



Bob Nelson Farmer

December 3, 1940 - May 23, 2021

Bob Nelson Farmer, loving brother, uncle, and friend passed away on Sunday May 23, 2021.

Bob was a kind, energetic man, who never met a stranger. Born and raised in Baltimore, he left home to join the Air Force. He came out of the Air Force with a plan to become a hair stylist. His clients loved him and often sent Bob building materials for the mill in lieu of a gratuity. Bob married the love of his life, Bettie Lynn, in 1969. Together they moved into an old gristmill and spent their lives transforming it into a warm and loving home while preserving its historical value. Over the years their shared love of animals led to the adoption of many rescue dogs that they loved dearly. Bettie's brother often said that their dogs "hit the lottery". Sadly, Bob lost Bettie in 2015.

Bob's lifelong love of nature led him to his true passion, his landscaping and nursery business. We don't think a tree or plant exists that Bob wouldn't be able to cite the genus and species of and he loved to share his knowledge with anyone who would listen. He had a visionary ability to look at a property and transform it into a work of art. Bob used his talents to transform the mill grounds into a nature paradise.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife Bettie, his father Talmage, and his mother Lou Ella. He is survived by his sister Mary, niece Diane, nephews

David, Charles, and John, great nieces Angel, Hollie, Stephanie, Lauren, Nicole, and several cousins. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the animal shelter that was so important to Bob and Bettie:

Animal Rescue, Inc.

2 Heritage Farm Drive

New Freedom, PA 17349

(717) 993-3232

<https://www.animalrescueinc.org>

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Bob landscaped my yard. To this day, people passing by stop and praise his design. My husband produced a video of their Grist Mill as a gift for Bob & Betty featuring a Winter snow storm. They loved it and always shared their appreciation by sharing wonderful Christmas parties with us. Their passing is sad. I look forward to meeting them again in Heaven. Bye Bob, for now. Say hi to Betty for us. Darlene & Karl Weber

Dar Web - September 03, 2021 at 07:20 PM

MC

“ My sincere sympathy,

Mary Cummings - June 14, 2021 at 06:36 PM

DH

“ We have great memories of our visit with Uncle Bob & Aunt Betty many years ago when they first bought the mill.. boy has it changed. He will be missed. God bless him. Love Don & Sue Heatwole

Don heatwole - June 12, 2021 at 09:36 AM

MA

“ Bob Nelson Farmer

Mary - June 10, 2021 at 03:26 PM

TS

“ Uncle Bob is a kind and generous soul. My warmest memories are at the \"Mill\" with family. His love of nature will be missed and remain his legacy.

Tribute Store - June 01, 2021 at 07:50 PM

VH

“Bobby Farmer” brought so many gifts to our life. We will never forget him.

Virginia L Heatwole - May 31, 2021 at 07:52 PM

VH

“ To the family, mother nature lost one of their best friend, humble person I had a privilege to meet, he was the best of the best, pick up tips for gardening, learn from the pro! Gigi and Blanche Heatwole

Virginia L Heatwole - May 31, 2021 at 07:43 PM

LG

“ My Uncle Bob was a kind and gracious soul. I have the warmest memories of the time I spent with him and my Aunt Bettie at the Gristmill many many years ago and beauty of the grounds and the many awesome historical features. I will miss his sharing of his love of nature and the many awesome facebook postings that he shared with us. His beautiful work with landscaping and nature will forever remain his legacy.

Linda Greenia - May 31, 2021 at 06:09 PM