



## Robert William Graybeal

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Robert William Graybeal was born at Union Hospital on Saturday, March 18, 1967, and there he died of pancreatic cancer on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

Rob was a lifelong Marylander, and a fiercely independent man of many talents. Over the years he was a locksmith, lumber treater, carpenter, cement truck driver, water treatment specialist, short-haul trucker, and many other things. His expansive resume stems from a mixture of endless curiosity, hard-earned expertise, and a well-known lack of love for authority figures.

He had a surprisingly green thumb, raising especially beautiful roses, and was immediately trusted and adored by every animal he ever met. Robbie was a hardheaded thrill-seeker and daredevil who believed everything could always be louder and faster. He rode (and crashed) many four-wheelers, played the drums, and sat as close to the speakers as possible at innumerable concerts including KISS, Metallica, and one incredibly awkward Blink-182 concert in the early 2000s with his then-teenage daughter. He also enjoyed hunting or walking the local fields reminiscing about his wilder days, and cruising on the Chesapeake Bay. Lucky for the critters he was a notoriously bad hunter and fisherman; luckily for his friends, just being out in nature with them was more

than enough. At just 54, Robbie died long before he or his loved ones were ready. He would have loved spending his golden years out on the water with all of you.

Robert is preceded in death by his father, Vincent Graybeal; grandfather, William Henry Given; aunt, Emily (Auntie) Given; his three pups Max, Harley and Buddy, and several dear friends who were surely awaiting his arrival.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Graybeal (nee Ham) of Port Deposit; only child, Krystal Graybeal (John) of Vermont; mother, Nancy Graybeal; sister Fonda Graybeal, both of Port Deposit and his beloved chihuahua pal Charlie, who all cared for him through years of debilitating pain. He is also survived by Vicky Graybeal (Rob) of New Jersey, former high school sweetheart and mother of his only child; Hannah Smyth of Baltimore, whom he loved like a daughter, and a host of dearly loved friends.

As he wished, Rob has been cremated. A private memorial will be held when Covid is behind us, hopefully next year. In the meantime, spend more time with the people you love, and think of him when you catch a fish or find a deer shed.

Memorial contributions can be made in his name to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, to preserve the waterways he loved so much.

# Tribute Wall



“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Robert William Graybeal** - August 10, 2021 at 09:52 AM