



Robert Morris Pollok Jr.

February 18, 1944 - February 5, 2018

Robert “Bob” Morris Pollok Jr. passed away suddenly from a tragic accident on Monday, February 5, 2018 working on his beloved family farm on Clearview Drive.

Bob was born on February 18, 1944 in Danville, VA. He was the son of Robert Morris and Elizabeth Pollok. Bob graduated from Whitmell School in 1962 and graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor’s of Science in 1966. A few years later he obtained his Masters Degree from Virginia Tech. He worked as an agriculture education and shop teacher at Dan River High School and later at Tunstall High School for 34 years. Many of his students and colleagues knew him as “Barney”. He made a strong impact on the agricultural community and its students over his years of teaching. After he retired from the school system, he continued farming and growing the family business, Hill View Farms with his wife and son. He also was active in numerous farm organizations including the Callands Young Farmers.

Bob married the love of his life, Billie, on July 1, 1967. They were wed for 48 years before Billie passed away in October 2015. Bob and Billie were members of St. John’s Methodist Church for over 45 years where he was a member of St. John’s Fisherman’s Club.

Bob was predeceased by his wife Billie, his parents, and his sister Mary Helen

Collins. He is survived by his son Robert William Pollok and wife, Wendy. He has two granddaughters, Megan Pollok and Bay Harville and her husband, Mike. He also has two nieces, Carrie Touart (Patrick) and Mary Ryland Johnson (Brian).

Bob was passionate about his love for the land. Farming was his vocation and his recreation. He was a hard-working, gentle, and caring man. Bob could rarely be found where he wasn't in the field or in his workshop. He was always creating with his hands, often times found wood carving wherever he might be. Bob was in perfect health and enjoyed life until his last breath.

Visitation will be held Sunday, February 11, at Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home Westover at 1:00 p.m. The celebration of life will follow at 3:00 p.m. The family will receive visitors at the 1324 Clearview Dr. residence from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Mt. Cross and Tunstall Volunteer Fire Departments.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Pollok family.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel
5858 Riverside Drive
Danville, VA 24541
(434) 793-5511
info@wrenn-yeatts.com
<https://www.wrenn-yeatts.com>

Memorial Service

FEB 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ Robert & family, Herbert and I send our deepest sympathy and much love to you all. Bob & Billie were such special people, the world is better off to have had them. And now Heaven is sweeter because they are both there. He was the hardest worker I know, and I will miss seeing him with that big tractor and a FULL load of hay coming to the farm behind us on Mount Cross. May God give you each comfort and fill your heart with His love.

Joan Holley - February 12, 2018 at 07:42 PM

MT

“ Bod was my teacher at Tunstall High. He was the best teacher I ever had, my fondest memory was helping him build his cattle trailer. I was devastated about hearing of his passing. I'm gonna miss you Bob, you were a great man. Rest in peace.

Mike Turner - February 10, 2018 at 09:14 AM

JS

“ Mr Pollock. Known as Barney left a lasting impact on so many students, me being one.
I was a part of the 1970 class to graduate. He taught us so much in shop that I was able to use most of my lifet. I may not know you all on a personal level, but you have lost someone who helped a whole lot of people and our thought and prayers are with you. James Smith in Arkansas

james smith - February 10, 2018 at 08:25 AM



“ We are heart broken at the sudden loss of our friend and fellow farmer. His memory and advice will always be cherished. Our deepest condolences to his family. Rest in peace friend rest in peace.

PattieDavid Owen - February 09, 2018 at 04:48 PM



“ Thinking of your family during this time of sorry. Thoughts and prayers go out to everyone from The Boone Tractor family of Danville.
Bob was a friend that we will greatly miss.

William White - February 09, 2018 at 02:06 PM



“ I had the privilege of having "Barney" as a Teacher >35 years ago at Dan River High School. As a teenager I already had a passion for building things and he took the time to "teach" me the correct way to do things. I have used things learned from him on a regular basis from home remodeling, barn building and mechanical repair. I never saw him not willing to help any student with any problem. He made learning fun and taught from experience. You don't see those qualities much anymore. He was a good man and my prayers go out to his family.

Mike Nuckles

Mike Nuckles - February 09, 2018 at 12:28 PM

CN

“ *Crop Production Services- Brown Summit, NC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Morris Pollok Jr..*



Crop Production Services- Brown Summit, NC - February 09, 2018 at 10:55 AM

KH

“ *We recently obtained horse hay from your Dad, he was always such a kind man. God bless you during this time of sorrow. Keith and Karen Hicks*



Keith Hicks - February 08, 2018 at 07:35 PM

DS

“ *Deborah Severt lit a candle in memory of Robert Morris Pollok Jr.*



Deborah Severt - February 08, 2018 at 02:22 PM

DS

My sympathy with Megan & her Dad & the whole family. Mr. Pollok was an interesting man & I so enjoyed talking with him & he gave me something that he whittled. I tell everyone about him!

Deborah Severt - February 08, 2018 at 02:24 PM

SC

“ I remember Mr. Pollok from Tunstall. He was always laughing and joking around. My sincere heartfelt condolences to the family during this time and the time ahead of them.

Sharon Campbell - February 08, 2018 at 01:24 PM

CG

“ From the Glover family to yours, we send our deepest sympathy for the loss of Bob (Barney) as my son Cody knew him. We were members of St. Johns UMC and I was in the choir under the leadership of Billie back in the late 1990's to 2001. I remember her and Bob holding hands in Church and she would nudge him when he fell asleep...lol. They were a remarkable couple and dearly in love with each other. I'm so sorry for your loss and please know you are in our prayers.



Bob and Carla Glover

Carla Glover - February 08, 2018 at 12:16 PM

RL

“ Robert-I just don't even know what to say, to proffer an “I'm sorry” or any other platitude simply cannot be sufficient. Cory sent word to me, Matt was stunned when I went in to tell him as he was leaving for work. Tears flow as I, as we, think about all the times we spent at committee meetings, JAKES days, banquets, livestock shows and other get togethers. Your dad sure loved teaching the kids flint knapping, making turkey calls and passing on his love of farming and the outdoors. Your mom's sudden passing was bad enough, but now this awful, stupid, senseless accident has taken your father. He sure loved her, I hate we were away when she passed and we couldn't come to her service. I hurt for you badly my friend, we thought the world of your folks, I wished we'd been closer, I held them in the highest respect. I don't know what service arrangements will be made, we are not likely to be able to make it, I'll tell you why when I see you. I hope Cory and Amanda can go on behalf of our family, I'll check and see. Until then, our deepest condolences, sympathies, thoughts and prayers are with you. Our world is truly a lesser place with his passing, I believe the land he loved so much and worked so hard to tend shall cry out in his absence. I truly hope people will pause and reflect, with genuine and sincere gratitude, the risks, dangers and hard honest work our farming families endure to put food on our tables, feed our children, feed our communities and feed our world. In 1st Genesis God's Holy Word tells us of farming, of seed time and harvest, of putting into the Earth your blood, sweat and tears in the most honest, faithful and pure endeavor a man or woman may direct his/her efforts and life toward to feed and care for their family, their animals they are charged with and over, their love of their fellow man by giving all to embody that which is pure and righteous. In Ecclesiasties 3 God's Word tells of these times and directs our paths in the manner we are to react and pursue. Now God and this Earth have called Bob home. I shall pray vigorously for your family, Robert. I could not miss your dad as much as you and your family shall, but I will certainly bear knowing and missing the opportunity to see him out somewhere, to reconnect and relish the times and memories our children got to spend with him. I am truly sad, I have no answers for

the why, only God's Love and Christ's Redemption for the hole that has been left.

R. Daron Lollis - February 08, 2018 at 11:35 AM

CB

“ *On behalf of the Barrett family, we are sincerely sorry to hear about Bob's passing. We are praying for the family.*



Chris Barrett - February 08, 2018 at 11:28 AM

GG

“ *To the Entire Family:*

I wish to convey my sincere sympathy in the loss of your Dear Family member. The last conversation I had with Bob was at Bojangles', where he sat so peacefully doing his wood carving. He spoke of the challenges in providing a sufficient water supply to his cattle during the subfreezing temperatures of this winter. His eyes and gentle smile always reflected the love of his farm and the duties associated therewith.

My thoughts and prayers shall be with all of you during this difficult time.



Gerald Gibson - February 08, 2018 at 09:33 AM

RH

“ Robert Pollock or "Barney" as we affectionately called him. Made a great difference in my life! I was an Agriculture Student at Dan River, FFA Chapter President and went to the State Farm Mechanics team with him. Will never forget I let the team down by not knowing what a Pop Rivet was! every time I see one I think of Barney. I left and joined the Air Force and later Civil Service. The guidance he gave me helped me become the Fire Chief of the Largest Fire Department in DoD. One great story. While in the Gulf war we had a Crash Fire Truck damaged by an IED. The frame was broke but the truck was functional. We were headed to a forward operating base (FOB) and they needed that fire truck. We did not have a mechanic and we had no options, were were in the open and vulnerable to attack. I remembered Barney and how i had learned to weld in shop class as he taught me. We stole a support truck from the Army took its welder and climbed under the truck and with pieces of shrapnel and welded the frame back together to continue in the convoy with the truck. I told one of my firefighters at the time, Barney would say the weld looks like "crap" but it got us to FOB. Later that week that "broken" crash truck saved 4 British Commandos when their helicopter which had taken heavy fire came in for and emergency landing and crashed. Barney in a way saved those guys by teaching me to weld so many years ago. He was a great man. I was blessed to have someone like him that molded me at a young age. They say that your life can be like ripples in a lake....you never know how many lives it affects over time. Rest easy Barney. Thank you you made my life better! God bless and give the family comfort. Randy Hall Retired Fire Chief Civil service/ Retired SMSgt USAF

Randy Hall - February 08, 2018 at 09:15 AM

RL

God Bless You, Thank you for your service.

R. Daron Lollis - February 08, 2018 at 11:49 AM

RP

Thank you for this story. I know that he touched and taught so many.... He always smiled when he heard of how something he taught them helped them somewhere later in life. And now he's smiling in heaven. Thank you for the thoughts and prayers.

Robert Pollok - February 17, 2018 at 07:27 AM

KF

“ *Knight Family lit a candle in memory of Robert Morris Pollok Jr.*



Knight Family - February 08, 2018 at 09:04 AM

TF

“ *The Knight Family lit a candle in memory of Robert Morris Pollok Jr.*



The Knight Family - February 08, 2018 at 09:03 AM

CF

“ *Christeen Knight And Family lit a candle in memory of Robert Morris Pollok Jr.*



Christeen Knight and family - February 08, 2018 at 09:02 AM

BT

“ So sad. My sister, Jessica, and I spent our childhood vacations at our grandmother, Jessie's home near Danville every year. We enjoyed playing and working with our cousins and friends, Bob and Mary Helen. We were buddies. Sadly, now I'm the only one left. My wife, Andrea, and I send our thoughts and prayers to those struggling with their loss. Because of my recent knee replacement surgery, we shall not be able to pay our respects, and celebrate cousin Bob's celebration of life memorial in person, but we shall be there in spirit. Peace and Love to all.

Bill Tarpley

Bill Tarpley - February 08, 2018 at 08:31 AM

KD

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Pollocks passing. I was a student at Dan River while he was there and later met up with him at Blackwell when he would bring his truck in for service. He was such a knowledgeable, sweet, and interesting man. I would always enjoy seeing the ducks he would whittle as he was waiting. He will be missed by all of us and our prayers are with you And your family Robert and Wendy.

Karen Dodson - February 08, 2018 at 06:36 AM

JH

“ I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Pollok's accident. I did not know him but am sending my sympathy because my brother, Wallace Teague, died in a tree accident too only four months ago and on the next road over from Mrs Pollok's farm. Our family knows the pain of losing a loved one unexpectedly. Therefore please know that my prayers are with your family, especially his son. God can get you through this. Just hang on and trust Him all the way.



Janet Hullender - February 08, 2018 at 12:07 AM

EE

“ Mr. Pollok was a great teacher at Dan River, quiet but very knowledgeable and cared for his students. We wish his family understanding and sympathy in the coming days ahead.



Ernest Eanes - February 07, 2018 at 10:41 PM

LR

“ Prayers for you all. So sorry for your loss. Barney was always a good man. He will really be missed.

Lisa & Greg Roberts - February 07, 2018 at 05:45 PM

BT

“ Bob we will miss you on Sundays at the Bojangles, We will keep the family in prayer and we know we will meet him again some day. GOD BLESS. his BO Family.

Bob Thore - February 07, 2018 at 04:50 PM

CS

“ *Christine Schwitzerlett lit a candle in memory of Robert Morris Pollok Jr.*



Christine Schwitzerlett - February 07, 2018 at 04:09 PM

MH

“ *Bob was a great teacher and person in life. I have enjoyed every conversation we have had over the years when we crossed paths. Prayers for Robert and family in these difficult times.*

Matt Hunt - February 07, 2018 at 03:42 PM

CI

“ *Country Boy Seed Inc purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Robert Morris Pollok Jr..*



Country Boy Seed Inc - February 07, 2018 at 10:50 AM

LN

“ *We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Please accept our condolences and know you are in our thoughts and prayers. May you take comfort in knowing when a person is absent from their body, they are present with the Lord.*
With sincere sympathy,
Jerry Finney and Lori Nicholas

L. Nicholas - February 07, 2018 at 08:56 AM

TB

“ Robert,
We are so sorry. Bob was a man of his word," A good and faithful servant".
God will give you comfort in the coming days.
Tom, Penny, Wade Blair

Tom Blair - February 07, 2018 at 05:17 AM

RS

“ Robert we are so sorry for the loss of your father. You are in our thoughts and prayers
Howard and Rhonda Smith

Rhonda Smith - February 06, 2018 at 07:10 PM

MH

Such a tragic loss, Bob was my Teacher, Mentor an Friend

Michael Hopson - February 08, 2018 at 09:22 AM

VT

I was devastated when I heard about Bob.Over the years Bob guided me on many farming issues, but particularly farm conservation. He was practicing many innovative farming techniques years before they became standard in the industry. He taught me to take very little from the land but give it back threefold. You have been a mentor and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Vickie Mize Truitt - February 08, 2018 at 12:59 PM