



Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron

July 18, 1935 - April 23, 2020

Cap'n Bobby Aaron died peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, April 23, 2020. We think he did it on purpose to avoid the large funeral service he did not want, and we planned to have anyway.

Bobby was known for his quick wit, tall tales, and big heart. He was a fascinating man, one of kind, a true Kent Island Waterman and a master of many trades. He left his mark on this world through hard work, humility, kindness, generosity and his deep care and concern for watermen. He was a highly intelligent man, recently described as a true engineer that could build almost anything.

Born on July 18, 1935, to William Oscar Aaron and Carolyn A. Dadds of Stevensville, MD, Bobby grew up enjoying everything outdoors. Fishing, crabbing, and hunting were a big part of his life. He was a Boy Scout, played baseball, enjoyed ice skating, horseback riding, and playing golf.

Bobby attended school in Stevensville and graduated from Stevensville High School in 1953. As a teenager, he began working on the water because of his love for the outdoors. He also worked as a heavy equipment operator working for David Nichols and cut the roads through Cloverfields and other local developments. He worked for Bramble's on the project that dualized Rt. 50 going to Easton.

Bobby was drafted in 1955 and served in the U.S. Army as a Radio Operator for the 1st Armored Division until 1957. We are guessing that he didn't think much of being bossed around since he declined the offer to reenlist. Always the perfectionist, he would correct you if you stated that he had served for two years by answering, "No. It was 1 year, 11 months, 29 days, 21 hours and 40 minutes." He was honorably discharged into the Army Reserves until 1963.

He married the love of his life, Mary Lorraine Gardner, on December 19, 1959. They had two daughters, Debby and Brenda. In 1971, Bobby and Lorraine purchased their family home at 126 East Main Street in Stevensville. As a skilled craftsman, he used his talent to completely renovate the 100-year old home.

It was at this time that he opened "The Shop" where most folks got to know him, have a few beers, and tell a few tales. The focus of his work was on anything and everything to do with working on the water. Primarily clam rigs, but including a 30' crab boat, a 42' workboat, crab pots, eel pots, hand-woven dip nets and more.

It is a well-known fact that he would stop in the middle of a project to help anyone that came in to see him through those big green doors. Whatever someone needed, he could fix it, fabricate it or create it. He did what needed to be done to get them back to work. There have been many problems solved in his shop over a few beers and a lot of laughs.

Bobby joined Masonic Lodge #180 and served as Master of the lodge in 1981. When the lodge began holding their annual ham and oyster dinners, Bobby would catch or buy bushels of oysters to donate to the lodge. He would have other lodge members join him in the shop for an assembly line shucking party. There has never been, nor will there ever be another man like Bobby Aaron. He has touched the lives and hearts of so many people. He has been a

teacher and mentor to countless young men. The sign with its bright orange letters posted on his shop reminds Kent Islanders that they have lost one of their own. Beer drinking and bull spit sessions just won't be the same without their friend, mentor and comrade. Take a ride past the shop and wave goodbye to the best man we ever knew.

In addition to his parents he was predeceased by his brother, Billy, and his sister, Joyce. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; daughters, Debby Freburger, Brenda Faulkner (JR); grandchildren, Bonnie Bassford (David), Joshua Humphreys, Jennifer Fitzcharles (Anthony), Erica Blackistone (Todd); great-grandchildren, Rachael and Gannon Bassford and Jaxson McCreary; sisters, Ida Jean Buckel (Joe) and Carol Aaron; and many treasured nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Compass Regional Hospice, KIVFD or KIUMC.

Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Sorry to say but we will NOT be having a service for Dad on July 18th as planned. We will notify everyone at the time the service is planned.

Brenda Faulkner - June 27, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ Brenda I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. I know you were close and very proud of him. I am praying for you and your family.

Donna and Hank

Donna Malinski - May 03, 2020 at 02:10 PM

BF

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Brenda Faulkner - May 02, 2020 at 01:55 PM

BF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brenda Faulkner - May 02, 2020 at 01:54 PM

BF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brenda Faulkner - May 02, 2020 at 01:50 PM

BR

“ Brenda, thinking about you and your family a lot. Sending love, thoughts, and prayers. I love reading all the stories about your dad and people's loving experiences with him. He seemed like an amazing guy. When my mom past away, I remember saying, I mostly feel sorry for the people that will never get to meet him. I am sorry I never got to meet your dad. He lives on in these stories and memories. I know now where you get your loving, kind, and giving personality from. Know your dad, you, and your family are surrounded with God's love and your dad will always be with you.

Bob Rosekrans - May 02, 2020 at 10:03 AM

ML

“ I moved here 22 years ago and brought countless projects to Bobby for help. He stopped whatever he was working on and found a solution. His kindness and generosity was felt by all. He never charged me enough - Bobby is an inspiration! Thank you Bobby for everything!

Sincerely - Mark Laird

Mark Laird - April 30, 2020 at 05:58 PM

RU

“ I met Bobby about two years ago when I needed a Deere mower deck welded. I originally took it to the lawn mower shop next to Bobby’s garage. They sent me to see Bobby. So thankful they did! Almost immediately I loved this guy! After I showed him the issue, I could not bring myself to just leave. I had to get to know him better. We talked about the shore and other stuff and I found myself not wanting to leave. A true to life Eastern shoreman! His sharp wit, obvious high intelligence about welding and all things Kent Island, colorful language, and incredible work ethic, I ate it up! As I left his garage, I remembered him telling me it was his birthday so instead of going straight home, I went to Food Lion and bought him a strawberry shortcake. After I gave it to him, I wished him a happy birthday and thanked him for the time he spent with me which to me was much more valuable than the welding job would be, even though that too was outstanding! They don’t call his generation the greatest ever for nothing! Rest easy Mr. Aaron and thanks so much for giving me a memory I will never forget. To his wife, daughters, and family I offer my prayers during this difficult time. I will miss him.

Rick Urbanski - April 30, 2020 at 05:06 PM

RB

“ I am only a chicken-necker, but I had great respect for Mr. "Bobby". I always found him to be fair. I am sorry for your/our loss.

Richard Baines - April 29, 2020 at 08:57 PM

J.

“ Bobby, I couldn't have asked God to give me a better man than you to be my father in-law. You were much more than that to me. You were more like a father to me. I am proud to have been able to spend so many years with you as a part of your family. I know we didn't always see eye to eye on some things but thats ok,nobody does. You were always a man of your word and stood behind it no matter what. You helped me become the man I am today. You taught me to also live by those same principles. I cherish the time that we got to share together and for you taking the time to share a portion of your wisdom with me. God truly blessed me when he shared you with me. Till we meet again in the presence of God. I will do my best to see that things are taken care of here to show my honor and respect for you. Farewell my friend. J.R.Faulkner, Your favorite son in-law.

J.R..Faulkner - April 29, 2020 at 08:43 PM

BF

“ Miss you Dad!



Brenda Faulkner - April 29, 2020 at 06:06 PM

AD

I am so sorry for your loss 😞

Aimee Daniel - April 29, 2020 at 07:00 PM

RB

Brenda, I;m sorry.....

Richard Baines - April 29, 2020 at 08:58 PM

RO

love the white tshirt love you all

Ron - April 29, 2020 at 09:46 PM

TS

Brenda... I haven't been able to look at the tributes until now ...and I am still not able to do it without crying. Love you all. Hugs.

Terri Schneider - May 20, 2020 at 07:04 PM

JM

“ *Mr. Bobby you are so greatly going to missed here at Eastern Shore Metals I looked forward to just about week you calling in to place your steel order ! Always as sweet as you could be never a unkind word I was blessed to talk with you for so many years loved your stories and our talks always ending of course with it is about time for you to get a Budweiser . Only remember him being mad one time when I didn't take his call I wasn't in that day and he had to talk to a guy that worked there and he said That guy is an ass hole and I don't want to talk to him anymore and for Mr. Bobby to say that it had to be true he was rude to him of course he is not employed here anymore he didn't realize you don't talk to Mr. Bobby like that and don't you know I let that guy know ! He was my favorite customer going to miss him deeply ! Prayers to all of your family and friend such a great loss !! Lots of love to you all
June Marvel and Eastern Shore Metals*

June Marvel - April 29, 2020 at 02:32 PM

JP

“ *Mr. Aaron will be deeply missed i thought of him as a friend as well as a customer.
We here at R.D. Grier and Sons wish the family the best.*

Joe Parker - April 29, 2020 at 02:05 PM

AB

“ *Mr. Bobby Aaron will be greatly missed at Matheson. We luckily had the pleasure of meeting such a kind man that brightened our days when he stopped in. If we can do anything or you have any service after this is over please let us know.*



Aimee and Beau - April 29, 2020 at 12:21 PM

BH

“ *SHOW ME THE WAY TO GO HOME
I'M TIRED AND I WANT TO GO TO BED
COS I HAD A LITTLE DRINK, ABOUT AN HOUR AGO,
AND IT'S GONE RIGHT TO MY HEAD,
NO MATTER WHERE I ROAM
ON LAND OR "THE BAY" OR FOAM
YOU WILL ALWAYS HEAR ME SINGING THIS SONG
"SHOW ME THE WAY TO GO "HOME"!!!*

Such a pleasure to have known you and proud to be a member of your family.

God Bless you and your Family.....Bryan Hall

Bryan Hall - April 29, 2020 at 04:59 AM

SJ

“ *Suzanne Jackson lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron*



Suzanne Jackson - April 28, 2020 at 10:48 PM

Doug
Kayhoe

“ My condolences to the extended family. Bobby was always a great friend of the Waterman and would help out and do whatever he could do to get you back to work. He would stop doing whatever he was doing if he knew you had to get back to work the next day. There has been a lot of 10 ounce Budweiser carried into that shop and a lot of problems solved. May you put all your skills and knowledge to work in heaven. RIP

Doug Kayhoe - April 28, 2020 at 08:58 PM

AT

“ Amy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron



Amy Thomas - April 28, 2020 at 05:36 PM

BF

“ Here's to you.



Brenda Faulkner - April 28, 2020 at 10:38 AM

WT

That made me cry, Mr Bobby's been a part of my life for ever.

Wendy Walters Tryon - May 01, 2020 at 03:27 PM

BF

“ *Rainy and Pop Christmas 2019*



Brenda Faulkner - April 28, 2020 at 10:21 AM

RO

That's two CHAMPIONS in that pic ! Made me smile AMEN Love you

Ron - April 28, 2020 at 08:48 PM

DG

“ *I wonder just how many people have a “piece” of Uncle Bobby in their homes? I bet there are many! He loved to share joy and happiness through his carvings. I bought this shelf years ago just to display the special pieces of his art that I am grateful to have in our home. The larger duck, Aunt Lorraine brought to Evan’s 2nd birthday party and it was signed especially for Evan from his Great Uncle Bobby.*

And of course, I have to leave a special note about how one day, Uncle Bobby asked his shy niece if he could call her “George”. I said No at first and got all red in the face. It grew to become our joke and his special way of bringing me out of my shell.

You’ll live forever in our hearts Uncle Bobby.

With much love,

Donna (AKA George) ❤️



Donna Garde - April 27, 2020 at 09:40 PM

BF

“ Special thanks to Johnny Coursey for this video tribute



Brenda Faulkner - April 27, 2020 at 07:59 PM



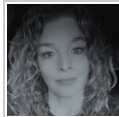
Oh my god this took my breath away. Amazing tribute Johnny Coursey.
❤️❤�

Nina White - April 27, 2020 at 09:40 PM

DG

This is so great! Thank you for sharing.

Donna Garde - April 27, 2020 at 09:41 PM



Thank you for sharing!

Melissa Tucker - April 27, 2020 at 10:31 PM



Very nice Johnny. I learn something new every day. Special tribute to a good honest hard-working man. Bobby helped anybody anytime

Doug Kayhoe - April 28, 2020 at 08:41 PM

CJ

Nice Job Johnny. He will be missed. RIP my friend Casey Jones

casey jones - April 28, 2020 at 09:24 PM

AH

Such a perfect tribute, Johnny. You really honored him. Also, Bootsie would be so proud of you and rightly so.

ava honeycutt - April 29, 2020 at 09:09 PM

KP

“ Keith Parkerson lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron



Keith Parkerson - April 27, 2020 at 03:21 PM

RF

“ Dear Aunt Lorraine, Debbie, Brenda and Family,
Our love and prayers go out to all of you. Honored to have been able to call this great man my “Uncle Bobby”. A hard working man that built up his own livelihood and legacy that will live on forever. RIP Uncle Bobby “Tight Lines & FISH ON Forever”. You will be very missed but never forgotten. Love Ron, Dawn, Ryan and Kade.

Ron Taylor Family - April 27, 2020 at 01:49 PM

DP

“ Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron



Doug Pierson - April 27, 2020 at 12:55 PM

TF

“ To one of the most amazing men that I have ever known. I always enjoyed stopping in and talking to Mr. Bobby. I just wish that I had stopped more often. When you left his shop you always had a smile on your face from hearing his stories or from him giving you a hard time. He would always find a way to fix whatever you had broke and would never charge you enough and sometimes would just tell you to get out of here when you offered to pay. It will be hard to ride by his shop and not see the door open and Mr. Bobby standing out there welding on a clam rig or building something. I am glad that you are resting now and are at peace. Your loss has left a big void in the Kent Island community that will never be able to be filled. Especially by someone with your talent and never ending stories. I hope God stocked up on plenty of Budweiser's. Rest in Peace Mr. Bobby!

Tracy Schulz

Tracy and Stacey Schulz and Family - April 27, 2020 at 12:37 PM

FT

“ Frankie Todd lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron



Frankie Todd - April 27, 2020 at 09:48 AM

GS

“ Greg And Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron



Greg and Laura Saddler - April 27, 2020 at 07:41 AM

TP

“ *The working man's friend. Sorry for a great loss to the family and community.*

Greg and Lorraine Parkerson

The Parkersons - April 26, 2020 at 10:35 PM

LS

“ *Lorraine Debbie and Brenda I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great guy.*



lu anne smith - April 26, 2020 at 10:19 PM

SA

“ *Sewardie, Mary & Annie lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron*



Sewardie, Mary & Annie - April 26, 2020 at 07:09 PM

GT

“ *George Teves lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron*



george teves - April 26, 2020 at 05:30 PM

AJ

“ *My Dad, Richard (Dickie) LaBrie had very fond memories of Mr. Bobby Aaron before he passed 3 years to the very day. I'm sure Dad and a whole lot of other Kent Island Watermen are up there getting Mr. Bobby to weld something for them! May he RIP. Our condolences, Betty Lou LaBrie and April LaBrie Jordan*

April LaBrie Jordan - April 26, 2020 at 04:14 PM

MT

What a hero. Our condolences to the family and friends. Well for that sake the whole community. God speed capt. Bob

Marcus an Vicky Thomas - April 29, 2020 at 04:29 AM

LS

“ *One of the "good ole boys" of KI. R.I.P. Mr. Aaron.*

Laura Sadowski - April 26, 2020 at 04:06 PM

RN

“ *My sympathy to the family in this time of loss. It's also a great loss to the Island. I remember he was the go to guy when my dad, Stewart Nash, needed something for his boat fixed.*

Robin Nash - April 26, 2020 at 03:33 PM

RV

“ *As I past his Shop daily as I drive a school bus (27yrs) 3 times a day
He would always tip his welding helmet at me!
May his : Kindness, laughter, and Humor inspires us all
And Never Forgotten!
Rest in peace Mr Bobby!*

Ronnie Valentine - April 26, 2020 at 01:41 PM

JZ

“ *Mr. Bob was one of the first people I met when we moved to Stevensville almost 40 years ago. I don't remember what I needed fixed, but he gruffed at me a bit, solved my problem, and charged less than the job was worth. Over the years, I got used to him razzing at me when ever I came to his shop, especially if I had tried to fix it first and needed him to bail me out.*

He could do anything. Build, fix, design, whatever. From clam rigs, to work boats, to decoys. He was a great guy to spend a bit of time with and was always free with his advice. Sometimes that advice could be printed in a family newspaper, but not often from what I recall.

Last I saw him a year or so ago, he said he was about done with working. I reminded him that's what he had said about 10 years ago and he just laughed at me.

Thanks Mr. Bob.

Joe Zimmerman

Joe Zimmerman - April 26, 2020 at 12:05 PM

BM

“ *I've known mr. Rob for many many years he was friends with my grandad Medford Thomas he used to come into the boatyard having my grandad would talk stories and laugh he's going to be missed I like my granddad*

Booter this is what mr. Bobby called me - April 26, 2020 at 11:59 AM

TG

“ Terry K Gertz lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron



terry k gertz - April 26, 2020 at 11:51 AM

TG

Always many laughs and cold beer anytime you went there,, Surely will be missed

terry k gertz - April 26, 2020 at 11:53 AM

EK

“ He was a good neighbor and a kind friend to me Never left him without laughing about something he said I have been missing him for awhile now So sorry to hear

Eleanor Kemp - April 26, 2020 at 11:43 AM

DL

“ I am devastated with the news of Bobby's passing. The Aaron family has been a part of my life since moving in with Aunt Elaine when I was twelve. The fishing trips, the Saturday night poker games...too many memories to list. My fondest will be of Bobby teaching Malori how to say bulls%^t when she was under two years old. 34 years later, whenever she saw him, she would blurt out, Bulls\$% Uncle Bobby!" Sharon, Malori, and I are truly saddened and sorry for your loss.



David Lewis - April 26, 2020 at 11:15 AM

FL

“ He probably didn't even know he is a Legend!
Praying for the family. RIP Mr. Bobby.



Family of Bobby & Mary Kathryn Lee - April 26, 2020 at 09:54 AM

PD

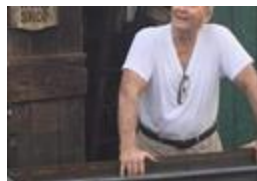
“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My Mom sends her
thoughts to you all. Sending love and prayers.



Patty Davidson - April 26, 2020 at 09:14 AM

AF

“ Hello everyone, I was asked by Brenda, Bobby's daughter to share
this picture of her Dad. Brenda, Debby and and their Mother would
like for you all to share pictures and memories with them. They do
not have Facebook. I'm providing Brendas email below. Feel free to
send pictures or screen shots of memories shared to her there/here.
They look forward to your emails. Brenda Faulkner bfaulkner208@gmail.com
or you can share them here.



Anna Fox - April 26, 2020 at 08:56 AM

DS

This was a GREAT MAN he treated Donald & I like we were family as
we are sure he did to others. A real Legion in his time and for ever.

Donald and Margaret Sheckells - April 26, 2020 at 10:22 AM

PD

“ *My condolences and prayers. So sorry for your loss.* ”



Phil Davidson - April 26, 2020 at 08:07 AM

BF

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Brenda Faulkner - April 26, 2020 at 07:50 AM

DE

Pappy loved his Farmers Almanac.

Debby - April 26, 2020 at 10:15 PM



Great picture! Rest in peace Uncle Bobby ❤️❤️

Nina White - April 27, 2020 at 06:39 PM

ST

“ *Shirley&Guy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron* ”



Shirley&Guy Thomas - April 26, 2020 at 06:29 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - April 25, 2020 at 08:00 PM

Jackie Benton

“ Jackie Benton lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron



Jackie Benton - April 25, 2020 at 07:25 PM

BN

“ Bobby and Genevieve Norris lit a candle in memory of Bobby Aaron with our deepest sympathy to Lorraine and family.



Bob Norris - April 25, 2020 at 04:59 PM

CF

“ Cole Family lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron



Cole Family - April 25, 2020 at 02:56 PM

KO

“ *Kari Oulahyane lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron*



Kari Oulahyane - April 25, 2020 at 02:50 PM

MG

“ *Sorry for your loss. Miss you all and love you*

Marc Grollman - April 25, 2020 at 12:25 PM

CJ

“ *Claudia Jewell lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron*



Claudia Jewell - April 25, 2020 at 11:34 AM

BC

“ *Ms Lorraine Debbie and Brenda ,
I am so sorry for your loss I never really got to
know him I only have met him once but I have
seen and heard many a story of a kind
hearted hard working fun lovin man The
community will surely miss Mr Bobby
My prayers and thoughts are with all of you
Bonnie*



Bonnie Coleman - April 25, 2020 at 11:23 AM

TL

“ Tammy Kaufman Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron



Tammy Kaufman Larrimore - April 25, 2020 at 11:23 AM

TK

“ Tom And Donna Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron



Tom and Donna Kaufman - April 25, 2020 at 10:23 AM

JS

“ Jane Sparks lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron



Jane Sparks - April 25, 2020 at 07:49 AM

DH

“ Diane Hoxter lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron



Diane Hoxter - April 25, 2020 at 07:15 AM

BH

“ *Bryan Hall lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron*



Bryan Hall - April 25, 2020 at 05:41 AM

WH

“ *William H Hall lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron*



William H Hall - April 25, 2020 at 05:40 AM

NH

“ *Nancy Lee Hall lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron*

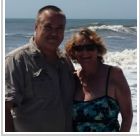


Nancy Lee Hall - April 25, 2020 at 05:30 AM

NH

Lorraine, I have marked my calendar for July 18th, mark yours for our annual date in November. My prays and love to you, Debby, and Brenda.

Nancy Lee Hall - April 25, 2020 at 05:39 AM



“ *Nina White lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron*



Nina White - April 24, 2020 at 10:11 PM



Aunt Lorraine, Debby, and Brenda. You have been in my thoughts and prayers since I found out Uncle Bobby was sick. I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers, hugs and love. Love you all ❤️❤️

Nina White - April 24, 2020 at 10:17 PM

KD

“ *Kenny Duncan lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron*



kenny duncan - April 24, 2020 at 08:18 PM

MR

“ *Mark & Missy Rousseau lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Lawrence Aaron*



Mark & Missy Rousseau - April 24, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ *Jim Ewing lit a candle in memory of Robert
"Bobby" Lawrence Aaron*



Jim Ewing - April 24, 2020 at 01:54 PM