



## Robert Charles Oliffe

October 11, 1942 - January 4, 2023

Robert C. Oliffe (80) of Ft Lauderdale, FL, passed away on January 4, 2023, at a Florida Cleveland Clinic Hospital after several weeks of battling a serious, rare, and unexpected blood condition known as aplastic anemia.

Robert, otherwise known as Bobby, was born to Joseph and Harriett Oliffe on October 11, 1942, in Chestertown, Maryland.

A member of Chestertown High School Class of 1960, Bobby always had a love for farming. Raised on Andelot Farm in Worton, MD, his agricultural career began early on with relatives in Kennedyville, MD.

He later returned to Andelot as an employee, like his father before him, continuing his career there for almost 40 years.

Annually, without fail, he had an expansive and successful vegetable garden and enjoyed any type of yard work. In later years, he traveled a variety of places, one of his favorites being Sanibel Island on Florida's west coast.

Bobby was preceded in death by his older brother, Joseph B Oliffe, Jr. He is survived by his daughter, Shari Medina (husband, Guido) and Karen Oliffe - all of Annapolis, Maryland; his sister, Joyce Oliffe of Newark, DE; as well as his partner, Polly Tarbutton of Chestertown, MD.

Services will be held on Friday, January 13 at 1 p.m. with a public visitation from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown. A graveside service will follow at Kennedyville United Methodist Church, 12008 Augustine Herman Hwy, Kennedyville, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Aplastic Anemia and MDS International, 4330 East West Highway, Ste 230, Bethesda, MD 20814.

# Cemetery Details

**Kennedyville United Methodist Church Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**JAN 13.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

### Service

**JAN 13.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Liz Everett lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Oliffe



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**Liz Everett** - November 04, 2024 at 07:35 PM



“ Liz Everett lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Oliffe



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**Liz Everett** - April 20, 2024 at 09:09 AM



“ Elizabeth lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Oliffe



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**Elizabeth** - March 27, 2024 at 09:43 PM



*Thinking of you*

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**Elizabeth** - March 27, 2024 at 09:44 PM

PT

“ It has been almost a year since I had to put you into hospice only because you were dying a horrible death and you did not want any pain. I hated doing that because it took you so long to die. Then the horrible behavior of your daughters. I know that you told them to let me live in the condo and that you told them to give me the Mustang. But they were both such money grabbers they did nothing you told them. Karen you even told Terri that you would give me the car. Until his first morphine breath Bobby told me that upon his death I would be "well compensated". What a farce when it came to having the two of you go completely against his wishes. He would be ashamed by your rotten cruel unfriendly behaviour.

Paula Tarbutton - December 23, 2023 at 02:56 PM



“ Liz Everett lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Oliffe



Liz Everett - October 30, 2023 at 08:03 PM



“ Robert Charles Oliffe

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Robert Charles Oliffe

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Robert Charles Oliffe*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Very sorry to hear of this.*



**Matt Larrimore** - January 19, 2023 at 07:09 PM



“ *Today Bobby and I were to be in Chestertown to find out if we could move back full-time to cold weather. Now he is in a cemetery here after an horrific death from a plastic anemia. I miss him tremendously and the social familial conditions are awful. I lived in Florida with him for over 13 years and he was in Maryland half a year to have a big vegetable garden and help me with craft shows. What a terrible waste of a good man.*

**Polly tarbutton1** - January 18, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ *Elizabeth Everett lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Oliffe*



**Elizabeth Everett** - January 13, 2023 at 01:59 PM



“ 169 files added to the album LifeTributes



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 12, 2023 at 04:31 PM



“ We are supposed to be at freeport grand bahama today on another margaritaville cruise. Then we were coming back to Chestertown next week to see if we could handle the cold weather and move back here permanently. Florida has gotten too crowded with horrible traffic. It is much easier going to dover or rock hall to go out to dinner

Your last month was filled with doctors tests transfusions and infusions. I saw most of this happening and I asked hundreds of questions to no avail. You were very brave while awaiting results of a diagnosis which was unbearable. I miss you such because I love you so much. Hopefully we will meet again on a rejuvenated sanibel to go walking and shelling again. I love you Bobby honey baby

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Polly tarbuttonl - January 12, 2023 at 02:39 PM

TB

“ *Thelma Bright lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Oliffe*



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**Thelma Bright** - January 11, 2023 at 06:23 PM

TB

*Bill & I are so sorry to hear of Bobby's passing. Such a nice guy. He and Bill were classmates at the old Chestertown High School. May he rest in peace in the Lord's house. Bill & Thelma Bright*

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**Thelma Bright** - January 11, 2023 at 06:29 PM

DS

“ *Dave And Dinell Smith lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Oliffe*



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**Dave and Dinell Smith** - January 11, 2023 at 01:20 PM

SW

“ *My deepest sympathy to Shari and Karen. RIP my dear friend.*



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**Sis Williams** - January 11, 2023 at 11:42 AM

JN

“Joyce Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Oliffe



Joyce Nicholson - January 11, 2023 at 01:01 AM



“Light Blue Open Rose with White Mum (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Robert Charles Oliffe.



January 10, 2023 at 06:30 PM

BG

“Betty Ann Glenn sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Charles Oliffe



Betty ann glenn - January 10, 2023 at 05:40 PM

BG

Fly high with the angels Bobby ..

Betty ann glenn - January 10, 2023 at 05:40 PM

TW

“ Sincere condolences to Polly and to Bobby's family and friends. I remember Bobby when I was growing up because he was related to my Uncle Duce and Aunt Edith. Throughout the years he was smiling and seemed happy to see our family. So sorry to hear he had a very sad ending. May the memories of the good times comfort you.

Toni Witzemann - January 10, 2023 at 05:23 PM

AH

“ Robert will hold a special place in our hearts & never forgotten as he provided my young children Elizabeth & John compassion ,guidance & understanding. We always enjoyed making him feel part of our family & had a fun time together. Sending our heartfelt condolences & prayers to Karen,Shari,family & friends . Respectfully Ada Houck



Ada Houck - January 10, 2023 at 05:16 PM

PT

“ I have been in love with him since 1987 and his partner in life since 2009. We laughed a lot and loved to travel, spending many weeks on sanibel Island and in key west. What a sad end for the love of my life  
Miss you terribly honey bear.

Polly tarbuttonl - January 10, 2023 at 04:50 PM

DK

“ *Debbie And Jack Kemp lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Oliffe*



debbie and Jack Kemp - January 10, 2023 at 11:39 AM

EK

“ *Bob has always held a special place in my heart since I was a little kid. He was like a second dad to me and you never saw him without a smile on his face even when we spilled bright red spaghetti sauce on the light colored carpet in his condo. He was such a kind and genuine soul. My heart aches for his family, friends and loved ones. Praying for those that held him dear and close.*

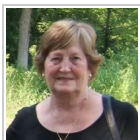


Elizabeth King - January 10, 2023 at 11:31 AM

CK

“ *So sorry for your loss, Karen*

Charlene Clough Klabe - January 10, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Susie Comegys lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Oliffe*



Susie Comegys - January 09, 2023 at 09:31 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Charles Oliffe.*



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January 09, 2023 at 08:55 PM



“ *I've known Bobby since I was 13 and I rarely saw him without a smile on his face. He will be sorely missed. My prayers go out to Polly, Sherrie, Karen and the rest of the Oliffe family.*



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**Phyllis Schultz** - January 09, 2023 at 08:38 PM



“ *Debbie & Bob Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Oliffe*



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**Debbie & Bob Nickerson** - January 09, 2023 at 08:11 PM



*Our thoughts and prayers are with Polly and the Oliffe family. We will treasure the memories and keep Bobby in our hearts forever.*

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**Debbie and Bob Nickerson** - January 09, 2023 at 08:14 PM

RW

“ Bobby was a childhood friend. Enjoyed visiting and playing golf with him in Florida. He will be greatly missed. Roger and Shirley Williams



Roger and Shirley Williams - January 09, 2023 at 06:05 PM

SM

“ So very sorry to Polly and his children for the loss of a great guy. You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Sandy McClary - January 09, 2023 at 04:58 PM

LD

“ Liz And Marty Davidson lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Oliffe



Liz and Marty Davidson - January 09, 2023 at 04:57 PM

JB

“ Joyce Faye Benton lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Oliffe



Joyce Faye Benton - January 09, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Robert Charles Oliffe.*



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January 09, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ *Todd And Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Oliffe*



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**Todd and Diane Smith** - January 09, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ *Mary Simmons lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Oliffe*



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**Mary Simmons** - January 09, 2023 at 12:32 PM