



Roelof "Dutch" H. Oostveen

October 16, 1931 - September 7, 2025

Roelof Hubertus Oostveen, affectionately known as Dutch, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 7th, 2025, at the age of 93.

Dutch was one of seven children born in Eyselshoven, Holland to the late Roelof Oostveen and Elisabeth van de Hoeff on October 16, 1931. He was educated in the Eyselshoven school system. He served as a Green Beret of the Netherlands.

On May 2nd, 1957, he married Maria Fernanda Peters and from this union they had three children; Roelof (Rob), Mary-Ann and Timothy. In 1958, with his wife, eldest son Rob, and \$50, they immigrated to the United States from the Netherlands.

After arriving in Washington, D.C., he found work at Fabricator Steel in Bladensburg, MD, which required four years of training in an apprenticeship school. After working his way through the ranks, he became the highest-paid employee in the factory. He spent four years teaching in a union school and then landed a job as a mechanic at a Naval Research Lab in D.C. He worked on submarine warfare tactics and mechanics, which allowed him to travel frequently to the North Pole, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, England and Scotland. He retired in 1991 and in 1993 he moved to Ocean Pines.

One of Dutch's favorite pastimes was any and everything cycling. He became interested in cycling in 1946, while Europe was recovering from World War II. His first bike he built on his own from using parts from three other bikes— a skill he used regularly until he moved to Easton, MD to live with his daughter

in the fall of 2024. He started racing in Holland when he was 16 years old. When he moved to Ocean Pines, he started a cycling club and he biked every day with his friends up until the last year and a half; cycling about 4000 miles a year! Dutch was also a founding member and the oldest member of a cycling club he helped form in Holland in 1950 as well as a Senior Olympian. Dutch was an active member of the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club. Dutch was a deeply religious man. He was a member of St. John Neumann for 32 years and he joined Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church after moving to Easton. You could find him at church, bible study or the widows group every week.

After moving to Easton, Dutch quickly made new friends at the Talbot Senior Center which he enjoyed going to. He was also known as the “unofficial mayor” of Ocean Pines. A stranger was just a friend he hadn’t met yet. In March of 2025, he became a great-grandfather to Myles, who was his pride and joy. Myles gave him new life, new purpose and kept him going. He loved dressing up (a bolo tie, cowboy boots and turquoise were a must!), a good tune, watching the news, and spending time with his family. Dutch had a larger-than-life personality, and his presence will be missed.

Dutch was preceded in death by his wife, Maria Fernanda Oostveen on December 13, 2015, she was 83 years old.

Dutch leaves to cherish his memories his children, Roelof F. Oostveen (Jeannie) of Eldersburg, Mary-Ann E. Milligan (Scott) of Easton and Timothy C. Oostveen of Oklahoma; grandchildren, Garth, Justin (Galen), Bradley (Tessa), Kaitlyn (Alaina), and Roelof Jr; one great grandchild, Myles; special friend, Laura Bennett; and a host of other relatives and friends.

A visitation will be held on Friday, September 12, 2025, from 10am until 11am at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1210 S. Washington Street, Easton, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11am at Sts. Peter and Paul.

Following Mass a luncheon will be held at the church in the social hall. Please RSVP to Mary-Ann if you are able to attend at: 443-496-1449

In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to: Mid Shore Community

Foundation, 102 E. Dover Street, Easton, MD. 21601. Please specify "Brookletts Place - Talbot County Senior Center" in the memo section of your check.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (est)

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
1210 South Washington Street
Easton, MD 21601

Mass

SEP 12. 11:00 AM (est)

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1210 South Washington Street
Easton, MD

Open Reception

SEP 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (est)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
1210 S. Washington St
Easton, MD 21601

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Tribute Wall

PD

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of my Dear friend Dutch! My wife and I were having a yard sale in Ocean Pines around the year 2002, when this gentleman stopped by to check out the bicycles we were selling. He was interested in one of the bikes, we agreed on the price and he bought it. That was the first time we met him and became good friends ever since. He helped me with his knowledge of bicycles.

I would call him from time to time. This last time I called there was no answer. Found out from another friend that he was no longer with us!

My wife and I will truly miss him. ☐

Rest in peace my dear friend. 🙏

Our condolences to his family

Pedro Dieguez - September 26, 2025 at 12:51 PM

MM

Thank you for reaching out Pedro. This is Mary-Ann, Dutch's daughter. He has lived with us for the past 12 months in Easton, MD.

Mary-Ann Milligan - October 02, 2025 at 06:33 PM

RO

“ To the family of Roel Oostveen.

My deepest sympathy to the family, especially Mary-Ann and Scott for looking after Roel in his later years. We had a great time when Roel and Rietje travelled to Australia and again when we re-united in Holland.

May he rest in peace with Rietje.

From his brother Rien, and sister-in-law, Fia (dec) and family.

R.I.P.

Rien Oostveen - September 14, 2025 at 02:40 AM

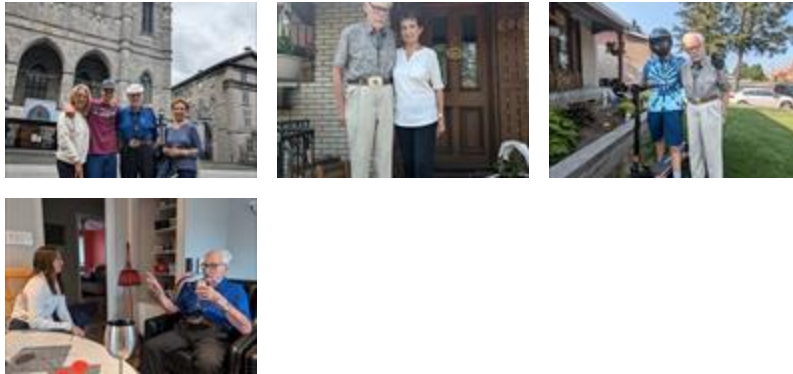
ML

“ I first met Dutch when we moved to Ocean Pines in 2003. I used to ride with him & the Worcester Wheelmen. He was a very good rider & used to fix my bike whenever I had a problem. He worked on bicycles in his garage. He had a big heart & always donated bicycles to the needy. Rest in Peace Dutch! We will miss you & your zest for life! Mickey Lobb

Mickey Lobb - September 12, 2025 at 07:39 AM

EO

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Erika Oostveen - September 11, 2025 at 05:09 PM

EO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Elysa Oostveen - September 10, 2025 at 11:33 PM

EO

Uncle Roel's last visit to Canada in July 2024

Elysa Oostveen - September 10, 2025 at 11:37 PM

GN

“ As a member of the bicycle club known as the Worcester Wheelmen, I first met Dutch in 2002. Immediately I noticed his exuberant personality and bicycle riding skill. We became good friends having attended many parties hosted by friends. At home, he liked to share fascinating stories of his good life and the licorice, black bread and "beverage" he had on hand. I will miss him dearly.
Gregory Nuovo

Gregory Nuovo - September 10, 2025 at 09:52 AM

JH

“ There are many things you can say about Dutch. Most of all, he had a zest for life. He enjoyed his family, his grand kids, and his great grand child. I spent some time with Dutch this year and I can say there was never a dull moment. A few years ago he traveled back to Florida with me for a week. Despite me being 20 years younger, he wore me out over the week going and doing things. Dutch enjoyed having a beer with friends and telling stories from his 93 year journey. I will miss his life stories most. .



Jerry Hatfield - September 10, 2025 at 08:09 AM

LM

“ Lorna Morrison lit a candle in memory of Roelof "Dutch" H. Oostveen



Lorna Morrison - September 09, 2025 at 02:57 PM



So sorry for your loss.

Bob & Sue Eastep - September 09, 2025 at 08:22 PM