



Harry Robert Pryor

October 28, 1942 - June 19, 2025

Harry “Bob” Robert Pryor, 82, of Stevensville, MD, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on June 19, 2025.

Bob was born in Baltimore, MD on October 28, 1942, the son of Russell Lee Pryor, Sr. and Rhoda Elsie (Jahnigen) Pryor. Bob attended Arundel High School, and Catonsville Community College. He married the love of his life, Mary Kathleen, on February 8, 1964.

Bob’s life was dedicated to the fire service as both a volunteer and career firefighter. He volunteered at Elkridge and Linthicum Heights Volunteer Fire Stations for eight years before becoming a professional firefighter. Over the course of his 30-year career in the Baltimore County Fire Department, he achieved the rank of Battalion Chief. Upon moving to Stevensville, MD, he volunteered at United Communities Volunteer Fire Department for 37 years in a variety of roles up until his death. Bob was extremely proud to be inducted into the Kent & Queen Anne’s Fire, EMS, and Rescue Association’s Hall of Fame in 2017.

After his retirement, Bob was involved in the community. He worked at Queenstown Harbor Golf Course for ten years. He was a lifetime member at the Kent Island Elks Lodge 2576 and a lifetime auxiliary member at the Grasonville VFW 7464. In addition, he served on the Queen Anne’s County Liquor Board for several years.

Bob loved his family more than anything. He treasured his time with family and friends. He enjoyed golfing, boating, fishing, and crabbing. He and his wife loved to travel. Cruises were their favorite way to see the world. Some of their favorite trips were visiting Alaska, the Panama Canal, Nova Scotia, Canada, and the Caribbean. Later in life, they were content riding down to the dock in their golf cart or simply sitting in the rose garden enjoying each other's company.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Kathleen (nee Winterson) Pryor; daughter, Elaine Marie O'Neal (Doug); son, Steven Michael Pryor (Kobe); grandsons Austin Robert Pryor (Kayla), Connor Douglas O'Neal (Jacqueline), Evan William O'Neal, and Garrett Michael Pryor (Shauna); and great grandchildren Callan Michael Pryor and Abigail May O'Neal. In addition, he is survived by his brother, Charles Edward Pryor (Rosemary) and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Russell Lee Pryor, Jr.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newman Funeral Home, 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD where friends and family may visit from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. A memorial service will follow at 1:00 pm. Interment will be private for the family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in memory of Bob to either United Communities Volunteer Fire Department (9406 Romancoke Road Stevensville, MD 21666) or Compass Hospice (160 Courevall Drive Centreville, MD 21617).

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral

JUL 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 03, 2025 at 10:38 AM

BK

What a beautiful tribute to Bob, showing his deep love of family and their deep love of him. His lifelong dedication to public service, generosity helping others, and kindness brought peace and joy to the world. My prayers are with Kathy and the family for the hero we will all miss so much!



Barbara Klein - July 06, 2025 at 11:25 PM

PZ

A wonderful moving tribute to Pop! The love is palpable and he is so proud of both his family and his work! Much love & sympathy to all and May he Rest in Eternal Peace! 🙏🙏🙏💙😭😭❤️👍💙

Pete and Eileen Zeppa - July 07, 2025 at 07:05 PM

BS

“ Thinking of you with lots of love and saying prayers for your whole family. I hope you'll find comfort and peace knowing that your dad, who was so dearly loved and loved in return, will be with you always. As time goes on, his spirit will continue to bring you strength and love every step of the way. ❤️🙏



Bibi Schelberg - July 09, 2025 at 11:02 AM



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

July 08, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry Robert Pryor.



July 08, 2025 at 03:50 PM

SB

“ Sarah and Jason Brezler purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Harry Robert Pryor.



Sarah and Jason Brezler - July 08, 2025 at 02:53 PM

GS

“ Gem nails & soa purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Harry Robert Pryor.



Gem nails & soa - July 08, 2025 at 10:13 AM

GD

“ Gail and Dale Dadds purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harry Robert Pryor.



Gail and Dale Dadds - July 08, 2025 at 08:33 AM

TF

“ The Sutton Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Harry Robert Pryor.



The Sutton Family - July 07, 2025 at 05:31 PM

CN

“ Craig, Tony, and Nick purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harry Robert Pryor.



Craig, Tony, and Nick - July 05, 2025 at 05:44 PM

LK

“ Lisa K. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Harry Robert Pryor.



Lisa K. - July 04, 2025 at 08:02 AM

LK

“ Lisa K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harry Robert Pryor.

Lisa K. - July 04, 2025 at 08:02 AM

DD

“ Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I will always remember the times i worked with Bob and the knowledge he shared with me and others.

Don Devers
Balto.co. Fire Department

Don Devers - July 02, 2025 at 05:25 AM

RR

“ My deepest sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time. Bob was a wonderful man. I'll always remember the many good times we shared. You're in my thoughts.



Roseayn Reid - June 27, 2025 at 08:22 PM

CB

“ *Cindy Dill (vfw Bartender) lit a candle in memory of Harry Robert Pryor*



Cindy Dill (vfw bartender) - June 27, 2025 at 07:16 PM

SL

“ *Suzanne Lane lit a candle in memory of Harry Robert Pryor*



Suzanne Lane - June 26, 2025 at 09:04 PM

SL

I remember Mr Bob living behind my grandparents at Shipping Creek. He would always visit even after my mom had passed. Prayers to all.

Suzanne Lane - June 26, 2025 at 09:06 PM

AB

“ *Sending hugs and prayers to the Pryor family!!! Our thoughts are with everyone at this difficult time!!!
Andy, Peg, Christy and Ryan*



Andy, Peg, Christy and Ryan Breeding - June 26, 2025 at 12:34 PM

RC

“ *Ruthsburg Community Club sent a virtual gift in memory of Harry Robert Pryor*



Ruthsburg Community Club - June 25, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harry Robert Pryor.*



June 25, 2025 at 09:33 AM

DD

“ *Debbie Dean lit a candle in memory of Harry Robert Pryor*



Debbie Dean - June 24, 2025 at 03:27 PM

TF

“ *The Rousseau Family lit a candle in memory of Harry Robert Pryor*



The Rousseau Family - June 24, 2025 at 08:24 AM

PF

“ We met Bob and Kathy at VFW many many yrs ago, We are very sorry for this loss. He was a very good man. Pam & Joe Frantz

Pam frantz - June 23, 2025 at 02:07 PM

SR

“ Bob was one of the nicest guys I think I have ever met. The last time I saw him he was waiting in the car while Kathy picked up some items in CVS. Hw asked me how things were going at the VFW. He will be greatly missed.

Sharon Lough Robertson - June 23, 2025 at 11:05 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Harry Robert Pryor



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - June 23, 2025 at 09:29 AM

GP

Your are in our prayers and thoughts during your loss. Many blessings to your family. God bless. Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - June 23, 2025 at 09:30 AM

LF

“ We will miss our dear friend and neighbor. Bob always had a unique ability to uplift everyone and share great stories that usually had a lesson at the end. He truly cared about everyone.

Leigh and Frank - June 22, 2025 at 05:24 PM

RJ

“ Richard and I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Bob. We are sending our prayers to you and your family. Your family was great neighbors for a lot of years over in Severn Md



Richard and Glenda Jerns - June 21, 2025 at 05:18 PM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz sent a virtual gift in memory of Harry Robert Pryor



Tracy Schulz - June 20, 2025 at 05:40 PM

SB

“ We are so sorry to learn of Bob's passing. 😞
Professionally he was recognized as a hard worker and effective leader.
And personally he will always be remembered as a good friend.
Prayers for the family. 🙏
~ Steve and Lisa

Steve and Lisa Brezler - June 20, 2025 at 01:44 PM

DD

“ Very Sorry for your Loss! 💔 Here's to an Amazing Friend & Leader
😊 Sending Condolences 🌸 & Prayers 🙏 to the whole Pryor Family. 😊

Denny Dembeck - June 20, 2025 at 12:17 PM