



## Robert Edward Mumford

May 12, 1924 - February 1, 2016

Robert Edward Mumford, "Bob," of Chestertown, MD, formerly of Randolph, NJ, and Oswego, NY, died on February 1, 2016, at the age of 91.

Bob is survived by his wife, Susan Axford Mumford; his children, David L. Mumford of Westborough, MA, and Cathy Mumford Helmuth and husband Garrett Helmuth of West Chester, PA; his grandsons, David R., Michael J., and William L. Mumford; and great-granddaughter, Aleah. He is preceded in death by his son, Daniel H. Mumford; his parents, Frank and Rosetta Mumford of Oswego, NY, formerly of Isle of Sheppey, England; and his siblings, Leon Mumford, Richard Mumford, Howard Mumford and Grace Mumford Miner.

Robert Mumford was born on May 12, 1924, in Oswego, NY. He left high school early to enlist in the US Navy, serving his country as an aviation ordinance specialist on the USS Bogue, the most successful anti-submarine aircraft carrier in WW II that was responsible for sinking 11 German and two Japanese submarines. Honorably discharged with many medals in 1946, he returned to Oswego, NY, to finish high school.

After graduation, he realized a boyhood dream by joining the New York State Police as a State Trooper. After his stint with the state police, he went to college at SUNY Oswego, earning both BS and Master's degree in Education.

He was a teacher with Morristown High School in New Jersey from 1950 to 1985. He taught Industrial Arts, including printing, photography, and other graphic arts. He served as the Department Head for the disciplines of fine arts, home economics, and industrial arts.

Throughout his career he supported his students as a coach of basketball, soccer, and swimming, and cross-country/track. He was also a respected soccer referee. In addition, he acted as advisor to the ski and Key clubs.

During his tenure as a teacher, he also took on summer jobs that included managing a local pool, house painting, and printing for the Morristown School District.

In his free time, he was an active member and served as President of the Morristown Kiwanis Club. He also served the community as part of the Lions Club in Chestertown, MD. Bob enjoyed hunting pheasant with his son, Danny, and his faithful bird dog, Pat. He was an avid stamp collector, a hobby he continued throughout his life. Bob also enjoyed time out on the golf course with his many friends. He took pride in his beautiful yards and gardens both in New Jersey and Maryland. He was an accomplished woodworker who created furniture and did repairs.

Bob and Sue were married for 61 years, and he was a devoted husband and father. He is fondly remembered by so many people including friends of his children who he always enjoyed having around.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral home in Chestertown, MD, at 2 p.m. A reception will follow. At a future date, Mr. Mumford's remains will be interred at the Arlington National Cemetery with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, at 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; or to the Humane Society of Kent County-10720 Augustine Herman Highway, Chestertown, MD 21620.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Service**

APR 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-0055  
[info@fhnfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhnfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Edward Mumford*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Robert Edward Mumford*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Mr Mumford was a great teacher. I still think of him every time my printer starts up. Thank you.*

**R. Fisch** - February 14, 2019 at 09:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Edward Mumford.*



March 31, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ *Prayers to Sue Mumford and the entire family. Prayers of peace and strength during this time of such sadness. God bless you and keep you in his loving arms.*

*With sympathy, Sue Drumheller  
Womens auxiliary family*

**Susan Drumheller** - February 12, 2016 at 08:10 PM

DS

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Mr. Mumford's passing. He was always pleasant and had something nice to say or a story to tell. Prayers for comfort to you and your family.  
Todd and Diane Smith



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**Diane Smith** - February 11, 2016 at 06:21 AM

KO

“ So sorry for you're loss. Mr. Mumford was a good man and a great teacher. I worked in the shop for two summers and it was great. I remember him with his pipe and bags of cheap tobacco. On a few occasions I went up town to get him a new supply. I worked in a print shop after school for some time and it was because of Bob's encouragement. I even remember Mumfs corner at Sussex Tpk. and Dover Chester Rd. He would say he nearly got killed there a few times month with a laugh.

*There is quite a tribute on FB about him.*

*God Bless.  
Ken O'Brien*

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**KO'B** - February 08, 2016 at 08:41 AM

MC

“ Mr. Mumford was my homeroom teacher for the four years I was at Morristown High School - 1954-1958. He was always kind and a pleasure to be in the class with. I took his print shop class also. I even babysat his boys a couple of times. May he rest in peace.

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**Marjorie Kaercher Curry** - February 07, 2016 at 12:40 PM

DC

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Prayers are with you and your family.

David C. - February 07, 2016 at 12:35 PM

JM

“ My freshman year at MHS I took graphic arts as an elective subject. Mr Mumford was my teacher. Of course the class was wonderful because he made it wonderful. The reason I never forgot Mr Mumford was because in the following 3years of high school he never forgot my name and I have never forgotten him. Sincerely, Julie Perillo Moylen

julie perillo moylen - February 06, 2016 at 01:19 PM

JS

“ Joanne Spino lit a candle in memory of Robert Edward Mumford



joanne spino - February 06, 2016 at 11:37 AM

MM

“ Mumph was the only teacher to make me aware of my talents and skills. I was with him for all 4 years in high school. Worked with him two summers doing printing for the Board of Ed. He then found me my first job at Beneficial Finance. His guidance was a big part of who I am today. Condolences to Sue and family.

Mark Miller - February 06, 2016 at 10:46 AM

DD

“ Bob Mumford cared about his students, and he was one of my favorite teachers at MHS. My friend & I wanted to take print shop (something girls just didn't do back in the early '50s), and he let us into his class. I don't know if we were the first, but we felt as if we were. We didn't get special treatment, and we learned a lot.



*My heart goes out to the Mumford family; they have lost a good man. RIP, Bob Mumford.*

*Diane Faige Dellicker, MHS Class of '55*

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**Diane Faige Dellicker** - February 06, 2016 at 10:28 AM

SM

“ Mr. Mumford (as I always think of him) was so wonderful--supportive and funny. I was editor of the MHS paper in the 1970s and remember much joking in the shop room--this was when you used razor blades to cut articles out and arrange them over a lightboard. You are much loved and missed, Mr. Mumford! Prayers and hugs for his family!

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**Susan Morrison** - February 06, 2016 at 10:21 AM

AS

“ Bob was one of the good ones. What a pleasure it was to work with him all those years ago at MHS. Loved by the students and staff alike. With a heavy heart, I send my condolences to his family.

*Al Simmons Sr.*

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**Al Simmons** - February 06, 2016 at 09:59 AM

RK

“ *To Sue and Family,  
With Deepest Sympathy on your loss. Mr Mumford was a man who  
touched so many lives. Will always remember him teaching at MHS  
with fond memories.  
May he rest in peace.*

Regina Keating - February 05, 2016 at 04:32 PM

RK

“ *Regina Keating lit a candle in memory of  
Robert Edward Mumford*



Regina Keating - February 05, 2016 at 04:26 PM

DS

“ *Dave And Donell Smith lit a candle in memory  
of Robert Edward Mumford*



Dave and Donell Smith - February 04, 2016 at 03:32 PM

BM

“ *Betty Mulcahy lit a candle in memory of  
Robert Edward Mumford*



Betty Mulcahy - February 04, 2016 at 01:59 PM

WT

“ So sorry for your loss...



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**William Tyson** - February 04, 2016 at 10:32 AM

DH

“ *Dennis And Judith Hickman lit a candle in memory of Robert Edward Mumford*



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**Dennis and Judith Hickman** - February 04, 2016 at 07:31 AM

SC

“ *Susie & Guy Comegys lit a candle in memory of Robert Edward Mumford*



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**Susie & Guy Comegys** - February 01, 2016 at 08:10 PM

MR

“ *Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Robert Edward Mumford*



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**Maryann Ruehrmund** - February 01, 2016 at 12:56 PM

NW

“ *Nita And John Wieczoreck lit a candle in memory of Robert Edward Mumford*



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**Nita and John Wieczoreck** - February 01, 2016 at 09:52 AM

NW

*We were very sorry to hear of Mr. Mumford's passing.*

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**Nita and John Wieczoreck** - February 01, 2016 at 09:53 AM

BG

*Very sorry for your loss with sympathy for all.*

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**Bill Gladden** - February 03, 2016 at 08:10 AM