



## Frederick Griffith Bahr

January 22, 1930 - September 12, 2018

Frederick Griffith Bahr, a Board Supervisor for New Kent County, VA from 1996-2000, passed away peacefully at home in Lanexa, VA on September 12 after a six month battle with cancer. Bahr was born in Minneapolis to Mary Fairfax Griffith, of Warsaw, Virginia and Frederick Charles Bahr, of New York City. The family moved to Detroit in 1933. Bahr attended Andover Prep School, and received his Bachelor's degree from Yale University, where he played football and boxed, earning him the nickname "Fearless Fred." He married Robin Louise Renfrew of Birmingham, Michigan in 1954 and had three children. After receiving a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1954, Bahr served in the U.S. Marine Corps and later returned to Birmingham to practice law. He moved to the Williamsburg area in 1986 and met his second wife Jane Krieger Rhode after placing an ad in a local paper seeking a squash partner. They were married in 1990, and together raised and rescued dozens of goats, dogs, cats, and chickens.

Bahr is remembered as an unbeatable chess player and lover of history, especially the Civil and Revolutionary War eras. A lover of music, an accomplished tenor, he sang and taught his children drinking songs, including many from the Tom Lehrer canon, and a personal favorite; "They're Moving Father's Grave To Build a Sewer." He sang in several choirs including St. Peter's Episcopal Church in New Kent County, Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, and the Williamsburg a cappella group, "The Dukes of Gloucester." Bahr was an active volunteer with the New Kent Literacy

Program which included classes at the Henrico County correctional facilities. Bahr is survived, and will be deeply missed, by his wife, Jane, his sister, Jean Waltrip of Rocky Mount, VA, his daughters, Robin and Rebecca of New York City, son, Fax of Los Angeles, CA, his stepsons, Jud Rhode of La Jolla, CA, and Alex Rhode of Seattle, WA, and his six grandchildren, Emily, Anna, Will, John Charles, Nora, and Benjamin.

A memorial service will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, New Kent at 2 PM, Sunday, September 23rd. Interment will be at Yeocomico Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the New Kent County Animal Shelter, c/o New Kent Sheriff's Office, PO Box 186, New Kent, VA 23124 or Yeocomico Episcopal Church, Cople Parish, PO Box 249, Kinsale, VA 22488.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter's Parish Church  
8400 St. Peter's Lane  
New Kent, VA 23124

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jane, Gerald and I are so sorry to hear about Mr. Bahr. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you all comfort during this difficult time.

*Lois Wilcox*

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**Lois Wilcox** - September 16, 2018 at 01:15 PM

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“ Oh, Jane, I'm so sorry to hear this! I haven't heard from Fred in a while and was considering looking him up to see how you guys were doing. He was always sending me on quests to find "the perfect gift" for you. I'll always remember that sweet giant. Blessings to all of you!

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**Carrie Conklin** - September 15, 2018 at 11:35 AM