



Robert I. Macfarlane

December 6, 1948 - March 10, 2025

Robert “Bob” Ivor Macfarlane of Stevensville Maryland, passed away on Monday, March 10th with loved ones at his side. Bob was born on December 6th, 1948 in Camden NJ, the son of Ivor “Mac” and Claire Macfarlane. Bob was the oldest of three children and a proud big brother of Joan and Gordon Macfarlane. They spent their childhood in Salisbury, MD and summers in Stone Harbor, NJ with their Grandparents and many cousins. Ultimately, they settled in Moorestown NJ, where Bob was a member of the high school soccer and track teams before graduating in 1967.

Bob then moved to Washington D.C. to attend American University where he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, played club soccer, and graduated with a degree in Political Science. While at AU, Bob developed a number of lifelong friendships and met his first wife, Lois Pleiman. After a few stops along the way, including time to pursue a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice at Michigan State University and serving in the Air National Guard in Fort Collins, Bob and Lois settled in Gaithersburg, MD and were devoted parents to Rob (Robby), Lisa, and Amy.

Bob’s degree in Criminal Justice and his work with the National Chiefs of Police, prepared him for a career in Information Technology. Bob worked for several government contracting firms specializing in Community Policing and improving their cyber systems. When not hard at work, Bob spent countless

hours coaching and cheering for his children in their various school and sports activities. His children will always remember his devotion and spirit as he was their number one fan. The family also enjoyed outdoor adventures together including hiking near the Potomac River with their beloved yellow lab Snickers, vacationing in Avalon NJ with Grandparents, learning to ski together, and of course spending time on his pride and joy the "Heart and Soul," his fishing and cruising boat which became a big part of his life going forward.

Later in life, Bob was remarried to the love of his life Eileen Kenney Evans on June 1st 2002 and they relocated to Darnestown MD, where they shared many memories developing a blended family. Eileen's children Chad, Keith, and Colleen joined the Macfarlane kids as well as their loyal family chocolate lab, Bailey.

When he wasn't cheering on the six kids or out on the boat, he loved to spend his time taking dance lessons with Eileen, working in his garden, and rooting for the Baltimore Orioles and Washington Redskins. Bob often carried his AM/FM radio while gardening as he didn't want to miss anything. Bob made many special memories at the O's games with his family, including the game when Cal Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's consecutive games streak.

Bob and Eileen loved to travel together as the children moved off to college and started their own families. They were fortunate to spend time in Paris, Nova Scotia, Ireland and Scotland, to name a few. They also spent vacations with friends and family including sailing in the Bahamas and several ski trips with the now grown children. This next phase of life also included one that Bob and Eileen were perhaps most proud of as they became loving Grandparents to Chase, Collin, Reagan, Cam, Claire, Caden, Lola, Carter, Henry, Riley, and Andie.

As they approached retirement, they followed through on a lifelong dream to

move to the Eastern Shore of Maryland choosing the perfect home in Prospect Bay, where Bob could dock his boat and fine tune one of his biggest passions, fishing. The growing family had plenty of space to visit and play in the large backyard, which included a garden that was the envy of the neighborhood touting his certified Master Gardener skills. They also had plenty of time to host members of the Kenney family as well as many new friends and ones that they had kept in touch from prior stops in life.

Even after his Parkinson's diagnosis in 2012, nothing slowed Bob down and he was committed to not having the disease define him. He was committed to exercising, which eases Parkinson's symptoms and he often enjoyed his Rock Steady boxing therapy program at the YMCA Chesapeake in Easton, Maryland. He refused to let any obstacle get in the way of seeing his grandchildren play in their numerous sports and activities. He also made sure not to miss any family gathering. In 2019, Bob and the family started a Labor Day vacation tradition, where they enjoyed doing what they loved most—spending time together on the water at a host of lakes and rivers in the region.

Bob is survived by Eileen, Rob (Courtney), Lisa (Chris), Amy (Matt), Chad (Christy), Keith (Traci), Colleen (Tim) and all eleven of his grandchildren. Bob will be remembered for his positivity, fun going and loving nature, and his fighting spirit. His family and friends will remember countless one liners, his stories, his laugh, and his love of those that mattered the most to him.

A funeral service honoring Bob will be held on Thursday March 27th, at 10:00 AM at St. Christopher's Church (1861 Harbor Dr, Chester, MD 21619). A gathering of friends and family will be from 9:15am-10am in church before the service. The burial will immediately follow the service at St. Peter's Cemetery (5319 Ocean Gateway, Queenstown, MD 21658). Afterwards, his life will be celebrated at a reception at the Bay Bridge Cove clubhouse (215 Moorings

Cir, Stevensville, MD 21666).

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in memory of Bob to the Michael J. Fox Foundation <https://www.michaeljfox.org/> or to the YMCA Chesapeake Rock Steady Boxing Program that he took part in: <https://operations.daxko.com/online/2043/OnlineGiving/Donation.mvc> If donating to the YMCA Chesapeake, please select in Memory of the Easton Family Y campaign and Wendy Palmer as campaigner.

Previous Events

Gathering

MAR 27. 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
1861 Harbor Drive
Chester, MD 21619

Funeral Service

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
1861 Harbor Drive
Chester, MD

Burial

MAR 27. 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery
5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD 21658

Food and Fellowship

MAR 27. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Bay Bridge Cove Clubhouse
215 Moorings Circle

Tribute Wall

HB

“ High School Friend, Joan Harrison Buxman purchased the Ultimate Golden Ghirardelli Gift Tower for the family of Robert I. Macfarlane.



High School Friend, Joan Harrison Buxman - March 31, 2025
at 06:44 PM

HB

“ High School Friend, Joan Harrison Buxman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert I. Macfarlane.

High School Friend, Joan Harrison Buxman - March 31, 2025 at 06:44 PM

JB

“ As a High School friend I didn't get to see you very often, Eileen, except for "reunion things" but they were always lots of fun. I was so saddened to hear about the loss of the love of your life and I will keep you in my prayers. May God comfort you during this time of loss. Blessings to you, dear sister.



Joan K Buxman - March 31, 2025 at 06:36 PM

PH

“ Though I haven't seen or talked to Eileen in many, many years, I have fond memories of our friendship as we grew up through many school years together. My sincere condolences to you, Eileen, and to all who loved and will miss Bob. I'm so sorry for your loss.



Pat Hunter - March 31, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert I. Macfarlane.



March 26, 2025 at 08:59 PM

TT

“ The MET Marketing Learership team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert I. Macfarlane.



The MET Marketing Learership team - March 26, 2025 at 08:19 PM

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PS

“ I arrived late to their love story. When I met Bob and Eileen in February 2022 Parkinson’s had already begun nipping at his body and mind. Bob was still able to sit, stand and move with a walker but gradually reasoning, speaking and eating became too challenging for home care.

During the many months to follow my admiration grew for this couple, their well orchestrated love song and the eternal bond they share. Eileen remained ever present as caretaker, decision maker and wife ... Bob

(always the warrior) remained devoted, tenacious and brave. I was able to witness their love in action on March 9th...Eileen at Bob’s bedside, holding his hand as love permeated their quiet space both knowing Bob’s suffering would soon end.

Thank you for sharing your faith and strength. It’s a privilege to be your neighbor and friend XOXO Peggy

Peggy Sloan - March 26, 2025 at 01:09 PM

ST

“ Stryker Transformation Strategies Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Robert I. Macfarlane.



Stryker Transformation Strategies Team - March 26, 2025 at 12:37 PM

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“ Stryker Transformation Strategies Team planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert I. Macfarlane.

Stryker Transformation Strategies Team - March 26, 2025 at 12:37 PM

BO

“ Bob was my Big brother at AMERICAN UNIVERSITY When I pledge ATO. He was a leader, a mentor and most of all a friend and very special person. I am sorry for your loss but he is fishing and catching and there is no limit and he never needs to bait a hook because he's fishing with SAINT ANDREW WHO is the patron saint of fisherman. 🍷😊 BIG BROTHER THANK YOU

BRIAN ONEILL - March 24, 2025 at 06:25 PM



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March 24, 2025 at 02:50 PM



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CB

“ My husband John and I have been friends with Bob and Eileen for many years. We spent overnight visits in Prospect Bay and they stayed with us at our home in the Virgin Islands. Bob was so involved with his family and community. I was envious of his beautiful vegetable garden! He was a kind and generous friend and will be greatly missed. Cathy and John Booth

Catherine Booth - March 20, 2025 at 02:19 PM

DZ

“ Bob was an instant family member....so easy to talk to and so nice to all of my family especially my sons. Loved having him at the football games cheering my guys on. Such a wonderful partner to my Aunt Eileen....He will be missed. Love, The Zobel Family.



Denise Zobel - March 18, 2025 at 10:13 AM

LC

“ Lorelei Rebecca Copper, Mr. Bob's caregiver for 3 years. In those three years there were many memories with Mr. Bob. I enjoyed being his caregiver and friend. I saw him in his good moments and his down time. I thank God for letting me share a part of his life. I'm going to truly miss him.

Lorelei Rebecca Copper - March 17, 2025 at 08:35 PM

LG

“ I recall sitting in Lamaze class with Bob as another first time father learning how to support our wives. We behaved responsibly most of the time and had a few good laughs along the way. As our families grew, so did our friendship and shared experiences in those early years of parenting. Though I have not seen Bob in many years, those memories of a loving father and good friend remain forever. Rest in peace my friend.
Lou Gennaro

Lou Gennaro - March 17, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ *Lynn Hirschauer lit a candle in memory of Robert I. Macfarlane* ”



Lynn Hirschauer - March 13, 2025 at 09:22 AM