



Robin Wood Kurowski

February 4, 1958 - August 16, 2024

Robin Wood Kurowski passed away peacefully on Friday, August 16, 2024 at Compass Regional Hospice in Centreville, MD after a long, courageous, battle with cancer; she faced it head on, as she did all her challenges, and stoically fought until the end – truly Rock Hall Tough. She was a young 66.

Born Helen Robin Wood on February 4, 1958, she was the only child of Cordray Wood of Eastern Neck and Lois “Honey” Crouch Wood of Piney Neck in Rock Hall, MD. Robin was a 10th generation native of Rock Hall on her mother’s side and an 8th generation native of Rock Hall on her father’s side. Befitting for her deep roots, she had a profound devotion to her beloved Rock Hall and her and its heritage, which earned her the affectionate title of Rock Hall Historian. If you wanted to know the history of a building or a workboat, or how much soft crabs sold for in 1972, she could tell you.

Quoting Robin from the July/August 2023 issue of Inside Maryland, “Yes, there is a place where you can always go back and feel at home. A place that is nestled in and hugged by the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, corn fields, marshes and where the green grass grows. A place where time and tide make impressions, but the sense of community, fellowship, traditions, preservation, commerce, industry, commitment, hard work, and family have a stronger hold. The place is Rock Hall on the Eastern Shore in Kent County, Maryland.” Robin indeed captured the essence of our great town and its incredible people.

Because she was so passionate about Rock Hall, Robin created a blog called The Rock Hall Wave, where she would share photos, videos, articles, opinions, links, info pertaining to the town's events, causes, happenings, fundraisers, its people, etc. Later, she morphed Rock Hall Wave into a Facebook page where she continued to post and update it until just recently. Additionally, in 2007, she (in conjunction with Joan O. Horsey and R. Jerry Keiser) published Images of America – Rock Hall, which celebrates the town's history using archival photos depicting Rock Hall harbor, Tolchester Beach, Eastern Neck Island, the Chesapeake Bay and the like, as well as a myriad of locals.

She was a member, officer or an avid supporter of various causes and organizations, including but not limited to: Rock Hall Marine & Restoration Heritage Center, Rock Hall Museum, Rock Hall Yacht Club, Rock Hall American Legion – Sgt. Preston Ashley Post 228, Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company, Rock Hall Alumni Association, Kent County Waterman's Association and Kent County Public Library.

She attended the local elementary and middle schools in Rock Hall as well as Kent School in Chestertown. She graduated from Kent County High School in 1976 and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in business management in 1994 from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

She married Edward "Ed" Kurowski on September 10, 1997 in Key West, FL. They resided in Rock Hall.

Robin worked as a waitress in the summers at Hubbard's Pier restaurant in Rock Hall from 1971 to 1975, as a moonlighting waitress at Waterman's Crab House from 1984 to 1989, a store clerk at Tolchester Marina from 1972 to 1978, a teller at Chestertown Bank, and an Accounts Receivable Rep at

Wartsila Diesel in both Chestertown and Annapolis from 1989 to 1997. She was part owner and treasurer of Gratitude Yachting Center in Rock Hall from 1997 to 2013, and a yacht broker for S&J Yachts in Rock Hall, where she worked from 2013 until her passing. She also owned and operated Rock Hall Hook Bracelet Company which features unique jewelry which she designed to represent her beloved Rock Hall and Chesapeake Bay.

In addition to researching and gathering info about Rock Hall, she loved being in or on the water --boating, sailing, swimming, water skiing, jet skiing, crabbing and/or fishing. She was a decent Rock Hall cook, an equestrian, a Harley girl, a lover of animals, and a sports fanatic (watching & following any, but especially watching/rooting for the Orioles and the Ravens). She loved spending quality time with her family and countless friends. If you were her family member or friend, she was your biggest supporter and cheer leader. Numerous people have revered her as their BFF. She cast a net of tradition, history, love, humor, compassion and kindness; this net created a safe space for so many of us.

She was not a bragger, with one exception ... her grand "baybees" were the center of her life. Alexia (Lexi) and Lyla Nadel were her sun, moon, stars and heaven on earth. She loved sharing stories, photos and videos of them whenever possible. She was extremely proud of both: Lexi, the thespian, starting college this month in Tennessee and Lyla, an All-Star soccer athlete going into the 10th grade. While Lexi and Lyla are quite different (Lexi, the blonde with a bubbly personality vs. Lyla, the redhead with a fiery spirit), Robin loved them equally and that love was equally reciprocated (much like Robin's relationship with her own Nana, Mary Wood).

One of Robin's multitude of friends on Facebook posted this about her which sums her up quite nicely. "Rock Hall's Ambassador, Queen of The Crick and

Purveyor of Pride & Mischief alike! She was one of a kind and could outwit, outtalk and outlast man or beast! Your light on our shore will never dim... and The Pearl of The Chesapeake will never lose its luster, because a little bit of you lives on in all of us who knew you, loved you and will forever remember you! Fair Winds & Favorable Tides!"

Robin is survived by her husband, Ed; daughter, Laura Kurowski Nadel and husband Joe; granddaughters, Alexia and Lyla Nadel; and many cousins and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Rock Hall Yacht Club, 22759 McKinley Road, Rock Hall, MD 21661.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Rock Hall Marine Restoration & Heritage Center, 21083 Chesapeake Ave., Rock Hall, MD 21661 for boat building and restoration projects or the Kent County Waterman's Association, PO Box 177, Rock Hall, MD 21661 for scholarship and oyster restoration projects, or Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company, PO Box 577, Rock Hall, MD 21661, or Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617, or any of the other organizations listed above.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rock Hall Yacht Club
22759 McKinleyville Rd
Rock Hall, MD 21661
(410) 639-2182

Gathering

OCT 6. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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“ It was a beautiful and touching celebration. I was wonderful to hear all the stories from her family and friends.
It was great to meet some of the people she had called family and friends.
She will be missed.

Rodger Wilder - October 06, 2024 at 07:55 PM



“ Robin, you left this earth too soon, and your leaving was a devastating loss for our community. You never gave a person the chance to ask how are you, because you were always the first to ask; how are you doing? A good life was lived in this town of Rock Hall and for many you provided a front row seat into the past, making memories come alive. Somehow our village will carry on, but you will always be in our hearts. God Bless!

Jean Spence - September 01, 2024 at 05:39 PM



What a beautiful message, Jean! Thank you!!! xo

Maria Coakley - October 02, 2024 at 11:25 PM



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Rodger Wilder - October 06, 2024 at 07:53 PM



“ Rosie Gagalski sent a virtual gift in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Rosie Gagalski - August 31, 2024 at 01:41 AM

RF

“ Rosemary Gagalski And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Rosemary Gagalski and Family - August 31, 2024 at 01:23 AM

JN

“ Joyce Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Joyce Nicholson - August 26, 2024 at 07:10 PM

JE

“ Josh & Edith Elbourn sent a virtual gift in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Josh & Edith Elbourn - August 23, 2024 at 12:46 PM

BE

“ A huge loss to the Rock Hall community,
going to miss her beautiful smile and hugs.
Rest in peace my friend.



Becky - August 21, 2024 at 09:54 PM

SS

“ Shelby Shahan lit a candle in memory of
Robin Wood Kurowski



Shelby Shahan - August 21, 2024 at 07:40 PM

BR

“ Bill & Cheryl Reihl lit a candle in memory of
Robin Wood Kurowski



Bill & Cheryl Reihl - August 21, 2024 at 07:06 PM

VR

“ Valerie Reihl lit a candle in memory of Robin
Wood Kurowski



Valerie Reihl - August 21, 2024 at 05:39 PM

VR

I dedicated my morning paddle on the 16th to you in your beloved Grays Inn Creek, with my tears flowing.

Valerie Reihl - August 21, 2024 at 05:47 PM

DS

“ *Denny Dalrymple Sr lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Denny Dalrymple sr - August 21, 2024 at 04:11 PM

BM

“ *Beth Morlock lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Beth Morlock - August 21, 2024 at 03:43 PM

CB

“ *Cheryl M. Butler & Brendon lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Cheryl M. Butler & Brendon - August 21, 2024 at 03:21 PM

JO

“ We are so fond of Ed and Robin, Doing boat business with them was totally a fun time never to be forgotten , especially the ; “Let’s get together and talk price” meetings at their place. Need I say price was never brought up even between goblets of Merlot . And not to forget ever ; Honey ! Now in my own 82nd yr you might think loss is easier to deal with as it’s become so familiar but I’ve learned to an extent this is a fact of life but it never changes in the face of profound loss ! We love you guys ! Joan & John

joan&john - August 21, 2024 at 12:51 PM

PH

“ Pat Heinefield lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Pat Heinefield - August 21, 2024 at 12:19 PM

PH

So grateful to have called you friend. I will miss you and Rock Hall will not be the same without you in it. ❤️

Pat Heinefield - August 21, 2024 at 12:22 PM

LD

“ My heart breaks for Robin’s family and friends. Sending out heartfelt sympathies to all. I miss you my dear friend, and my Caaaaaaaaaap, as I know everyone sadly misses you. Your life was taken away much too soon, but you lived it to the fullest, and touched the hearts of many during that time.



Lydia Dagenais - August 21, 2024 at 11:04 AM

RM

“ *Ruthie Maloney lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Ruthie Maloney - August 21, 2024 at 10:31 AM

KH

“ *Kathy Harry lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Kathy Harry - August 21, 2024 at 10:27 AM

TM

“ *Trudy Morris lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Trudy Morris - August 21, 2024 at 10:08 AM

CJ

“ *Carla Fletcher Johnson lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Carla Fletcher Johnson - August 21, 2024 at 09:58 AM

KW

“ *Kathy Woodfield Wenck lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Kathy woodfield wenck - August 21, 2024 at 09:28 AM

SO

“ *Sallie Osborn lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Sallie Osborn - August 21, 2024 at 09:11 AM

MR

“ *Maryann & Max Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Maryann & Max Ruehrmund - August 21, 2024 at 09:07 AM

RJ

“ *Robbie And Robin Joiner lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Robbie and Robin Joiner - August 21, 2024 at 09:06 AM

DK

“ *Debbie Kemp lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Debbie Kemp - August 21, 2024 at 08:55 AM

JD

“ *What a wonderful obituary fitting for a lovely Rock Hall icon.*

jane Dill - August 21, 2024 at 08:37 AM



“ *Jessica Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Jessica Jacobs - August 21, 2024 at 08:20 AM

SG

“ *Sandy Green lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Sandy Green - August 21, 2024 at 08:16 AM

MR

“ *Mary Riley lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Mary Riley - August 21, 2024 at 08:13 AM

CN

“ *What a wonderful person she was. She had lifetime friends and was always giving and loving.*

Cindy Miller Newsome - August 20, 2024 at 10:16 PM

TS

“ *Todd And Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Todd and Diane Smith - August 20, 2024 at 02:08 PM

GS

“ *Greg Starkey lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Greg Starkey - August 20, 2024 at 09:45 AM

EC

“ *Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Eastern Shore Dental Care - August 20, 2024 at 08:34 AM

SD

“ *Sandy Armstrong Day lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Sandy Armstrong Day - August 19, 2024 at 05:44 PM

RO

“ *RJ And Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



RJ and Kristi Osborn - August 19, 2024 at 12:14 PM

TD

“ *My condolences to Robin's family. May you find peace in remembering the love Robin had for her family, friends and her beloved Rock Hall.*



TS Deaton - August 18, 2024 at 07:32 PM

KB

“ *Kaye Barnes lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Kaye Barnes - August 18, 2024 at 06:18 PM

LM

“ *Lee And Susan McGinnis lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Lee and Susan McGinnis - August 18, 2024 at 05:07 PM

MC

“ *Marion L Chance sent a virtual gift in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Marion L Chance - August 18, 2024 at 11:25 AM

WA

“ Robin rest in peace I was remembering the night we were at the Yacht Club and I sprained my ankle and was up all night protecting it from getting kicked. Lol We surely had fun times with family and friends at Skinners Neck and at your folks home. You were such a wealth of knowledge for our Hometown and you will be greatly missed. Miss Historian. You gave us much info on the history thank you. RIP. Cappy so sorry for your loss.



Wendy Abbott - August 18, 2024 at 09:17 AM

CL

“ Chuck And Julie Langenfelder lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Chuck and Julie Langenfelder - August 18, 2024 at 08:06 AM

DO

“ Dorothy Omelia lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Dorothy Omelia - August 17, 2024 at 04:05 PM

DO

“ Robin and family. I have been gone from Rock Hall for many years now. But when I look back on my days there, you are definitely one of the faces I remember. So kind and generous. I was shocked to hear this news! So many are leaving us these days. On to brighter and better place. May God give you peace and comfort your family in your absence.

Dorothy Omelia - August 17, 2024 at 04:04 PM

LC

“ I am so very sorry to learn of Robin's passing. We've known each other for years, since we were little and part of the RHYC card players kids! Summers at the cottage on 8th street in Ocean City. Lost touch over the years but I loved your posts you would put on Facebook, the pictures keeping me up to date and the memories of "Old Rock Hall". Rest in peace my friend and when you see your mother, tell her to hug my parents for me.
Lisa Cook

Lisa and Brian Cook - August 17, 2024 at 03:20 PM

RK

“ My condolences to Robin's family and friends.
She will be greatly missed. Rest in peace.



Ruth Kerr - August 17, 2024 at 01:52 PM

MW

“ *Marian Walbert Wyble lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Marian Walbert Wyble - August 17, 2024 at 01:05 PM

NC

“ *Nancy S Conner sent a virtual gift in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Nancy S Conner - August 17, 2024 at 12:55 PM

NC

My Dear Robin, so glad you got to go home .However so sorry for us that are left down here without you . Going to miss all of your old pictures and stories of our Beloved Rock Hall . You told the story about life is a journey and we are on a train . Some people get on your train and some get off . When some get off you barely know they are missing . Then there are people like you getting off and they leave a void in your heart . My Dear Friend you will be missed . Those of us who have received Jesus as our Lord and Savior will see you again . So glad God put you in my life . See you Soon

Nancy S Conner - August 17, 2024 at 01:07 PM

BE

“ *Bonnie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Bonnie Edwards - August 17, 2024 at 12:50 PM

CE

“ Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards - August 17, 2024 at 11:45 AM

KC

“ Karen Brice Clark lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Karen Brice Clark - August 17, 2024 at 11:01 AM

LP

“ Lee Phillips lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Lee Phillips - August 17, 2024 at 09:27 AM

JH

“ Joan Horsey lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Joan Horsey - August 17, 2024 at 09:07 AM

LF

“ LINDA J FOOTE lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



LINDA J FOOTE - August 17, 2024 at 09:07 AM

PJ

“ Pres & Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Pres & Sherrie Jacobs - August 17, 2024 at 02:25 AM

MU

“ Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Marie Usilton - August 16, 2024 at 09:47 PM

CN

“ Chris & Vivian Nordhoff lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Chris & Vivian Nordhoff - August 16, 2024 at 09:22 PM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



jo Ann Edwards - August 16, 2024 at 09:06 PM

JE

We have known each other for such a long time that I can't even impagine being here without you. Rest in peace Robin - until we see you again.

Jo Ann Edwards - August 16, 2024 at 09:13 PM

MM

“ *God Bless you my friend and classmate. Rest In Peace till we meet again.*

Mark Mumford - August 16, 2024 at 08:49 PM

MM

“ *Mark Mumford lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Mark Mumford - August 16, 2024 at 08:48 PM

CW

“ *Cliff Wilson lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Cliff Wilson - August 16, 2024 at 08:05 PM

RM

“ You were one of a kind my friend
You have done so much for the Rock Hall
Community, you were my go to for thinks about
starting Hightide. You pushed me to go for it!
I'm so glad I was able to see you yesterday and
we had a good conversation.
My heart hurts, but you never ever complained about your cancer,
you fought so damn hard!!
I'm already missing you. You were to history buff of the town. ❤️
You were definitely one of a kind !



Robin Merchant - August 16, 2024 at 07:50 PM

BC

*Robin you will be missed by so many. We had a lot of laughs with
Honey Bunny!! Rock Hall was better because of you. Love you my
friend...until we meet again!!*

Bonnie Chaires - August 17, 2024 at 12:58 PM

JH

“ I am very sorry to learn that Robin passed away. I send my
condolences to her family and friends!

Jack Heinefield - August 16, 2024 at 07:11 PM

DF

“ Doug Francis lit a candle in memory of Robin
Wood Kurowski



Doug Francis - August 16, 2024 at 06:44 PM

SB

“ *Stacey Boyer lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Stacey Boyer - August 16, 2024 at 06:16 PM

EL

“ *Ellen lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Ellen - August 16, 2024 at 05:56 PM

BB

“ *Beverly Brown lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Beverly Brown - August 16, 2024 at 04:58 PM

BG

“ Robin,although I am sad,I am also thankful.i asked our Lord,to not let you suffer and when HE was ready to receive you that HE would give you a peaceful transition to HIS kingdom. Robin you earned your wings many times over.you have been so good and generous to others over the years .there are just not enough words to explain all of your good deeds... but Our heavenly Father knows all and that’s all that matters.rest in peace my dear friend and classmate..Betty Ann Glenn



bettyann glenn - August 16, 2024 at 04:40 PM

BG

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bettyann glenn - August 16, 2024 at 04:40 PM

VG

“ Vicky Galt lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Vicky Galt - August 16, 2024 at 04:13 PM

CF

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. Robin was the person who first told me about FallFest in Rock Hall. I will always be grateful to her for introducing this wonderful event and town to me. It is not a hop, skip, and a jump from Bowie, MD. But I am so glad I met her. Rest in peace Robin! Cindy Freland 8/16/24

Cindy Freland - August 16, 2024 at 03:59 PM

LP

“ Leah Plato lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



leah plato - August 16, 2024 at 03:41 PM

MJ

“ Mark & Sandra Joiner lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Mark & Sandra Joiner - August 16, 2024 at 03:31 PM

DW

“ Dan Walker lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski



Dan Walker - August 16, 2024 at 03:22 PM

NH

“ *Nancy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



nancy hubbard - August 16, 2024 at 02:29 PM

NH

Rest in peace Robin.

nancy hubbard - August 16, 2024 at 02:32 PM

DW

We were shocked to hear this news. Ed and I send our condolences and wish everyone peace.

Debra Whiteaker - August 16, 2024 at 07:03 PM

SD

“ *Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski lit a candle in memory of Robin Wood Kurowski*



Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski - August 16, 2024 at 02:12 PM