



# Robert H. Deaderick Jr.

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**R**obert H. Deaderick, Jr., proud son, father, grandfather, husband, attorney, sportsman, and patriot, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours on May 10 at his home in Fredericksburg at the age of 78.

The son of a World War II hero, "Bob" was born in Harrisonburg, VA on October 9, 1943, and first met his father at the age of two. The oldest of four children to Robert H. Deaderick and Jane (Argenbright) Deaderick, he played football at Manchester High School in Richmond, VA as a white tee, buzzcut American teenager with a baseball card collection, a morning paper route, and a homemade go-kart. He revered his father, and chose his namesake's alma mater, Virginia Military Institute, for college. Upon graduating VMI Class of 1965, he joined the U.S. Army's Armor Division and became Captain, narrowly avoiding Vietnam in favor of Germany and a Spitfire convertible.

While serving overseas, he discovered a penchant for debate and followed that inspiration to law school at Washington & Lee University, kickstarting a successful career as an attorney that spanned nearly five decades and included State Bar memberships in New York, Massachusetts, and Virginia, as well as the Supreme Court Bar. An exceptional arbiter, he delivered winning arguments in the most hopeless scenarios, successfully defending Nixon-era potheads to illegitimate fantasy football trades, but was best known as a public defender who could leverage big settlements from stingy insurers.

In 1980, Bob married Marian Patricia Walsh in New York, NY, and soon had two children, Robert III and Elizabeth. His perpetual love of Virginia led him to settle in Fredericksburg in 1990, where he began a long stretch as a single father with both children under his wing. In 1998, Bob married Mary Caroline Hatch and was blessed with a second son, David. Bob made fatherhood his mission, dedicating himself completely to his family, and his parenting was second to none: loving, yet demanding; adventurous, but strict.



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His limited spare time in Fredericksburg was directed to service and community organizations, including roles as President of the local VMI Alumni Association chapter, President of the Rappahannock Rotary Club, Chairman of Healthy Generations RAAI, District Chairman of Boy Scouts of America, and Board of Directors at the Moss Free Clinic.

Sunday mornings were spent at The Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church. Saturdays, on the other hand, featured his two personal joys: VMI Football and the Potomac River. In the fall, he'd be in Keydet red and yellow, team depth chart in hand, chanting "The Spirit" along with the Corps, eager to shake hands with his personally recruited players after the game. On the Potomac, "Riverbank" saw Bob and his family every summer of his life, sharing in classic southern thrills like fishing, hunting, and sailing, even becoming a beekeeper in later years.

Bob is survived by his wife Caroline; his children Robert III (Becky), Elizabeth (Jeffrey) Tubbs, and David; his sisters Sally (Gary) Thompson and Diane (Lanny) Montgomery-Logan; his brother Doug Deaderick; his grandchildren Huck and Nettie (Elizabeth), and Robert IV (Robert); and countless extended family members, close at heart and forever blessed.

He was a man of principle, perpetual reverence, and sacrifice, a master of ceremony, a champion for his children, a statesman and a servant, certain to meet the Lord with a firm handshake and a smile.

A memorial service open to the public will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 11:30 am EST at The Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church, 810 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg VA, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the VMI Foundation.



## Events

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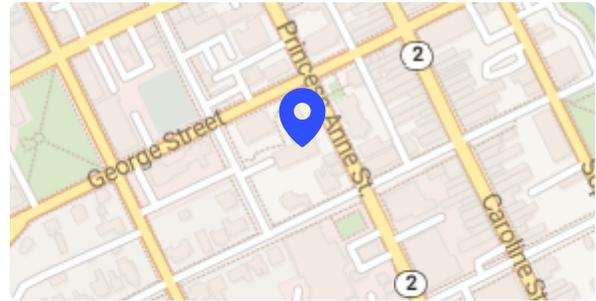
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### Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, May 21, 2022

 11:30 AM ET

 **The Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg**  
810 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg VA  
22401





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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Deaderick family.

May 20 at 5:11 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Deaderick family.

May 18 at 7:18 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Deaderick family.

May 17 at 6:13 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Deaderick family.

May 17 at 11:34 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.

May 17 at 8:23 AM



**Tuffy Hicks** posted:

Our sincere prayers and condolences to the family. I met Bob back in 1960's when he was a cadet with my friend Ray Carpenter at VMI in the same class. Tuffy & Anne Hicks

May 15 at 11:57 AM



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**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Deaderick family.



May 13 at 6:58 PM



**Rick Pullen** posted:

I met Bob the day he moved into Fredericksburg into a house across the street from my family. We also met E and Robert that evening and helped them and Bob's Dad unload their truck. What a wonderful family. I'm so sorry to hear about Bob's death. He truly was a great guy. My deepest sympathy for your entire family. He left us far too soon.

May 13 at 5:40 PM



**Rodney Jones** May 15 at 4:10 PM

I remember Mr. Bob Deaderick, Jr. when Robert, III and Elizabeth (E) were students at Walker-Grant Middle School in Fredericksburg. Bob was very supportive of his kids and the school community. Our deepest sympathy for the entire family during this time. Mr. Deaderick was a wonderful man. Rodney and Fay Jones



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Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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