



Robert Presley Hart Jr.

August 9, 1927 - June 22, 2022

Robert P. Hart Jr. of Cologne, age 94, passed away on June 22, 2022, at his home on the York River. He was the son of Robert P. Hart Sr. and Virginia Bland Hart. Bobby was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Edie Gannaway Hart, his sister, Minor Hart Trevilian, and his grandson, John Gannaway Hart Jr. Survivors include his children: Mike Hart (Martha), Jack Hart (Clyde), Gina Kane (Frank), and Sara Sanders (Stewart); eight grandchildren: Ragan Hart (fiancée, Megan Young), Robert Hart (Ann Laurence), Tris Jones, Sam Hart (Sallie), Becca Hart, Alicia Sanders (Jeanne), Edie Sanders, and Mary Sanders; granddaughter-in-law Jennifer Hart; and four great-grandchildren.

If family was his heart, the family business was his soul. Established by his grandfather in 1903 as a general merchandise store, it continues as a farm run by his grandson. Bobby filled all roles as needed, including merchant, mill hand, farmer, postmaster, and delivery driver. Having earned his driver's license at age 14, he was at home behind the wheel — delivering feed and supplies across the state, working his fields on tractors and combines, traveling across the country on road trips with Edie, and mowing lawns in and around Cologne, humming “King of the Road” as he rolled along.

Bobby regularly spent summer Sunday afternoons at the helm of his boat, exploring the York River and sharing his love of waterskiing with all who wanted to learn.

Always active in the community, Bobby served Shackelfords Chapel and its

Memorial Association in many ways over the years. He served on the King and Queen County Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals for decades. He was a member of the West Point Ruritan Club and a founding member of the Board of Directors for the Bank of West Point. Bobby supported his children's schools in King and Queen and in West Point, even providing farm wagons — and pigs — for homecoming parades.

Bobby described himself as ornery. Though inclined to agree with this assessment, his family will remember the best of him — his sense of humor, work ethic, discipline, determination, loyalty and love.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lower King and Queen Volunteer Fire-EMS, the Healthy Harvest Food Bank, or the Shackelfords Chapel general fund.

A private graveside service is planned. Please visit www.vincentfh.com to share your memories and thoughts with the family.

Tribute Wall

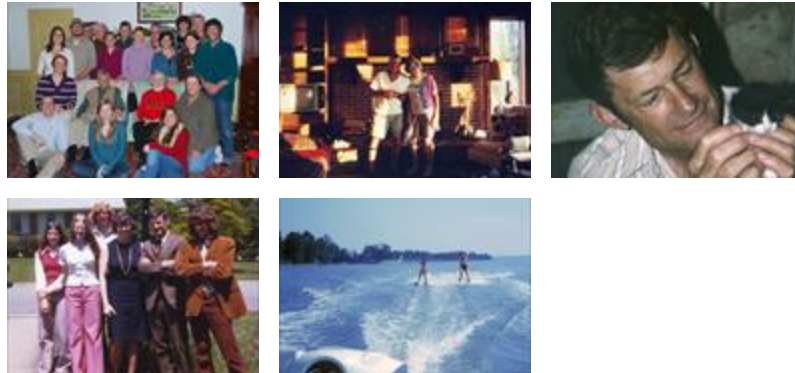
BW

“ Jack - I loved how your Dad was so real and honest with people. What a dear soul. Also, I was shocked to learn of Clyde's death. Both will be missed greatly by many. I wish there were words to comfort you but I know there aren't. We are lovingly thinking about you. Betsy and Nathan Wise

Betsy Wise - January 02, 2023 at 03:09 PM

SS

“ 13 files added to the album Bobby Hart photos



Sara Hart Sanders - October 09, 2022 at 01:31 PM

SS

“ 1 file added to the album Bobby Hart photos



Sara Hart Sanders - October 08, 2022 at 02:30 PM

MS

“ Heaven will be even a nicer place because Bobby is there. When he came to Richmond, sometimes he stopped by Venable Seed Company on 17th Street. One time he came in with the worst case of poison oak we had ever seen. We sold him a product called Tecnu. From that moment on, he never forgot to mention that we had saved him from itching to death everytime he visited. He really was a very nice man and we are happy to have known him. From the employees of Venable, Eddie Wirt, Billy Wirt and Peggy Wirt Smith

Margaret Smith - July 25, 2022 at 11:27 AM

AE

“ We are saddened to hear about Bobby's passing. We send our condolences to the whole family. Rest in peace Bobby, you will be missed!

Art and Annick Ensley - July 03, 2022 at 05:05 PM

JR

“ John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Robert Presley Hart Jr.



John and Vickie Roane - July 02, 2022 at 08:50 AM

BJ

“ Bobby was a kind and fair minded gentleman. His contribution to the agricultural community, the county as civic leader, and all his other endeavors were impeccable. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the entire family-we will miss him but his legacy lives on through his loving family and many friends.

Bruce Johnson - June 30, 2022 at 05:13 PM

AG

“ Amanda Guirkins lit a candle in memory of Robert Presley Hart Jr.



Amanda Guirkins - June 30, 2022 at 12:48 AM

JM

“ The Hart family are in my thoughts and prayers.. I have so many memories of coming in the store and getting our mail as a child. Mr Bobby was always so kind. A few months ago I saw him in food lion and I reintroduced my self and he remembered me and asked about my family. I gave him a hug and we went out separate ways.. His smile was the same smile I remembered of long ago.

Joy Bristow McCloud - June 27, 2022 at 03:46 PM

TL

“ To the Hart family. I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad, my memories of him go all the way back to our elementary school days at Pleasant Hill. I know hw was a good, loving dad, and you will miss him. He lived a good long life and you will always be filled with the memories of your time with him.

Tom Lawson

Tom Lawson - June 27, 2022 at 03:02 PM

LC

“ Condolences to the family. He was such a sweet gentleman. I have fond memories of him spoiling me with fresh baked peanut butter cookies his wife made when I worked at ODG years ago.

Linda Sue Cutrell - June 26, 2022 at 08:25 PM

BV

“ *Barbara Vandegrift lit a candle in memory of Robert Presley Hart Jr.*



Barbara Vandegrift - June 26, 2022 at 12:24 PM

EB

“ *To the Hart family,
So sorry for your loss! May your memories comfort you and knowing that you will see him again. So glad you were blessed to have him in your lives. Thinking of and praying for you,
Elaine Bland*

Elaine Bland - June 26, 2022 at 10:26 AM

AB

“ *We will miss Bobby's sense of humor and great smile & his annual visit on Christmas Eve Rest In Peace Dear Friend Austin and Jo Ann Brooks*

austin & jo Ann Brooks - June 26, 2022 at 10:10 AM

BL

“ *Our sincere sympathy and condolences to Bobby's family. We were blessed by his friendship and that of his family!*

Bill & Carolyn Littreal

Bill & Carolyn Littreal - June 26, 2022 at 09:21 AM

KG

“ Kathy Glass lit a candle in memory of Robert Presley Hart Jr.



Kathy Glass - June 25, 2022 at 05:23 PM

JW

“ Thinking of you all at this time. May good memories help you in the days ahead.He will be missed

Janie wilson wampler - June 25, 2022 at 09:36 AM

DC

“ Donna Croswell And R.T. Croswell lit a candle in memory of Robert Presley Hart Jr.



Donna Croswell and R.T. Croswell - June 25, 2022 at 06:53 AM

DB

“ Hart Family! Condolences to you all in the passing of Bobby! He was a great man 🙏 Dolores Willis Beeler

Dolores Willis Beeler - June 24, 2022 at 10:56 PM

CT

“ To Sam and family, I am sorry to hear of Mr. Hart's passing. I have known and served him over 35 plus years and have enjoyable memories. May God bless you with the gift of comfort in the loss of your grandfather.

Cathy Thurston - June 24, 2022 at 10:07 PM

LS

“ *Lisa Bland Siggins lit a candle in memory of Robert Presley Hart Jr.*



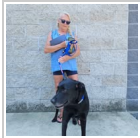
Lisa Bland Siggins - June 24, 2022 at 05:40 PM

AB

“ *Sorry for your loss! Condolences to the Family.*



Anna Braxton - June 24, 2022 at 04:11 PM



“ *Margaret Horsley lit a candle in memory of Robert Presley Hart Jr.*



Margaret Horsley - June 24, 2022 at 03:25 PM

GB

“ *I am sorry for your loss. May loving memories give you comfort as you navigate through this most difficult time. Bobby will be missed.*

Gloria Bagby - June 24, 2022 at 09:56 AM

FC

“ Francis E Chandler lit a candle in memory of Robert Presley Hart Jr.



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BE

“ Beverly Edwards lit a candle in memory of Robert Presley Hart Jr.



Beverly Edwards - June 24, 2022 at 09:23 AM

BH

“ Barbara And Fred Hess lit a candle in memory of Robert Presley Hart Jr.



Barbara and Fred Hess - June 24, 2022 at 09:05 AM

GB

“ Sara and family, I am truly sorry for your loss. Your Dad was salt of the earth. I know y'all will miss him dearly. I'll be praying. Love you.

Gwen Bizzell - June 24, 2022 at 07:53 AM

Faith
Silva

“ Faith Silva lit a candle in memory of Robert Presley Hart Jr.



Faith Silva - June 24, 2022 at 05:43 AM

HH

“ Harwood Hall lit a candle in memory of Robert Presley Hart Jr.



Harwood Hall - June 23, 2022 at 11:35 PM

TH

“ One of the first people I met in King and Queen. Bobby, Edie, and Smiling Jack at Cologne! Hart's General Store was a staple in the community. Wonderful memories of the Hart family and the friendship that forged for many years.
May you find peace in Bobby's passing. He had a wonderful life full of love!
God Bless You All. Much Love Always
Keith, Teresa Harver and Family 💕

Teresa Harver - June 23, 2022 at 10:18 PM

FW

“ *Our deepest sympathy. He was a pillar in our community that will be greatly missed. Praying for Peace & Comfort*



Franklin & Rhonda Walton - June 23, 2022 at 10:14 PM

JP

“ *We send our love and sympathy to all of his family*

Judy and Glenn Palmer - June 23, 2022 at 09:07 PM

RO

“ *Always looked like such a pleasant man. God Bless!*
Beverly & Jim Ross



Ross - June 23, 2022 at 08:59 PM

JR

“ *John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Robert Presley Hart Jr.*



John and Vickie Roane - June 23, 2022 at 08:01 PM

GC

“ Sending my thoughts, prayers and condolences

Gloria Couch (formerly Foster)



Gloria Couch - June 23, 2022 at 07:48 PM

GO

“ Sending my condolences 🙏



Gloria. ouch - June 23, 2022 at 07:42 PM

TR

“ Tom And Shelby Revere lit a candle in memory of Robert Presley Hart Jr.



Tom and Shelby Revere - June 23, 2022 at 07:06 PM

GV

Sending thoughts and prayers to you all!

Geri and Sonny Via - June 25, 2022 at 10:43 AM

WW

Sorry to hear about Bobby, he was good man. Bill Wills

william wills - June 25, 2022 at 11:10 AM



To the Hart family sorry for the loss of your love one Vernell Jackson

Vernell Jackson - June 26, 2022 at 04:47 PM