

## **Robert Berry**

Robert Wade Berry, 74, of Burgess, Virginia, passed away Sunday, March 25, 2012 after a brief illness. He was born to the late Frank and Georgette Berry, October 11, 1937 in Clarksburg, WV. He graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in 1956, and married Mary Jewell Sapp in 1960. He received a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Indiana Institute of Technology in 1964. He completed the Columbia University Executive Program in Business Administration in 1978. He served three years of active duty in the US Navy and retired as a Commander from the Naval Reserve after 31 years of service. Bob was an active parishioner of St. Paul Catholic Church, Hague, VA. . He worked for the General Foods Corporation from 1965 to 1990. He held management positions in Battle Creek, MI and Saratoga Springs, NY, and the last position held was Plant Manager of the Carton and Container Operation in Saratoga Springs. After retiring, he opened and operated a successful machine shop in Ballston Spa, NY. After closing the machine shop in 1996, he and his wife Mary retired to the Northern Neck of Virginia to enjoy sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. He was an active member of the Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club and served as their president. He was also an active member of the Northern Neck Sailing Association. His favorite past times included shooting trap, sailing, and metalworking. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Mary, two daughters, Bronwyn (Brian) Craig of Glen Cove, New York and Paige (Bradley) Allen of Albany, New York, dear cousins Maurice Bouffieux of Dayton, OH, Barbara Comer and Margaret Knight of Clarksburg, WV, other cousins, many nieces and nephews, countless friends and his dog, Indy, a constant companion. The family wishes to thank John Miller, MD, and the nurses and staff at the Riverside Cancer Center in Gloucester for their kindness and care during his illness. In addition, the family would like to thank everyone associated with Riverside Hospice in Tappahannock for their gracious and gentle care given him during the last days of his life. The family will receive friends on Sunday evening, April 1st, at the Faulkner Family Funeral Home, 14476 Northumberland Highway, Burgess, Virginia, from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. A wake service will follow. A funeral Mass will take place Monday, April 2nd at 11:00 am at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 7070 Nomini Hall Rd, Hague, VA. Burial will take place at the Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville, NY at a time yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Paul's Parish Building Fund, PO Box 65, Hague, Virginia 32469 or to Riverside Hospice Tappahannock, 618 Hospital Rd. Tappahannock, Virginia, 22560. Online remembrances may be made at [faulknerfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://faulknerfamilyfuneralhome.com)