



Mr. Robert L. Noble

August 6, 1945 - September 6, 2024

Written by Bob: "So the world doesn't have Bob Noble to kick around anymore. I'm just gone! I think I was a pretty nice guy. I could tell people who knew me, liked me and that helped me in many ways navigating my life."

Bob "Nobes," 79, laid down his working tools on September 6, 2024, and passed away peacefully at Sunrise Senior Living Home, Severna Park, MD. He was born in Pittsburgh, California to Alvin Noble and the former Alma Mary Chlan in an army camp at the end of WWII. Alvin and Alma met and served in WWII.

Bob graduated from Towson High School, then later from University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University with master's degrees in Education and Business. He began his career as a high school teacher and coach at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, then moved to Catonsville Community College (CCC) for 10 years leaving as a Director of Continuing Education for Business and Industry. He was one of the first of two people to do this type of work within Maryland community colleges. He was responsible for developing customized training for employers, which grew to be one of the largest of its kind in the nation. He developed the first apprentice program for machine apprentices in partnership with twenty local manufacturers and CCC- the first of its kind in Maryland. Even after moving on from CCC, he continued teaching Business and Management classes part-time, which funded his hunting trips.

He worked 30 years at Westinghouse, later Northrop Grumman, rising to Vice President of State/Local Government Relations. He created and held the only lobbyist position and worked with elected officials in the Maryland General Assembly and other public officials. He advocated for bills that assisted Maryland business and industry and received multiple awards and recognition from elected officials. While at Westinghouse, he also helped CCC develop early expertise in Computer Assisted Design. Bob was instrumental in starting two non-profit companies to further manufacturing, MechTech, Inc and The Foundation for Manufacturing Excellence as well as help develop the CCC Foundation. He retired in 2011 to enjoy his time at his beach house.

Throughout his life, he was very active and social and loved spending time with friends and family. His mantra was “Work Hard, Play Harder” and he embodied that fully. He designed and built his Maryland home, which was his pride and joy. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, tending to his homes and pool. For the past few years, he has spent many days in his garage “shop.”

Bob was married to Pamela Zopfi Noble, who predeceased him on December 12, 2020. He is survived by his three children Robert, Christi and Daniel, five grandchildren: Taylor (Ben), Tyler, Jonah, Kyla and Westin and two great-grandchildren: William and Waylon. He is also survived by his two brothers Thomas and John (Elizabeth) and five nieces/nephews.

Bob was an active member of the Mason Lodge and was raised to a 32nd-degree Master Mason on April 3, 2004 and contributed to Shriner hospitals.

A Masonic funeral service will be held at Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home (6500 York Road Balto, MD) on September 27, 2024 at 11am, preceded by an open visitation at 10am and followed by a cemetery prayer at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens and reception at An Poitin Stil. All are invited to attend.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
6500 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
(410) 377-8300
general@mwfuneralhome.com

Memorial Service

SEP 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I worked with Bob at CCBC for several years and was happy to call Bob a Parkton neighbor. It was always a good time with Bob. Although we lost touch over the years, always happy memories. - Gail Wachter

Gail Wachter - September 23, 2024 at 12:08 PM

JM

“ Bob – just wanted to say how happy I am for being able to spend more time with you the past few years, how happy I am for being able to visit you often ‘at the beach’, how happy I am for being able to drive you around the par three course and retrieve golf balls from the water for you, how happy I am for trying to straighten out your computer and internet frustrations, how happy I am to have been able to share many bottles of wine at your kitchen table (especially Austin Hope), how happy I am to have been able to enjoy crab and corn chowder with you at Off the Hook, how happy I am to have shared your friends and haunts with you ... but most of all I am happy to have called you my friend. My life is better and more fulfilling thanks to you, Bob. I will miss you and our times together. NA NA NA NA, NA NA NA NA, Hey Hey, Miss you Bob.
Jack Miller

Jack Miller - September 17, 2024 at 11:20 AM

PL

“ Who could forget the memories we had at Chapman Lake when we were in college and stayed in my grandparents' cottagemany cans of beer were consumed.....us Catholic boys had the pleasure of taking you to church....only to have some beer cans roll out of your Chevy in the church parking lot in front of all the parishioners going to mass.....needless to say that was the talk of the Montdale community that week....and when we tried to teach you how to water ski.....after many unsuccessful attempts....we finally made it when I gunned the engine and we got two guys to push you up from your butt into the air....I think you made it about 50 feet and the took a header.....good times my friend and many more throughout our life time (your best man,too).....see you on the other side....Pete Lally and your TTT buddies (Mike, Skip, Jack et al)

Pete Lally - September 16, 2024 at 01:13 PM

KM

“ Bob 1....we have sooo many great memories with you from “The Rim”. Beginning with the our very 1st day when you pulled up on your red scooter and in true Bob style said if I like you you’re gonna make it...and I said come on in you are going to LOVE it! And so it began, our journey of friendship, great times and amazing memories! We will forever cherish our time together...Love Rick and Karen and the staff of The Salted Rim 😊

Karen Fritz and Rick McGee - September 14, 2024 at 09:55 AM

DG

“ Bob you have been a good friend and mentor as I began my work At CCC. No to need to elaborate, just know that you were a good friend and colleague. Many, many great times. Godspeed.

Steveg

Dr. Stephen Germeroth - September 10, 2024 at 06:57 PM

SM

Bob Noble. Will never forget the fishing trip where you took your father and father-in-law down to Tilghman Island. After partying most of the night, you showed up at the boat at 6am and were still half lit. As the day wore on, the alcohol wore off and sea sickness set in. Will never forget you pleading with Cap’t Jim to take you to dry land. I think you offered him \$100 to take you back to shore. Fun Time!! Many other memories, basketball, Watkins Glen, the annual’s and of course, many crabs and oysters. Love you Fat Bob.

Skip Minakowski - September 16, 2024 at 09:03 PM

MB

Bob You were a great friend. I will never forget the great times we shared together and all the parties we had at the shrine and Jester events. Rest in peace my friend. Until we all meet again.
Marsh Bowling 9/26/2024

Marshall Bowling - September 26, 2024 at 04:03 PM