (Cary) of Edgewater, MD, and his six grandchildren Paul Elliott, Carol Greene (Stephen), David Elliott, Joshua Elliott, Branham Bly and Elizabeth Bly. Two great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends will also miss his presence.

A funeral service will be held 11AM on Wednesday October 4, 2023, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home 106 Shamrock Road Chester, MD. A visitation will be held 1 hour before from 10AM to 11AM. Burial will immediately follow in Stevensville Cemetery in Stevensville, MD.

In lieu of flowers, friends and family can make a memorial donation to the Museum of Eastern Shore Life. 106 Dulin Clark Road, Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street
Stevensville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Funeral Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harry Edward Bly*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 03, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *Harry Edward Bly*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Condolence and prayers to family*

sam ross - October 06, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *Jim Crouch lit a candle in memory of Harry Edward Bly*



Jim Crouch - October 05, 2023 at 03:44 PM

SH

“ Nancy and family, so sorry for your loss. I have found memories of Harry from church. God bless you and your family during this difficult time. Susan and Gary Hanlin

Susan Hanlin - October 04, 2023 at 08:24 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harry Edward Bly.



October 03, 2023 at 03:40 PM

CD

“ Harry and I shared a carpool ride daily to Silver Spring through the 1990s when we both worked for NOAA. He was the nicest guy and would help absolutely anyone. I enjoyed catching up with him each year when he volunteered at the Festival of Trains holiday show at Kent Narrows. Condolences to the family.

Cindy Driscoll - October 02, 2023 at 06:36 PM

WF

I was scrolling through obituaries of people that I use to know and there was Harry's name! I had no idea he had passed away 2 years ago. I met Harry when I worked at NOAA HR in Rockville, MD and Harry was working in Suitland, MD at the computer center. Harry was this nice, easy going guy and I was impressed with his computer knowledge. We were in the process of automating the NOAA personnel records and I thought Harry would be a great addition to our staff. He transferred to Rockville where he and I would carpool together from Upper Marlboro. Harry got me and my family involved in the Bells UMC in Camp Springs. We also managed a softball team together in a church league as well as at work. Our condolences to Nancy, Bonnie and Russell and the rest of the family on his passing. I enjoyed my time very much with him. He was a great guy and a good bowler as well!

William Freed - May 18, 2025 at 06:14 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of Harry Edward Bly



June Clark - October 02, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Harry Edward Bly.



October 02, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Harry Edward Bly.



October 02, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry Edward Bly.

October 02, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ Aunt Nancy, Bonnie, and Russ, I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Harry's passing. I will always remember him calling me Subaru Brat. My condolences and love to you and your families.



Suzanne - October 02, 2023 at 07:39 AM



“ Kari Oulahyane lit a candle in memory of Harry Edward Bly



Kari Oulahyane - October 01, 2023 at 04:33 PM

JC

“ I have many great memories as I was growing and going on trips with both uncle Harry and Aunt Nancy, both of them will always have a special place in my heart.



John Crouch - October 01, 2023 at 11:27 AM

GP

“ Gina Weston Paul lit a candle in memory of Harry Edward Bly



Gina Weston Paul - September 30, 2023 at 02:54 PM

BL

“ Harry and I worked together for ten years at the B of ED and on the Board of directors at the museum of Eastern Shore Life. He was my friend and the kind of guy you could count on for anything that needed to be done. More than once he had to help me fix a printer or set one up on the network. At the museum he did what he saw needed to be done and was always there to help with programs, setting up displays and working as a docent. Best of all he was my friend and someone I could talk to and share a meal with.
I will miss you Harry.

Bill Lampman

Bill Lampman - September 30, 2023 at 01:26 PM

MA

“ Nancy and Russell, we are sorry to learn of Harry's passing. I met Harry through Kent Island Youth Soccer when he helped me coach Russell's team. He was very dedicated to his Church and will be remembered by many. God bless your family at this time.

Mitchell and Tami Andrew

mittchell andrew - September 30, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Harry Edward Bly.



September 30, 2023 at 09:21 AM

AG

“ Amy, Bo And Benton Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Harry Edward Bly



Amy, Bo and Benton Greenwood - September 29, 2023 at 09:51 PM

DK

“ Dave&Claire Coursey Kelley lit a candle in memory of Harry Edward Bly



Dave&Claire Coursey Kelley - September 29, 2023 at 03:36 PM

BF

“ *Mrs. Nancy, We are so sorry for your loss. Mr. Harry was one of the sweetest men around. Always ready to lend a hand and help anyone that needed it. Our prayers for you and your family. JR & Brenda Faulkner*

Brenda Faulkner - September 29, 2023 at 09:46 AM