



Robert Charles Zuehlke

June 11, 1942 - May 23, 2026

Robert Charles Zuehlke “Bob”, 83, of Easton, MD passed away on May 23, 2026, at Talbot Hospice in Easton.

Bob was born on June 11, 1942, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI, to the late Milton A. Zuehlke and Marguerite A. Mundt. Bob graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in Grosse Pointe, MI, class of 1960. Following high school, Bob attended the General Motors Institute in Flint, MI earning a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering in 1965. Bob then earned his MBA at the University of Michigan in 1967 studying quantitative methods. During his time at GMI, he was an active member of Phi Tau Alpha and remained closely involved with his fraternity brothers throughout life.

Following his education, Bob went to work for Sun Oil Company (Sunoco) in Philadelphia, PA. The job then moved him and his family to Dallas, TX in 1968 as Bob became the director of data processing operations. He later worked his way up to being the President for Sunoco Liquid Gas Corporation and Vice President for Sun Gases gas reserves development.

Bob married Barbara E. Luss on July 24, 1965, in Grosse Point, MI. They were high school sweethearts and through life’s adventures welcomed two sons, Kurt and Eric. Barbara moved with Bob where his career took him and she remained supportive through all his career opportunities.

Bob and Barbara moved to Easton, MD from Dallas in January 1982 to escape the corporate life and enjoy the water. Bob loved being on the water and sailing. He learned to sail and race from his uncle, sailing on Lake St. Clair, The Detroit, and St. Clair rivers into Lake Huron and Lake Erie. Always being a sailor in MI led to his desire to have his boat at his own dock in Easton. He was passionate about the Eastern Shore and what it offered, especially the sailing. While living on the Eastern Shore, Bob worked for USA Promotion Fulfillment, was a partner and managing director of the St. Michael's Harbour Inn and Marina, and Abell & Zuehlke Construction. He also served on the Talbot County Zoning Commission and was a long-time member of Christ Church Easton. Bob stayed busy through his retirement but also found great enjoyment of relaxing on the Chesapeake Bay.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Milton and Marguerite Zuehlke. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Barbara Luss Zuehlke; two sons, Kurt E. Zuehlke and Eric R. Zuehlke (Jocelyn); and grandchildren, Alex, Dylan, and Charlotte.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Dr., Easton, MD or online at <https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E352248&id=1>.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

AG

“ *Angela Grove lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Zuehlke*



Angela Grove - June 08 at 08:36 AM

AG

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. It was truly a pleasure working with him—he was reliable, thoughtful, and a joy to know. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*
With deepest sympathy,
Angela Grove

Angela Grove - June 08 at 08:18 AM

RF

“ *So sorry of hear of Bob's passing. Thinking of you and your family.*
Sincerely,
Rhonda

Rhonda Ford - June 01 at 03:31 PM

DW

“ *Barbara, my deepest sympathy to you and your family in the loss of your husband.*
Sincerely,
Deborah Wolfe

Deborah Wolfe - May 31 at 03:17 PM

PF

“ So very sorry to learn of Bob's passing. He was a good guy who clearly had an interesting life. He will be missed by all who knew him. My prayers are with Barbara, Kurt and Eric.



Phil Foster - May 29 at 01:59 AM

JM

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. Bob was a delight to be around.



Judith Musch - May 28 at 09:13 PM

JB

“ Janine Benefiel lit a candle in memory of Robert Charles Zuehlke



Janine Benefiel - May 24 at 03:20 PM