



## Robert Anthony Pascal

July 20, 1934 - March 12, 2021

Robert “Bob” Anthony Pascal died peacefully, surrounded by loved ones at his home in Easton, MD on March 12, 2021. His legacy reflects his lifelong commitment to education, sports, politics, business, philanthropy and most importantly, family.

Bob was born on July 20, 1934 in Glen Ridge, NJ, the son of Anthony Pascal and Mildred Bonavita Pascal. He attended Bloomfield High School where he enjoyed notoriety as a star football, basketball, and baseball athlete. Upon graduation, Bob attended Duke University on a football scholarship where he was named team MVP in 1955 after Duke won the Orange Bowl. He graduated in 1956 with a B.A. in Economics and began his successful career and wide-ranging endeavors.

After a stint playing for the Canadian Football League, Bob moved to Maryland where he owned a successful propane business that was one of the top 50 retail propane companies in the country. His passion to improve his community began as a Boy Scout leader and Little League coach and led to his service to the state of Maryland as a Maryland State Senator, Anne Arundel County Executive, and Secretary of Appointments to Governor William Donald Schaefer.

Bob’s entrepreneurial spirit led to several successful commercial development projects in Baltimore, Severna Park, Kent Island and Maryland’s Eastern Shore including the Baltimore Inner Harbor and several landmark establishments in Talbot County, one of which was the St. Michaels Harbour

Inn and Marina.

Ever the athlete and sportsman, Bob's enjoyment of hunting and fishing on the rural Eastern Shore eventually evolved to the role of wildlife and land conservationist. In 2010, he purchased the Jean Ellen du Pont Shehan Audubon Sanctuary; 1,000 acres of prime waterfront property in Talbot County, which was donated as conservation easement to the Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources and placed in trust for perpetual preservation.

His expansive philanthropic efforts included the indoor practice field at Duke University named the Pascal Field House. The Robin Elizabeth Pascal Women's Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center is named for his late daughter. His generosity extended to include Johns Hopkins Medical Center, the University of Maryland Medical Center, Anne Arundel County Senior Center, Pascal Youth & Family Services in Severna Park, Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore, 288-acre Kinder Farm Park in Anne Arundel County, St. Mary's School, several scholarship funds, and many other local charities.

In his later years, Bob treasured the opportunities to enjoy the awesome natural world around him, especially with his extended family. Each Thanksgiving over 50 loved ones gathered at his farm to celebrate with one another and to give thanks for their many blessings.

Bob is survived by his loving and devoted wife Susan Check Pascal, daughters Cathy Pascal Strom (Ron) of Chapel Hill, NC, Margaret Pascal of Phoenix, MD, Clara Jane Pascal of Coral Gables, FL, sister Jane Pascal Shaheen (Hank) of Rumson, NJ, sister-in-law Judy Pascal of Easton, MD; eleven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, many nephews and nieces, and former wife Nancy Ware Pascal Wainwright. Also saddened by Bob's absence are his three hunting Labrador Retrievers.

Bob is predeceased by his parents, Anthony and Mildred Pascal, daughter Robin Pascal, and brother Anthony Pascal.

Funeral services will be private, though it is hoped that as conditions allow, there will be a celebration of Bob's remarkable life with family and friends later

this year. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Talbot Hospice Foundation ([TalbotHospice.org](http://TalbotHospice.org)), 586 Cynwood Dr., Easton, MD 21601 or the St. Michaels Food Pantry, P.O. Box S, St. Michaels, MD 21663.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Anthony Pascal*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Robert Anthony Pascal*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Robert Anthony Pascal*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *So very sorry for Bob's family. What a wonderful gentleman who touched many lives with his generosity. Rest In Peace. 🙏🇺🇸 The Lasker Family*

**Phil and Adrienne Lasker** - March 23, 2021 at 06:55 PM

WS

“ *To the Pascal Family,*

*We purchased our home from Mr. Pascal and heard mama stories about his kindness. He left a great legacy. We are grateful for the interactions we had with him and will say a prayer for him and for the family.*

*With Kind Regards,*

*Dr. Will Kennedy Smith and the Smith family,  
Tilghman Island.*

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**Will Kennedy Smith** - March 20, 2021 at 09:30 PM



“ *To the Pascal family,*

*I also share your sorrow at this time. I am glad I had the opportunity to have met my cousin and wish I could have known him better. My father, Albert, his uncle, always spoke very highly of Bob as he was the shining star of the family. He also inspired me to be the best I can be.*

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**Rob Pascal** - March 19, 2021 at 03:01 PM



ST

“ *To Robert Pascal, his everlasting dedication to the people of Severna park is well done. Rest in peace, job well done. S. Schumann*

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**steve** - March 18, 2021 at 10:04 PM

MS

“ *A remarkable man and great friend to Duke. Lots of love and prayers to Susan and the entire extended family. Mary Dinkins is celebrating her old friend's arrival in heaven.....*  

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**Marybeth Spanarkel** - March 18, 2021 at 08:08 PM

MB

“ *Marti Bremer lit a candle in memory of Robert Anthony Pascal*



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**Marti Bremer** - March 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Robert Anthony Pascal*



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**Tracy Schulz** - March 17, 2021 at 03:34 PM

PF

“ *Very sorry to learn of Bob's passing. I first met him when, as appointments secretary, he invited me to Annapolis to confirm my appointment to the legislature. Later we reconnected when he moved to Talbot County. I well remember his very generous purchase and donation of the Audubon waterfront property that secured it as a natural treasure for generations to come. His hunting trips for wounded veterans to give them a day off from rehab were another example of his willingness to share his blessings with others. He will be missed.*



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**Phil Foster** - March 17, 2021 at 02:25 PM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Robert Anthony Pascal*



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**Doug Pierson** - March 17, 2021 at 08:52 AM

MA

“ *Marie lit a candle in memory of Robert Anthony Pascal*



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**Marie** - March 16, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ *A remarkable gentleman!!!*



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**Sandy Walton** - March 15, 2021 at 07:25 PM

RP

*I'm Bob's cousin from Florida. Spent time with him when he was young . Always a caring man . Lost contact over the years but kept informed about him. Starting talking and visited him last year. Thank god for giving me the chance to see and talk to him. Bob was a good caring and devoted man Will always be thankful for his wife Susan who devoted her life to him. RIP bob tell uncle tony hi. And my mom and dad.*

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**Robert. s. pascal** - March 15, 2021 at 09:45 PM

MA

*Yes, feel tremendous pride in your cousin who guided AACO as no other has done since.*

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**Marie** - March 16, 2021 at 02:09 PM

RW

“ During his first term as County Executive, I was a member of his executive team as his spokesman and community affairs director. I learned and observed first hand his deep sense of empathy for and responsibility to the people he served, particularly senior citizens and the poor. He was careful with the taxpayers money as he governed but with a generous heart for the things that made the quality of life better for all citizens. He had a nearly unerring instinct for how citizens viewed government and what government must do to earn and keep their trust. He was a man of great humor, heart and resilience. Working with him grew into a friendship of many years ... with many memories. My heart goes out to his family ....  
Rick Wade

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**Rick Wade** - March 15, 2021 at 03:13 PM

DR

*There was no better or more loyal friend than Bob. Like many others, what began as a work relationship (ours in the Schaefer Administration) grew into an everlasting friendship. You couldn't help but love the man. He had a tremendous heart and went about sharing his love and making a difference for family, friends and his fellow citizens in quiet generosity. And oh so incredibly smart and humorous. For those of us privileged to walk beside him as a friend and learn from him about the things in life that really matter, we shall count ourselves lucky and be forever grateful for having had him in our lives. My heart goes out to Susan and the family. May you be comforted, as we all shall be, by memories of the moments, the joy and the laughter we shared with Bob. With deepest condolences, Doreen Rigglin*

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**Doreen Rigglin** - March 15, 2021 at 04:51 PM