



Robert Patrick Schmitt

August 15, 1958 - August 16, 2023

Robert Patrick Schmitt, of Chester, MD, died peacefully at home on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, of cancer. Rob was 65.

As the fifth of six children in their Catholic family, Rob's parents (Col. Edward J. Schmitt, USAF-ret and Janet Crain Schmitt) had their hands full with constant moving and corralling six rambunctious kids (Gretchen, Christine, Jim, John, Rob, Katie). Rob was born at Eglin AFB in Florida, and the family lived on various Air Force bases in Florida, Massachusetts, Louisiana, Nebraska, Hawaii, Texas, and finally back to Louisiana.

Rob attended college at the University of Central Florida in Orlando where he met the love of his life, Mary Holapa. They married May 23, 1987 at St. Joseph's in Melbourne, FL, and were blessed with a marriage of 36 joy-filled years. Mary was Rob's best friend and life-long confidant. Rob was very proud of and deeply cherished both of their children and was grateful they also found their forever partners. Alex Schmitt married Allison Rosales and Christian Schmitt Frank married Samuel Frank.

Raising a family in the embrace of good friends and the community of the Holy Catholic Church was the cornerstone of Rob's life. Rob liked to have fun and enjoyed life on Kent Island by boating and fishing in the local rivers and the Bay, bike riding, supporting local 4H clubs, and being in the Knights of

Columbus.

Rob was successful in business and was well-liked and appreciated. He was always the first one with a joke and was able to defuse tense situations while also being able to make clear and concise decisions. Rob was the fun uncle who could lighten the tone at any Schmitt family gathering. This was important because his siblings were strong-willed and assertive.

Rob is preceded in death by his mother Janet; brother, John; brothers-in-law, Phil Pearce and Bill Scholl; nephew, Ian; niece, Erin; and in-laws, Carl and Hattie Holapa.

There will be a visitation with family at 9 a.m. followed by the celebration of the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at St. Christopher's Catholic Church in Chester, MD. Burial will follow Mass at St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery in Queenstown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Christopher's Church in Chester, MD, with thanks for the love and support offered so freely to the whole community.

"Our hearts are restless, Lord, until they rest in you." --St. Augustine

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD 21658

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

AUG 23. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Visitation

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Patrick Schmitt*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Patrick Schmitt.*



August 22, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Rob was the best father-in-law long before Alex and I even got married. He was always so welcoming and supportive to me. I'm grateful for the time I have known him and seeing an example of a beautiful marriage. Love and peace to him and the whole family.*



Allie Schmitt - August 21, 2023 at 09:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Patrick Schmitt.*



August 20, 2023 at 03:09 PM

GY

“ I’ll greatly miss Rob. He always had a smile and love of life and adventure. He’ll always be my baby brother and I’ll always picture him when he was 4- big smile, overalls, glasses and the “family boys” haircut. Gretchen ❤️

Gretchen Y - August 19, 2023 at 05:23 PM

BF

“ Mary and family: I’m so sorry to hear of Rob’s passing. He is indeed home now but you are now without your husband, best friend, dad, and brother - it’s hard and painful. However, know that the Lord has Rob and all of you in his loving hands. God Bless, Brian

Brian Fitzmaurice - August 18, 2023 at 05:35 PM

CC

“ Chris Clough lit a candle in memory of Robert Patrick Schmitt



Chris Clough - August 18, 2023 at 05:13 PM

JR

“ Some of my best childhood memories are of taking road trips with my grandparents to visit Aunt Mary and Uncle Rob, when they lived in Port Orange, FL. I got to see rocket launches, take beach trips, go to Disney World, watch Aunt Mary play indoor soccer (while Uncle Rob beamed with pride), I got to visit Uncle Rob at Boater’s World and got spoiled with treats, ate oranges right from the backyard trees, had pancake breakfasts at the hot springs...I will always be grateful to Aunt Mary and Uncle Rob for these special, happy memories. 💜

Jessica Reavis - August 18, 2023 at 12:53 PM