



## Robert Thorne Ruckart

September 6, 1925 - November 26, 2017

Robert Thorne Ruckart, born September 6, 1925, the son of the late Betty Ruckart, went to be with the Lord November 26, 2017. He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Marie, to whom he committed his life through relentless service and, in her later years, compassionate caregiving. He also outlived his brother, Donald Ruckart of Baltimore, Maryland, and his sister, Patsy Gray of Cockeysville, Maryland. He is survived by four step-children, Bryant Moore, Jonathan Moore (Yai), Kevin Moore, and Katherine W. Lawson (Russell); and four grandchildren.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Bob served as a Navy Corpsman in the Korean Conflict. Later, he graduated from George Washington University School of Pharmacy in 1957 with a MS in Pharmacology. He spent a distinguished career as a Senior Research Biologist in neuro-pharmacology at A. H. Robins, where he published 17 papers on a range of subjects. One of his most fond memories was the work he accomplished with Elaine Perkinson, a collaborator on multiple initiatives at A. H. Robins.

Bob Ruckart was a member of Charles City County Ruritan Club, and, in 1990, began his service with Providence Forge Rescue Squad. A committed emergency responder, he was certified in advanced cardiac life support and served as a driver and EMT, as well as the squad's treasurer for 21 years. A member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church since 1982, he was a faithful supporter of Kings Daughters and Sons, No Greater Love, and served as the church's organist and a member of the choir. He gave abundantly to members of his community both as a parent while living in Richmond, raising four children with Marie, plus serving as a volunteer musician among area nursing homes, as well as after relocating to Charles City County in the early 1980's.

While operating Lonesome Pine Christmas Tree Farm in the county with Marie, they often gave trees to charity and to families who could not afford to buy one. He was known as an astute model train collector and could be found wearing his engineer's cap when he displayed model layouts through the years with Dr. Robert Singer and other members of the Virginia Model Railroading Club at the Science Museum of Richmond. Bob will be missed by his family and friends. Contributions in his memory may be made to Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church or the World Wildlife Fund.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Monday December 4, 2017 at Mt. Pleasant Baptist

Church, 19300 The Glebe Ln, Charles City, VA 23030.

# Comments

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“ One of my earliest memories of Uncle Bob was of him playing baseball in our grandparents' yard with all the children from our combined families. He was always jovial and interested in a multitude of scientific and charitable causes. He brought joy wherever he went and together with our Aunt Marie, made lasting tributes to their community in many ways. A donation has been made in his memory to Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church from the "Walton Girls." Lovingly, Dawn Walton Wilson, White Oak Dairy, Covington, VA.

**Dawn Wilson** - December 21, 2017 at 01:33 PM

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“ Uncle Bob was a wonderful man who brought much joy and happiness to others. I have so many great memories of my Aunt Marie and Uncle Bob visiting us on our farm in Alleghany County. He always reminded me a little of Jimmy Stewart. Thoughts and prayers to Bryant, Katherine, Jonathon and Kevin and their families

**Mary Walton Stevens** - December 04, 2017 at 01:24 PM

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“ The members of the Sheltering Arms Circle of The King's Daughters and Sons extend sincere sympathy to the family of Bob Ruckart. His death represents not only a loss to his family but to his community.

**nancy barret** - December 04, 2017 at 08:53 AM

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“ Bob Ruckart was the most generous man I ever knew, He didn't have a mean bone in his body, and never had a negative opinion of anyone, always finding the the best in anyone or any situation. He treated his wife of 46 years as his Queen, and her children as his own. As Marie was struggling with her 4 children when they met, Bob was Kevins' `Big Brother' , and Marie started inviting Bob over for dinner, started dating, and the rest is history. They made quiet a couple, you see, I was at the wedding. A rowdy 16 year old revolting teenager that was as much trouble as he could be. Little did I know that I would learn to love and appreciate Bob as if he were my real father. We already miss you. Bob. Rest in Peace  
Oldest `step' son, Bryant Moore

**Bryant Moore** - December 02, 2017 at 08:44 PM



“ Bob was generous and caring as a father to Marie's children and as a caregiver to Marie for many years. He helped Marie raise us and provided support to not only the four children but loved his grands, Sarah and Ben. We will remember the great times we had together. I especially will fondly remember the time when Bob and I traveled to Ireland. I will miss you Bob and the treasure you are. Peace be with you. Love you, Katherine

**Katherine W. Lawson** - December 03, 2017 at 11:00 AM