



## Dr. Robert C. Flaherty

August 18, 1923 - January 27, 2017

Easton, MD:

Dr. Robert C. Flaherty peacefully joined his Family and the Lord on Friday January 27, 2017 at his home in Easton, MD.

The youngest of seven brothers and sisters, Bob was born on August 18, 1923 in the small, southwestern Virginia town of Eagle Rock. His parents were Nelson V. and Avis Deisher Flaherty.

After attending Eagle Rock High School, Bob moved on to VPI (now Virginia Tech) in Blacksburg, VA. in 1940. With a keen interest in animals and agriculture, Bob became a cadet at VPI and a student in their Veterinary School. In 1942 Bob attended the University of Pennsylvania and received his degree in Veterinary Medicine. After college in 1947, Bob had a brief stint at a small-animal clinic in Towson, MD. He soon headed across the Bay on the ferry to Easton, MD in 1948 where he began his large-animal practice. At that time and through the 1960's most farmers had dairy cows. They still remember that "Doc" would come day or night if he was needed to help a sick cow or horse.

In 1970 Bob decided to follow a life-long dream to see other parts of the World. He accepted a new role as a veterinarian with the USDA. This allowed Bob to travel to places like Bulgaria, Romania, Israel, Australia and to spend an extended period in New Zealand. Throughout these years his children were also able to travel with him from time to time.

After Bob's retirement he returned to his home in Easton, MD, and lived out

his happiest days by working in his garden and attending to his fruit trees and property on Peachblossom Creek.

Bob was preceded in death by his Mother and Father; as well as his brothers, Earl and Tom; and sisters, Janet, Jane, Florence and Ruth; as well as two very special friends, Arthur A. "Pete" Covey and Irvin Schwanninger.

He is survived by his former wife, Janet D. Flaherty of Bethesda, MD; his sons, R. Kevin Flaherty, and his wife Tess of Dallas, TX, and Stephen C. Flaherty, and his wife Lee Ann of Crisfield, MD; daughters Gail F. Scott of Annapolis, MD, and Cynthia F. Julyan, and her husband Mark, of Easton, MD; along with his grandchildren Courtney J. Flaherty, K. Brooks and wife Paige Flaherty, and Charles L. Scott.

A small Family memorial celebration of Bob's life will be held on February 18, 2017 at Eagle Rock, Virginia.

The Family requests that donations in his honor be made to: Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Dr. Easton, MD 21601, or to the Eagle Rock United Methodist Church 14565 Church St. Eagle Rock, VA 24085.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Robert C. Flaherty*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dr. Robert C. Flaherty*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Dr. Robert C. Flaherty*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *To the family of Dr. Flaherty, my family and I extend our deepest sympathies. We have had the pleasure of getting to know Dr. Flaherty over the past year. We enjoyed his stories and watching him play with our dogs Birdie and Atticus whenever we brought them by for a visit. The dogs were always excited to see him knowing it meant snacks or perhaps a bite of leftover sandwich. Lately, Dr. Flaherty took an interest in Dan's remodeling of our bathroom of all things, mentioning it with interest whenever we visited! It was so random, yet we all found humor in it and it provided a momentary distraction and smiles. We will miss our visits and remember him fondly.*

Anne Arnold - February 03, 2017 at 09:31 AM

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“ To the family of Dr. Bob,  
Our family's have been close for so long and  
my dad Irvin was one of his best friends. They  
shared the same birthday and celebrated  
sometimes together. Now at the end he  
passed on my birthday. We loved him and keep you all in our  
thoughts and prayers. RIP Dr Bob



Walt, Judy & Alice Mae Schwaninger - February 02, 2017 at 05:42 PM

JH

“ Joyce Andrew Hollingsworth lit a candle in  
memory of Dr. Robert C. Flaherty



Joyce Andrew Hollingsworth - February 01, 2017 at 05:57 PM

JH

*My deepest sympathy to the Family of Dr. Flaherty.*

*It is with sadness and fond memories I remember Dr. Flaherty.. Daddy always called Dr. Flaherty for all the farm's animals and especially the horses which were my main concern. I would watch for him to arrive and then be sent to the house since I was too small and would be in the way. I remember the last visit he made. It was to my horse with a deep wire cut in his neck. I remember Dr. Flaherty treating him and before he left saying he would be alright. And he was!. He was a really good vet and we were fortunate to have known him.*

*With sincere sympathy.,  
Joyce Andrew Hollingsworth*

Joyce Andrew Hollingsworth - February 01, 2017 at 06:14 PM

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*Thank you Joyce for your kind words and sharing your memories of our Dad. Yes, he was a good vet ... practical animal husbandry skills, patient, strong and knowledgeable of vet medicine. Although he has not practiced for years, my fondest memories as a boy are riding on calls with him to the farms.*

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**Steve Flaherty** - February 02, 2017 at 11:30 AM