



Robert J. Mudd Sr.

July 15, 1936 - January 30, 2016

Robert J. "Bobby" Mudd, Sr. died peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on January 30, 2016 in Pomfret, MD. He was 79.

Mr. Mudd is survived by his loving wife Sylvia, as well as his three children and their spouses: Robert J. Mudd, Jr. and his wife Alison, of Mechanicsville, Maryland; Julie Yowell and her husband Christopher, of Pomfret, Maryland; Stanton Blakeslee and his wife Beth, of Greenville, North Carolina. Mr. Mudd is also survived by seven grandchildren: Michael, Tyler, Alexander, Arianna, Akayla, Aubrey, and Carson.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George D. Mudd Sr., and Esther Jameson Mudd; his brother George D. Mudd Jr.; and his son, Lance Corporal Michael P. Mudd, USMC.

Robert was born on July 15, 1936 in Washington, DC and grew up on the family farm in Pomfret, MD where he would happily spend much of his life. He graduated from La Plata High School in 1954, and joined the United States Air Force in 1956. After his honorable discharge, Bobby joined the Charles County Sheriff's Department in 1961. He served for 20 years, achieving the rank of Second Lieutenant.

It was on the Sheriff's Department that he met the love of his life: his fellow

deputy, Sergeant Sylvia Blakeslee. They married in 1981, after which they blended their two families and built a home on the family farm in Pomfret. Bobby and Sylvia lived there for 35 years, surrounded by family and Bobby's beloved cattle, until the end of his life.

Bobby was a bright and resourceful man who could build or fix anything, Bobby's favorite hobby was faithfully restoring antique John Deere tractors. Many local residents have seen his work at the Charles County Fair, where for years the John Deere Club of Charles County has exhibited their talent and craftsmanship.

In addition to being a founding member of the John Deere Club, he was also a member of the FOP Lodge #24, the Charles County Sheriff's Office Retirees Association, the Maryland Two-Cylinder Club, and the Maryland Farm Bureau.

Bobby also loved a good story, and the table by his favorite chair always held a stack of thrillers, military fiction, and westerns. His favorite author was James Patterson.

Bobby was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was also a true Southern gentleman farmer: unassuming, hardworking, fearsome, and forthright, with the purest sense of right and wrong. Behind a gruff exterior was a man adored and respected for his honest, kind, and compassionate nature.

He was also well known for his generosity and willingness to do for others, a commitment borne out of his deep faith in God. He was a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Parish in Pomfret, where his body will be laid to rest at 2 PM on Friday, February 5, with a repast to follow. Father Stokes will officiate.

The viewing will be held at Raymond's Funeral Service, 5635 Washington Ave., La Plata MD on February 4 from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM, with prayers at 7

PM. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to:

St. Joseph's Parish Capital Campaign
4590 St. Joseph Way
Pomfret MD, 20675

La Plata United Methodist Church Capital Campaign
P.O. Box 2824
La Plata MD 20646

Condolences can be sent to www.raymondfuneralservice.com.

Lastly, the family would like to thank Sierra Wheeler, RN for her gentle and committed care for Bobby during his time of illness. She was a true blessing sent from God.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Cemetery

4590 St. Joseph's Way
Pomfret, MD 20675
<http://stjoepomfret.weconnect.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

FEB 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Prayers

FEB 4. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert J. Mudd Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Robert J. Mudd Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Jerry, I just learned of this today 2/6. My thoughts are with you.
Andy Ginsberg.*

Andrew Ginsberg - February 07, 2016 at 12:05 AM



“ *Bobby was the father of two of my friends, Michael and Jerry, while growing up. He lived on the farm next to my neighborhood. I remember having short hair as a kid and he proved to me that he could still get a good grip on my short neck hairs. He was there to show guidance when I took my first shot from a gun. He also taught me what farm life was all about - tobacco, tractors, animals, and including me for "supper" when helping out on the farm. I also remembering him rushing over to my house to assist when an ambulance had been called. Later in life I would see him sitting in the balcony of St. Joseph's Catholic Church; I will now always think of him when I look that way. RIP. Give my childhood best friend Michael my best when you meet with him again.*



Rob Brindle - February 05, 2016 at 10:50 AM

PB

“ *Mr. Mudd was always such a kind and gentle soul. He always had a smile and time to chat when in our store. He will be missed by the staff of Gardiner Outdoor Products. Penny Bailey Service Manager*

Penny Bailey - February 04, 2016 at 03:56 PM

MC

“ *I am so saddened to have just learned of the passing of Mr. Mudd. I had the good fortune to have met him and his lovely wife, Silvia, when I was a server at a local restaurant. We became fast friends and through our conversations, I came to learn that both he and Silvia knew my dear, sweet Aunt Millie and my Uncle "Cheese." From that moment on whenever they came in they always asked for me and we were able to catch-up. May God watch over you now Mr. Mudd and may He give Silvia the strength she will need in the days, weeks and months ahead.*

Mary Catterton - February 04, 2016 at 12:05 PM

TF

“ *The Burket Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert J. Mudd Sr..*



The Burket Family - February 04, 2016 at 10:59 AM

LS

“ *I knew Mr. Mudd during his tenure as an officer during my teen years..he made an indelible impression on my life and, through his example, I gained invaluable life lessons. He is gone, but will never be forgotten, may he rest in peace... Loretta Beasley Sachsel*

Loretta Beasley Sachsel - February 02, 2016 at 07:20 AM

MF

“ Bobby's obituary was absolutely beautiful. I have never read one as meaningful and touching as it reflects on such a good man's life. I met Bobby when I was hired to drive a school bus for Mr. Duffy (many years ago). Little did I know what was in store for me working with and watching these two characters in action. Every so often God gives us an extra special person, and that is how I will always remember him. Bobby leaves his family and friends a name to be proud of--may this hero RIP.

Mary Jo Fellner - February 02, 2016 at 05:07 AM

RB

“ Bobby played a huge role in my youth. He taught me the farming of tobacco and inspired me on the merits of hard work. As a dirt bike driving paperboy, he would cut me some slack now and again while delivering to my few customers on Rt. 227. He knew I was funding my school. He'd drive by a wag his finger at me 😊. Bobby, I know you're in heaven now. You will be missed. But not by Michael. RIP old friend.

rick brindle - February 02, 2016 at 04:40 AM

MT

“ It was an honor to have known Bobby and to have worked with him for a brief time. I have many fond memories of those days and how he took me under his wing. He was a very strong man, yet very compassionate and caring. He will be greatly missed.

Melissa Tyner

Melissa Tyner - February 01, 2016 at 02:50 PM