



Robert David Dowling

February 2, 1953 - August 3, 2026

Robert David Dowling of Chestertown, MD passed away August 3, 2026, at his home. He was 73.

Born February 2, 1953, in Chestertown, MD to the late Leroy Herbert “Murph” and Laura May Gears Dowling. Rob graduated from Chestertown High School with the class of 1971 and soon after joined the workforce working for various jobs including a fuel truck delivery driver for Stenger Gas Co. and Paradee Oil Co. as well as Chesapeake Glass & Mirror before settling with Verizon formerly Bell Atlantic as a cable splicer until his retirement.

Along the way Rob created many memories in his lifetime. He met Kathy Coleman at Betterton Beach on July 25, 1973, after a summer romance turned permanent, they married on August 17, 1974, and began their life together while raising two children Kate and Walker. Rob always remained close to home spending most of his time down home on the Dowling Farm.

Along the way Rob created many great friendships throughout his hobbies, he enjoyed boating, water skiing, fishing, motorcycling, video gaming, hunting; he was best known for his jokes and stories told in the hunting trailer, and above all else he loved spending time with his grandsons as well as his family and friends. He frequently volunteered at his children’s and grandchildren’s schools over the years and was very involved in the community. He had a love for animals, especially Big Dog the Foxhound.

Rob learned many valuable things through the years he had a few that were very important to him including “You can do anything if you try” (Pop), “Don’t

back down when you know you are right” (Dad), and “It’s okay to be different” (Mom) he found these to be extremely valuable in various scenarios though his life.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his grandparents, Herbert Leroy and Ethel Dowling, Perry and Laura Crofoot Gears as well as one sister “Connie” Constance Slade.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Kathy Dowling; one son Walker Dowling of Chestertown, MD and one daughter Kate Dowling Stone of Worton, MD; Sisters “Lolly” Laura Riordan, and “Betty” Elizabeth Dowling; Grandchildren Gabriel Cypress Stone, Finneous Markham Stone and Robert Caleb Stone all of Worton, MD; nieces and nephews Kelly Anthony, Matthew Anthony, Kristan Slade and Lynden Slade.

In lieu of flowers donations can be Made to KART PO Box 126, Worton, MD 21678.

Services will be held at a later date to be announced.

Tribute Wall

EH

“ I am shocked and so sorry to hear of Rob's passing. I loved having him and your family as a part of Kent County 4-H for so many years. His devotion to his grandchildren was heartwarming. I am so very sorry for your loss and send my deepest condolences. On behalf of the Kent 4-H Family, our deepest sympathies.

Elizabeth M.S. Hill - August 20 at 04:22 PM

DA

“ Kathy, to say I was shocked when you called to tell me that Rob had passed is an understatement. Rob was the best friend anyone could hope for. He was my best friend, best man at my wedding and I loved him like a brother. Whenever I came home to visit the first thing I did was call Rob and we would get together and talk about our "adventures" together. I still smile when I think about our time in the Kent County Militia, riding motorcycles together and just hanging out and getting "silly". You, Kate and Walker are in Cathy and my prayers and know that you will always be a part of our extended family.

Dave and Cathy Ashley

David Ashley - August 13 at 09:48 AM

JG

“ Kathy, we are so sorry to hear of Rob's passing. Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to you and the family.



Jeff and Vicky Galt - August 09 at 12:13 PM

LO

“ *Leslie Owens lit a candle in memory of Robert David Dowling*



Leslie Owens - August 09 at 07:43 AM

BS

“ *Rob was a good storyteller - I bet he could spin a good yarn about his own passing! I knew him as an amazing father, caring husband to Kathy, and devoted grandfather to three special boys who were everything to him. Heaven gained a special guy, but he sure will be missed here on earth. Sending love and condolences to his family.*

Brittany Shroyer - August 08 at 08:11 PM

MR

“ *So sorry to hear of Rob's passing. Our sympathy to all the family.*

Mary Theresa Redman - August 08 at 05:17 PM

FL

“ *To the entire Dowling family. This has come as a shock and we are so very sorry for your loss. Hope all of the wonderful memories will help to ease the pain.*



Frankie and Cathy Legg - August 08 at 04:48 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this. Rob and I had many a laugh while at Verizon. Our prayers*

Matt Larrimore - August 08 at 08:54 AM

MP

“ *Mary Pase lit a candle in memory of Robert David Dowling*



Mary Pase - August 07 at 06:50 PM

DN

“ *Debbie And Bob Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Robert David Dowling*



Debbie and Bob Nickerson - August 07 at 10:19 AM

PH

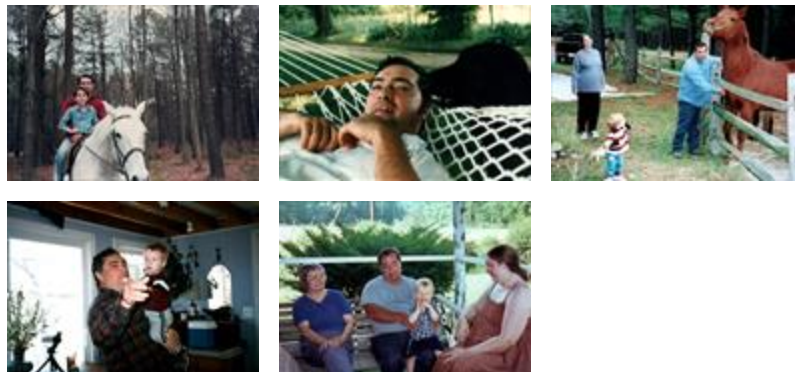
“ *Peggy Hammer lit a candle in memory of Robert David Dowling*



Peggy Hammer - August 07 at 08:41 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 06 at 02:00 PM

DL

“ Happy memories of living at Langford Bay near the wonderful Dowling family, especially Betty and Lolly. Prayers going up for all of you.

Do Leonard - August 05 at 09:20 PM

JJ

“ So sorry to hear of Rob's passing. Rob and I shared so many good times in High School. I will always remember our discussions which always ended in lots of laughter. He was truly a good friend. May the memories you shared bring you comfort in the difficult days ahead and may God bless all of you.

JACKIE JOHNSON - August 05 at 07:58 PM



“ R.I.P. Rob. You left your mark here. See you on the other side.

Julian Clark - August 05 at 02:54 PM

CH

“ Oh, Kathy, Kate and Walker, we are so, so sorry for all of you, and for your children, Kate. I can only imagine this huge loss, and how it will impact every one of you. My, how much Rob loved all of you, and those kids - they were everything to him. Well, all of you were. : (

Cheryl S Hoopes - August 04 at 10:22 PM

LF

“ Liz Fleetwood lit a candle in memory of Robert David Dowling



Liz Fleetwood - August 04 at 05:32 PM

SW

“ RIP Rob. My thoughts & Prayers are with your family.



Sharon Smith, Wingo - August 04 at 12:31 AM

BA

“ Went to High School with Rob and he was a nice guy. So very sorry for the families loss. Thoughts and Prayers for the family at this difficult time.



Barbara Mills Allen - August 03 at 07:26 PM