



Robert Windsor Orme

June 25, 1946 - July 4, 2024

Robert Windsor Orme, 78, of Preston, Maryland and Gouldsboro, Maine, passed away on July 4, 2024, after a battle with cancer.

Robert “Bobby” (and to many, “Moose”) was born on June 25, 1946, to the late Robert Cherry Orme and Helen Adams Orme in Bethesda, MD. After Bobby graduated in 1965 from Saint Mary’s High School in Annapolis, MD, he went on to study business administration at Baltimore Junior College and the University of Baltimore.

Bobby was the founder and president of Blue Water Boat Repair and president of Blue Water Marina in Edgewater, MD. Later he went on to be the port engineer at MAR Incorporated and the Relief Captain of the Peter W. Anderson Research Vessel with the EPA. He served 22 years in the 949th Marine Transportation Company, US Army Reserves in Curtis Bay, Baltimore, as a Chief Warrant Officer and tugboat Captain.

Bobby met Cecelia “Bitsy” Gardiner in 1958 in Davidsonville, MD, started dating in 1962 and she finally said yes and the two were married in 1971 in West River, MD. Bobby and Bitsy had two children, Brian and Helen.

Bobby finally retired in 2019 and spent his time devoted to a number of activities, including wood-working, eating out on Fridays with the ROMEOS in

Winter Harbor, ME and collecting rocks along the coast of Maine with his grandchildren. He was a member of the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus Regina Coeli Council Number 2274.

Bobby was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Helen, and his brother Charles "Chilly" Orme. He is survived by his wife, Bitsy, his son Brian, daughter-in-law Rachel, grandchildren Logan and Lincoln, of Saint Petersburg, FL, daughter Helen and her partner Clayton Aldrich, of Cedar Creek, TX, his brother and sister-in-law, John and Lori Orme of Edgewater, MD, and his beloved dog, Skeeter.

Bobby, a lover of sports, played football at Baltimore Junior College and later semi-professionally. He coached lacrosse at the United Youth Club in Tracy's Landing, MD and at Saints Peter and Paul High School in Easton, MD. He spent the last decade enjoying college hockey and attending the Frozen Four every year with friends. He was a lifetime sailor and competitively raced, mostly out of the West River in Galesville, MD.

Bobby's other hobbies included growing the perfect tomato in his garden that was way too large, bird hunting with his brothers-in-law and traveling with family and friends. In his younger years, he was an airplane owner and pilot and raced his GTO and Trans Am before he had to trade those in for a station wagon.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Bobby's life on Thursday, July 11 at a prayer service held at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home at 200 S. Harrison Street, Easton, MD from 5-7 pm. A funeral mass will begin at 11 am on Friday, July 12th, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 101 Owensville Rd, West River, MD, with a reception to follow at the church hall. A private interment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Knights of Columbus, Regina Coeli Council Number 2274, 308 Winton Avenue, Easton, Maryland 21601.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

Funeral Mass

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Sorrows
101 Owensville Rd
West River, MD

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Though I didn't know Bobbie. I worked with Bitsy in nursing and through her she shared her family tales. My sympathies to Bitsy and her family.*



Lynn Crouch - July 12, 2024 at 12:00 PM

DE

“ *David E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Windsor Orme.*

David E. - July 12, 2024 at 08:31 AM

JP

“ *Joyce Phelps lit a candle in memory of Robert Windsor Orme*



Joyce Phelps - July 11, 2024 at 03:02 PM

TR

“ *Tracy R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Windsor Orme.*

Tracy R. - July 11, 2024 at 02:46 PM

KO

“ *Kate O. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Robert Windsor Orme.*



Kate O. - July 11, 2024 at 08:36 AM

SS

“ *Skip, Mitzi, Sam & Sarah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Windsor Orme.*

Skip, Mitzi, Sam & Sarah - July 10, 2024 at 06:18 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert Windsor Orme.*



July 10, 2024 at 06:18 PM

SR

“ *Steven R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Windsor Orme.*

Steven R. - July 10, 2024 at 03:47 PM

SC

“ I echo Steve Brown’s remarks. Yet, I have a story. Dec 1990, in support of Desert Shield. Bob volunteered to sail with me on the LT-1977 to Yorktown Weapons Station. We were tasked to move three ammunition barges from Yorktown to Norfolk Naval Base. It was a week before Christmas. Active-duty counterparts refuse such a mission because it would interfere with their Christmas plans. Bob, suggest we tow all three barges as one tow to speed things up. Bob had all three barges rigged in such a way for departure. All three barges were secured to the pier with small stuff (line). When the tug got underway – slowly – each barge broke free from the dock with a sound of gun fire (line popping). It was cool. By the time we got to the Coleman (Yorktown Bridge) the barges settled down and followed us like little puppy dogs all the way to Norfolk Naval Base. On the bridge, morale was high. The armed guard, with a shotgun, said Navy or Active army only towed one barge at a time. Not sure what we were towing, but whatever it was an armed guard was required. After our drop off – bound for Baltimore – double full ahead. When I first got to the 949th in 1988, Bob took me under his wing. Bob was a good people and fun to have around. He was well thought of; I was saddened to learn of his passing.

Steve Centner - July 10, 2024 at 03:14 PM

SG

“ Skip Gardiner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Windsor Orme.



Skip Gardiner - July 10, 2024 at 10:19 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert Windsor Orme.*



July 10, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ *Your sun has set, but we will fondly remember you. (Jones pond cabin July 2nd 2022) And will drink a toast to you, and eat some clams & lobster in your memory when Downeast next month!*



Bobbie Wells - July 10, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ *Dear Bitsy and Family,*

Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your dear beloved, Bob, husband and father. After reading his obituary, his death has become my loss as well, as I would have benefited with the joy of knowing him. I am sending you prayers of healing and hoping that you will find comfort in the wonderful memories you have of life with him.

Consider yourself hugged and loved, Diane Fowler London

Diane London - July 10, 2024 at 07:29 AM

KC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kate Carney - July 10, 2024 at 07:24 AM

KC

Bobby in Maine

Kate Carney - July 10, 2024 at 07:24 AM

LG

“ Love, Michael and Renee Gardiner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Windsor Orme.

Love, Michael and Renee Gardiner - July 10, 2024 at 07:22 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Windsor Orme.



July 10, 2024 at 07:22 AM

RL

“ Renee L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Windsor Orme.

Renee L. - July 09, 2024 at 12:27 PM

DE

“ David E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Windsor Orme.

David E. - July 09, 2024 at 11:46 AM

FP

“ Father Brian Plate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Windsor Orme.

Father Brian Plate - July 09, 2024 at 10:51 AM

FP

“ Father Brian Plate purchased the Simply Elegant *Spathiphyllum* for the family of Robert Windsor Orme.



Father Brian Plate - July 09, 2024 at 10:51 AM

SB

“ As a new private in the Army Reserve, I first met Bob (Chief Warrant Officer Orme) in 1981 on the Army Large Tug 1937 (Anzio). He was a rugged mariner with tremendous skill and was emulated by many. In 1982 he orchestrated a tow mission from the Potomac river, MD to Troy, NY, while towing a barge loaded with a 16” gun barrel; towed by the LT1937. The 16” barrel was part of reactivating the Battleships. Bob made a huge positive impact on many of his fellow soldiers. A good and caring leader for sure. Steve Brown

Steven Brown - July 09, 2024 at 10:30 AM

TH

“ Theresa,Anna,Dillion,June planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Windsor Orme.

Theresa,Anna,Dillion,June - July 09, 2024 at 10:12 AM

TH

“ Theresa,Anna,Dillion,June purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Windsor Orme.



Theresa,Anna,Dillion,June - July 09, 2024 at 10:12 AM

TA

“ My heart is deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our dear Bobby. An incredible man, that I was privileged to know and love. I will never forget the day when we brought our second child to meet Bobby and Bitsy. Our little Beau was only 3.5 pounds at birth, being born 2 months premature. Here was this huge hulk of a man, cradling my tiny little baby in one hand! So gentle you could see the love pouring out of him! It touched my heart so deeply, I will never forget it. He always called my son Peanut, from that day forward! He had a golden heart and I am honored to have known him. I know you are in heaven Bobby. Give a hug to Mom and Kevin for me.

Trisha Aiguier - July 09, 2024 at 10:10 AM