



## Robert C. Casseday

December 11, 1956 - September 5, 2020

Robert "Bob" C. Casseday, age 63 of Lewes, DE, passed away on Saturday, September 5, 2020 of natural causes. Bob was doing what he loved best, fishing from his boat on the Sassafras River. He was born on December 11, 1956 in Wilmington, DE, son of Mary E. Casseday and the late Robert H. Casseday.

Bob, with his father, started Below Book Auto on Savannah Road in 1989. He was an imaginative and talented painter, potter, and writer, spending countless hours doing what he enjoyed. Bob loved all animals, swimming in the canal, fishing in the ocean, his British car, and his boat. He truly lived life, his way! Above all, Bob cherished time spent with those most important to him. He was a loving and devoted brother and friend, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his mother, Bob is survived by his sister, Debbie and her husband, Harry J. Sheing, Jr.

Services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bob's name to the Marine Education, Research & Rehabilitation Institute by visiting their website at [www.MERRinstitute.org](http://www.MERRinstitute.org).

Please sign Bob's online guest book located on this site.

# Comments

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“ Bob has been a steadfast friend of MERR and the marine animals that we rescue. He started helping with dolphin rescues during MERR's infancy, and was always at the ready to lend his boat so that we could get to animals on the water that needed our help. He was especially helpful with two young dolphins that spent the summer in the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal near the railroad swing bridge in Lewes. Using his fish finder, he helped us document the water depth and lay of the land as we planned for a potential rescue if needed. Luckily the dolphins left on Labor Day weekend, after keeping us on our toes since July 4th. Bob also created works of art that highlighted the exploitation of whales, and wrote a book on the same subject. Bob will remain an unforgettable part of MERR, and his love of the ocean will live on in the work that we do.

Suzanne Thurman, Executive Director, MERR Institute, Inc.

Suzanne E Thurman - January 15 at 02:52 PM

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“ Bob was truly a wildflower in the largely homogenized pasture of humanity. His creative mind, provocative art, boundless energy and mischievous laugh placed him apart from the pack.  
I'm not sure how many folks swam the canal from Lewes to Rehoboth for fun but I'm guessing not many. How about venturing out to the Baltimore Canyon in a fifteen foot whaler? Bravery is required to enjoy the freedom that lies beyond bounds.  
Well Bob, your artistry will keep you in our thoughts as we marvel at your unique mind. May your cosmic journey be even more adventurous than your earthly experience my friend.  
Warm thoughts and love to all those he left behind.

Abraxas Hudson - October 23, 2020 at 10:37 PM

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“ So sad to hear of Bob. My thoughts are with you Debbie and all your family. This is always the saddest part of growing older as we watch all our loved ones go before us. Praying for your peace

Deborah J Fritz Cotton - September 22, 2020 at 09:31 AM

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“ Harry and family, I just seen and can't believe. Just seen Bob right after labor day. In my prayers n for him and his mom. Every conversation he would talk about his mom. I have purchased a few cars from you folks. Friends laugh at me as I change so often. As I have a jeep most of the time. Harry n Bob found me another one in the spring. Bob RIP.

Joe Kirk - September 19, 2020 at 09:43 PM

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“ Harry & Debbie, I just found out today of Bob's passing. My heart is heavy for you both. I pop in a lot and found myself talking to Bob about his art. He was so so talented. I was just in before his passing and he showed me his 2 headed turtle. A unique guy who is now an angel watching over his loved ones!  
Peggy

Peggy Ranieri Findeison - September 18, 2020 at 03:25 PM

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“ Im so sorry to read of Rob's passing. My late husband was a friend of Rob's at the marina, and fondly called him "Jogger Dude". After Pete passed Rob made me a beautiful pottery jug in memory of Pete that said at the bottom "And the fish are relieved"! It was such a sweet thing to do and I always display it proudly.

donna floyd - September 18, 2020 at 06:39 AM

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“ There are absolutely NO WORDS. God has a new perfect angel! Until we meet again my friend 🙏

Sandy Fuller - September 14, 2020 at 11:33 AM

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“ My husband (Bob) and his friends found Bob. We did not know him but he's touched our lives. My condolences to the family.

serena armstrong - September 13, 2020 at 06:06 PM

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“ Harry, Debbie and Mrs. Casseday so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. May all the great memories that you have shared comfort you during this difficult time. He was one of a kind! A great artist and fisherman.

**Bryan Hecksher** - September 11, 2020 at 08:32 PM

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“ Bob always made you smile, either jogging down route 1 in the pouring rain at 6am, or showing you his latest creative pottery creation, and most recently his 2 headed snapping turtle! Bob was truly one of a kind and quite frankly a local Lewes legend. So very sorry for the loss, here's to you Bob May you forever have tight lines, Rest In Peace.

-Will E.

**will emmert** - September 11, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ So sorry to read the news of Bobs passing, always a friend, never lost his passion for the arts, a fixture in our community. Best to the family. God Speed (babalou) Bob.

**Mike McShane** - September 16, 2020 at 10:07 PM

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“ Mrs Casseday, Debbie and Harry. Bob and I are so very sorry for the loss of your son, brother and brother in law. Please know you are in our prayers.  
Mary Ellen and Bob Brice

Mary Ellen and Bob Brice - September 11, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ Mary, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your son. May God be with you and your family.  
Mike Broujos

Mike Broujos - September 11, 2020 at 06:14 PM



“ Debbie and Betty,

My heartfelt condolences on the loss of Bob. He is one of a few true friends that I have had. He always has a way to make me smile, even when the chips are down. From when we met in 1977 till now and forever more, Bob lives in my heart as a true friend.

John Ballen - September 12, 2020 at 05:34 AM



“ Mrs. Casseday, Debbie and Harry,  
I am truly shocked and saddened to learn of Bob's passing.  
He was certainly a free spirit - a 2 headed snapping turtle indeed!  
Please accept my deepest sympathies.

Amanda Neafie

Amanda Neafie - September 13, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ Mary, Debbie, & Harry--

Our hearts go out to you, keeping you and all those impacted by Bobby's death in prayer. Please remember to celebrate the life he had. All the great memories, and moreover the great stories Bobby had!

So blessed to have been a part of them--

God Bless

Mike & Gi Gi Redman

Mike & Gi Gi Redman - September 16, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ Sorry for your loss, may he Rest in Peace...

Vic & Pat Guempel

Vic - September 16, 2020 at 05:55 PM