



## Mr Robert Thompson

April 14, 1948 - August 19, 2019

CHESTERTOWN – Robert Hopper Thompson Jr. of Chestertown passed away Aug. 19, 2019 at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis. He was 71. Best known as Bobby T, he was raised in Centreville, Md., the son of Robert H. Thompson Sr. and Marilee Thompson. He attended Centreville High School, where he was a three-sport letterman in baseball, basketball and soccer. Throughout school he also found time for music, playing the saxophone and serving as the drum major in the high school band.

After high school he attended Bridgewater College in Virginia, graduating in 1970. He played varsity baseball at Bridgewater, and earned an invitation to try out with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization. In addition to excelling on the baseball field during college, his athletic accomplishments included dribbling a soccer ball 8 miles from the Bridgewater campus to the Harrisonburg, Va., courthouse to win a bet. His reward was two hot dogs from Jess's Quick Lunch across from the courthouse.

After college he moved back to the Eastern Shore and continued to "play ball" in the local baseball, softball, soccer and basketball leagues, and later became a referee and umpire for many years. His true contribution to the community and children of the Eastern Shore came as Coach Thompson. He spent many hours on local soccer fields, basketball courts and football fields. But his first love (aside from being Coach to his children) was always on the baseball diamond. For more than 40 years he was connected to the game as a coach, working with kids of all levels from tee-ball through high school and

beyond. Through the game of baseball he was able to influence countless lives both with his knowledge of the game and advice on life. Throughout his coaching career he always required three things of his players: to have sound fundamentals; to always hustle no matter the situation; and to laugh at his jokes.

Bobby T was the definition of a people person. From the first time he met you, you were already a friend. His bright smile and quick wit drew people to him, and his sense of humor was infectious throughout a room. No matter your mood, he always made you feel better after every encounter.

Though he never turned down an opportunity to do a favor for anyone, his priority was his family and his friends.

Outside of team sports Bobby T was an avid golfer for many years at Chester River Yacht & Country Club, obtained his search and rescue certification for SCUBA diving, and could be found every year at the Chestertown Optimist Club's Tea Party booth frying clams and crab cakes. He also found time to help his daughter move at least 11 times.

His first job out of college was as a gym teacher for Kent County Public Schools. He later worked for David A. Bramble Inc., Dixon Valve and Coupling Co., KRM Development Corp. and as a driving instructor.

He is survived by his brother R. Phil Thompson (Allison) of Centreville; daughter Jana Stollings (Jeremy) of Hurdle Mills, N.C., son Rob Thompson (Jess) and two granddaughters Rileigh and Addison Thompson, all of Chestertown.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road in Chestertown, where friends may call from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. A reception will follow at Chester River Yacht & Country Club.

The family suggests contributions to the Bobby T Memorial Scholarship Fund, payable to and care of Chesapeake Bank & Trust Company, 245 High St., Chestertown, MD 21620.

Arrangements by Marvin V. Williams Jr., Funeral Director, Chestertown.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr Robert Thompson*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mr Robert Thompson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mr Robert Thompson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Tim And Esther Blackiston sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



**Tim and Esther Blackiston** - August 26, 2019 at 12:56 PM



“ *Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



**Centreville Methodist Women** - August 26, 2019 at 12:53 PM

BT

“ *Billy, Tonya & Zach Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



**Billy, Tonya & Zach Thomas** - August 26, 2019 at 10:53 AM

LB

“ *Linda Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



**linda bennett** - August 25, 2019 at 11:43 PM

FP

“ *Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



**Frank and Tish Palmatary** - August 24, 2019 at 02:08 PM

CE

“ *Charles & Donna Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



**Charles & Donna Edwards** - August 23, 2019 at 05:05 PM

BW

“ *Bob & Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



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**Bob & Sheila Willis** - August 23, 2019 at 04:22 PM



“ *Coach, I will miss the wisdom and the humor. Loved playing ball for you*

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**Matt Larrimore** - August 23, 2019 at 03:58 PM

LM

“ *Laird & MaryPat lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



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**Laird & MaryPat** - August 23, 2019 at 01:26 PM

LC

“ *Loretta Cudnik lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



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**Loretta Cudnik** - August 23, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr Robert Thompson.*



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August 23, 2019 at 10:18 AM



“ *Timmy And Andrea Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



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**Timmy and Andrea Edwards** - August 23, 2019 at 10:15 AM



*Our hearts are broken! Timmy and Bobby spent more hours than I can imagine at Worton Park, watching ball games, talking baseball, lacrosse, and life. If they weren't involved in coaching the game, they were planted back by the third base line away from the crowd - talking and watching the games. I loved his smile. Our deepest condolences to his family. He will be missed by so many!!*

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**Timmy and Andrea Edwards** - August 23, 2019 at 10:18 AM



“ *Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



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**Frank and Tish Palmatary** - August 22, 2019 at 07:25 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr Robert Thompson.*



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August 22, 2019 at 05:26 PM



“ *Bobby became a good friend and I will sorely miss him. I learned alot from him as a coach and as a friend. My prayers are with all of his family as they mourn his loss. He now rests with God and his suffering has ended.*

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**Henry Sabetti** - August 22, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - August 22, 2019 at 04:11 PM

VI

“ *Phil and all family and friends* ❤️  
*We are sorry to hear of your loved ones passing. May all your wonderful memories keep him alive forever in your hearts and may they also comfort you at this time of grieving* 🙏

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**Val whaley ivins** - August 22, 2019 at 02:38 PM

JM

“ *From one CHS shortstop to another - - God Bless. Joe Mullikin*

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**Joe Mullikin** - August 22, 2019 at 02:31 PM

KC

“ *He was one of my favorite coaches I had when I play baseball and he Taught me everything I needed to know when I was on and off the field and he will be truly missed by some good people*



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**kevin caniglio** - August 22, 2019 at 01:39 PM

KK

“ *I worked with Bobby at Dixon Valve. I was pregnant with my son and overdue. Bobby told my husband and I that he made a lasagna, so delicious, that it has been known to induce labor. He made me a pan of the best lasagna ever and I gave birth 2 days later. I was able to catch up with him years later when he was coaching baseball with my Dad. You will be missed, Bobby. My sincere condolences to the family.*



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**Katie Knapp** - August 22, 2019 at 01:33 PM

DW

“ *David & Kathy Wenck lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



David & Kathy Wenck - August 22, 2019 at 01:31 PM

JC

“ *June Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



June Clark - August 22, 2019 at 01:02 PM

JV

“ *Rob and Jana I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. He always had a smile on his face, made me laugh. He will be missed by many.*



Jenny Davis Voelker - August 22, 2019 at 12:46 PM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - August 22, 2019 at 11:58 AM

MM

“ Mike & Cindy Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson



Mike & Cindy Morris - August 22, 2019 at 11:17 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr Robert Thompson



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - August 22, 2019 at 09:45 AM

GP

*To the family: A great friend for over 65 years or more. Started kindergarten together, church and many other activities. We were always welcomed into his parents home and had many great times. What a loss, but God knew it was time for him to be at peace. He will never be forgotten and his love for life was like no other. RIP dear friend. When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of many memories in exchange. Have hope in tomorrow, have faith in the everlasting and take comfort in the love of friends of and family. God Bless each one of you. Love and prayers. Gene and Lynda Harris Palmatary, Centreville.*

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - August 22, 2019 at 09:51 AM

SM

“ Sandy McClary lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson



Sandy McClary - August 22, 2019 at 09:31 AM

BF

“ *Barbara Franck lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



Barbara Franck - August 22, 2019 at 09:04 AM

TM

“ *Tina Trice Mayr lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



Tina Trice Mayr - August 22, 2019 at 08:53 AM



“ *My heart is breaking for you as I read this. What a wonderful man he was. He worked with my dad at David a bramble, and one beautiful summer while I was pregnant with my daughter Katie I ran the field office for the Denton 404 bypass job. What a wonderful experience. The Shining Star that he was on Earth it's now shining brightly from above. Peace and love to the family God bless*

Nancy Coleman - August 22, 2019 at 08:49 AM

CJ

“ I had the honor and privilege of having him as my boss for about 8 years at Dixon Valve while in my early 20’s. Now at 45 I have never had another boss as great as he was. He always had has classic smile and would drop everything to help me out. We had many conversations about not keeping all my eggs in one basket and treating people the way that you want to be treated. Bob will be greatly missed by many. My condolences to the Thompson family.

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**Claude Joyner** - August 22, 2019 at 08:42 AM

MK

“ Dear Phil and Thompson family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad and difficult time. We have fond memories of Bobby playing little league baseball and his great sports abilities throughout his life. May fond memories give you comfort.  
Sincerely, Butch and Margaret Kaufman

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**Margaret kaufman** - August 22, 2019 at 08:30 AM

DP

“ Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson



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**Doug Pierson** - August 22, 2019 at 07:41 AM

RJ

“ *ROBBIE-ROBIN JOINER lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



ROBBIE-ROBIN JOINER - August 22, 2019 at 07:15 AM

TJ

“ *Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - August 21, 2019 at 09:55 PM

PC

“ *Pamela M Coursey lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



Pamela M Coursey - August 21, 2019 at 09:28 PM

JB

“ *Joyce Benton lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



Joyce Benton - August 21, 2019 at 08:52 PM

MM

“ There are no words.....just wonderful memories of a dear friend.....Bobby is the reason that I went to Bridgewater College and played hockey and basketball.....and taught health and PE in Charlottesville. When I think of Centreville.....Bobby is always one of my dear friends.

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**marci carter mason** - August 21, 2019 at 08:50 PM

JT

“ Jeff Troester lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson



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**Jeff Troester** - August 21, 2019 at 08:17 PM

KS

“ Ken And Louise Stonesifer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr Robert Thompson



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**Ken and Louise Stonesifer** - August 21, 2019 at 06:58 PM

KS

*Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. We have lots of good memories from the baseball years.*

*Ken and Louise*

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**Ken and Louise Stonesifer** - August 21, 2019 at 07:01 PM

KS

“ *Ken And Louise Stonesifer lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



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**Ken and Louise Stonesifer** - August 21, 2019 at 06:47 PM

JP

“ *JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Thompson*



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**JoAnn & Royden Powell** - August 21, 2019 at 06:01 PM

CW

“ *Jana, Rob and all the Family::  
What a loss ! I have known your Dad most of my life and what an impact he has made on so many people!  
Please know he loved you two so much and wanted nothing but the best for you! I was on vacation when I got the news and was so shocked!  
He had just seen me and talked about all of u! Sending prayers for all of you through this difficult time.  
George and Candy Wilson*

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**Candy Wilson** - August 21, 2019 at 05:41 PM

FD

“ Frankie And Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr Robert Thompson



Frankie and Jane Dill - August 21, 2019 at 11:32 AM

FD

Our thoughts are with Rob and the Thompson family.

Frankie and Jane Dill - August 21, 2019 at 11:36 AM

C1

“ CHS Class Of 1966 sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr Robert Thompson



CHS Class of 1966 - August 21, 2019 at 10:35 AM

C1

There will never be enough words to say how our hearts feel in losing such a great classmate. What wonderful memories and good times. Our hearts are saddened, but we know he is at peace and not suffering. God Bless his family at this time. CHS Class of 1966.

CHS Class of 1966 - August 21, 2019 at 10:37 AM

C1

What a great to friend the Class of 1966 of Centreville High School has lost. A talented sports player, a spirited high school classmate and one who had a heart of gold. Bob, you will be missed by all of us and we know you will be shining down on us. RIP good friend. Prayers.

CHS Class of 1966 - August 21, 2019 at 07:10 PM

BT

*Bobby was a student when I began my teaching career at CHS. He was such a fine young man; I used to say if I ever have a son, I want him to be like Bobby Thompson. This picture is exactly how I remember him. RIP, dear one.*

*Bernese Culhane Todd*

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**Bernese Todd** - August 22, 2019 at 09:32 AM

C1

*Isn't that a great Senior Picture? A great friend. Hope he gets some peace and rest with our Lord. Lynda Palmatary*

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**CHS Class of 1966** - August 22, 2019 at 03:05 PM