



Robert Eugene Merlini

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Robert Eugene Merlini (Age 56) Native of Silver Spring, Maryland earned his wings on July 16, 2024. He is the son of the late Anthony Gilbert Merlene and the late Mary Louise Tura Merlene. He is survived by his children Adriana Noelle Merlini, Gino Nicolas Merlini, and their mother Stephanie Bradley. He is also survived by his siblings, Ronald A. Merlene, Jaquelyn J. (Robert K.) McCary, James J. (Kathryn) Merlene, & the late Jody Lynn O'Connor. Uncle of Bryce & Nicholas Merlene; Justin, Brandon & Ryan McCary; Nicole Toulouse, Anna, & John Merlene. As well as a host of other family members and friends.

(Bobby/Bob as he was lovingly called by his family) was a graduate of Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, a graduate of Basic Naval Reserve Officer's Training Corps at the George Washington University. He was an ATP Rated Multi-Engine Pilot and a Certified flight instructor. Robert's Family will be holding a private funeral service at Lasting Tributes Funeral Home in Annapolis MD.

The Final Flight

Do not think of me and cry.

I am not there, I'm up in the sky.

Born with the wings of an eagle, I was destined to fly.

Flying and gliding with wings open wide, I've passed my final checkride.

I'm free to fly, I can now see why flying to places I have only dreamed of, my wings open wide.

The perspective is clear from up here,

I have no fear listening to my favorite tunes - I will see you on the other side.

Don't worry about me, for now I am free, to chase all my dreams.

Free to fly as the eagle I was destined to be.

Do not grieve for me.

I did not die.

I just earned my golden wings, flying high in the sky.



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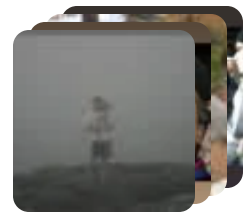
Gretchen Neville posted:

Fly high my friend, and what a friend you were to me. You were my stock life line, my air taxi, one of my oldest friends and you will be missed. Bobby your spirit for life was infectious and it will live on in my heart, until i see you again. ❤️Gretchen

July 23 at 9:44 PM

AM

Adriana Merlini shared an album called **Daddy**.



July 24 at 8:57 AM

RB

Rob Bodine posted:

This was a punch in the gut. I hadn't seen Bobby since high school, and we reconnected a few years back thanks to his motivation to use social media to renew his connections. We started hanging out again (as best we could given our distance from each other) about a year ago. Now he's gone. I'm glad I got to know him again. Fate can't take that away from me. RIP, Bobby.

August 23 at 6:05 PM

KE

Kurt Eder shared a photo to the **Bob** album.



August 19 at 4:40 PM

KE

Kurt Eder shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Bob was a great guy. I connected with him recently. He was on his way. A pic of his yearbook photo I will try to attach. Kurt Eder '86 GC.



August 19 at 4:05 PM



Tribute Wall

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Molly O'brien shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Forever in my heart. My first love over 30 years ago. My memories are filled with love, passion, and adventure. I will miss you.

July 24 at 8:57 AM



Lori Ellison posted:

Bobby, Stephanie, Adriana and Gino were the first friends I made when I moved to Annapolis over 10 years ago. We had so much fun hanging out at the pool and watching the Ravens at the Point! We kept in touch through the years and had many deep conversations when we were both going through hard times. Most recently was when he lost his Mom and I lost my Grandmother shortly after ... he was there for me when I needed a friend who knew what I was going through the most. I still can't believe he's gone just as he was realizing his dreams! Bobby was a devoted son who was honored to care for his Mother until her passing. He loved his family, especially his children. And we all know that he loved the Ravens, the Terps, Kix, music, the drums and being a pilot! I wish we could have seen Korn in London my friend :(Fly high Bobby ... the Lord gave you a set of wings way before you should have got them!

July 26 at 5:55 PM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Merlini family.

July 25 at 10:46 PM



Dee Dee Metz posted:

I am so glad that God brought Bobby into my life last summer. His laughter and energy lit up the room. I will miss you so much!

July 25 at 4:41 AM



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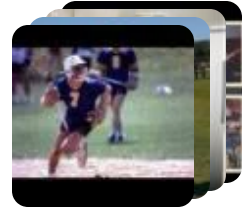
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Adriana Merlini shared 7 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We miss you and love you daddy ❤️

July 24 at 8:57 AM



Rob August 20 at 5:57 PM

Still can't believe this, I had been chatting with Bobby since he and I were going thru indoc at the same time, but different companies. I was glad to hear that he was pursuing his dreams! I enjoyed flying with him at Colgan and have fond memories of our adventures. RIP Buddy!!



Lori July 26 at 5:31 PM

He loved you and Gino so much!



Susan Strohm sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Merlini family.

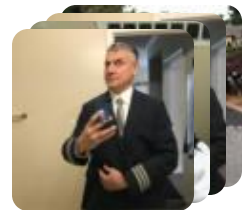
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Susan Strohm shared 7 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I will love and miss you forever and a day. May you rest in peace

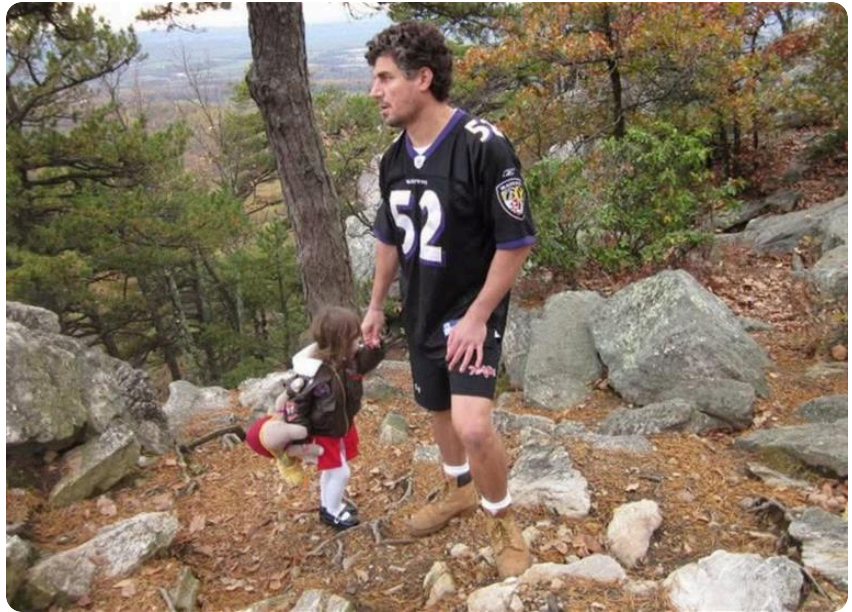
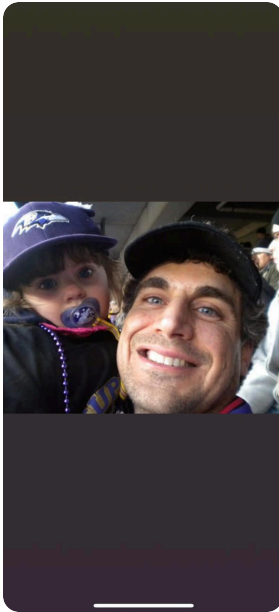
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Adriana Merlini shared 5 photos to the **Daddy** album.

March 7 at 7:17 PM



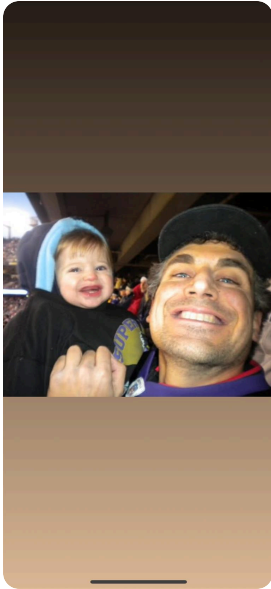


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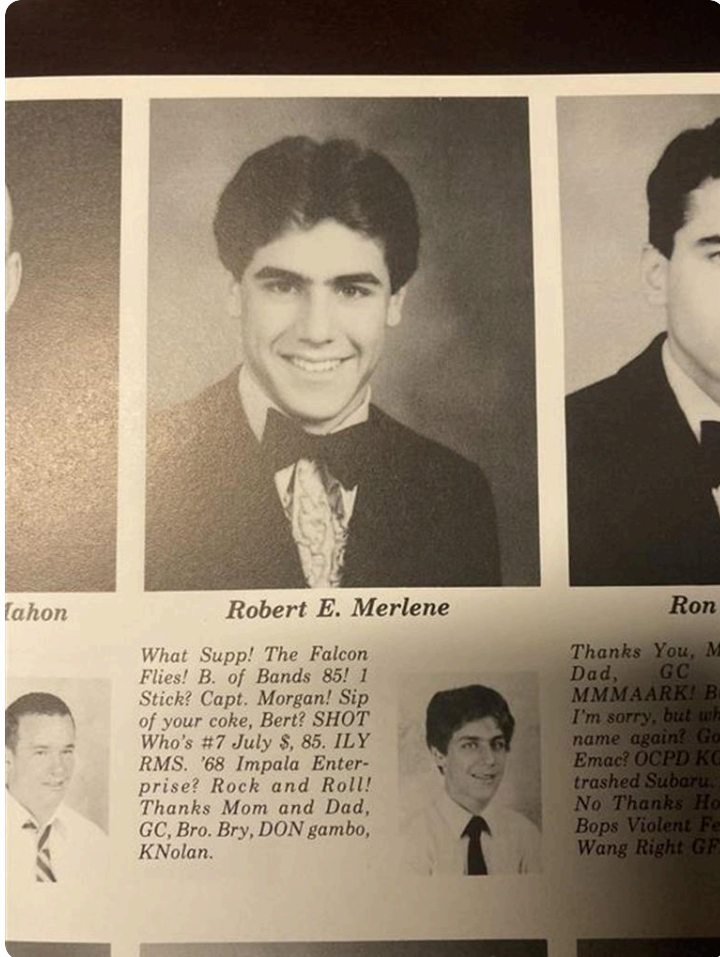
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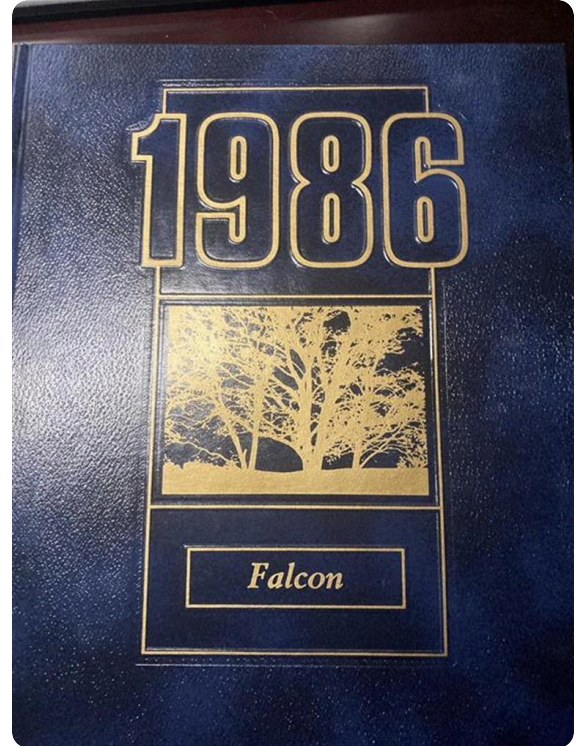
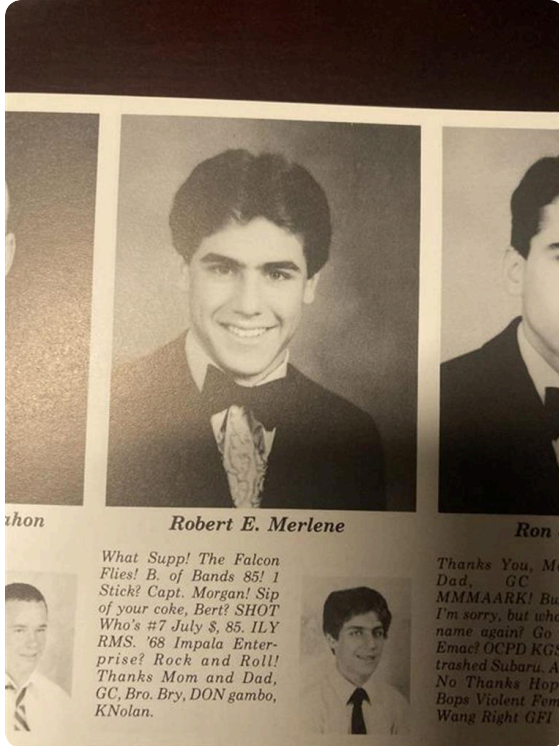


Bob 1986 GC



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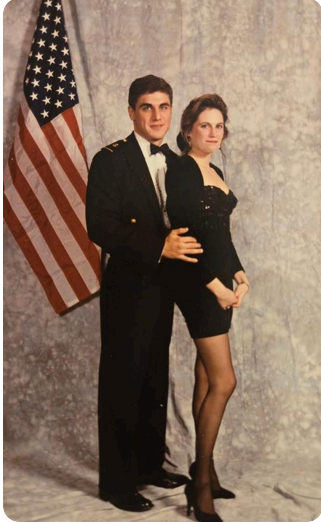
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August 15 at 10:00 AM





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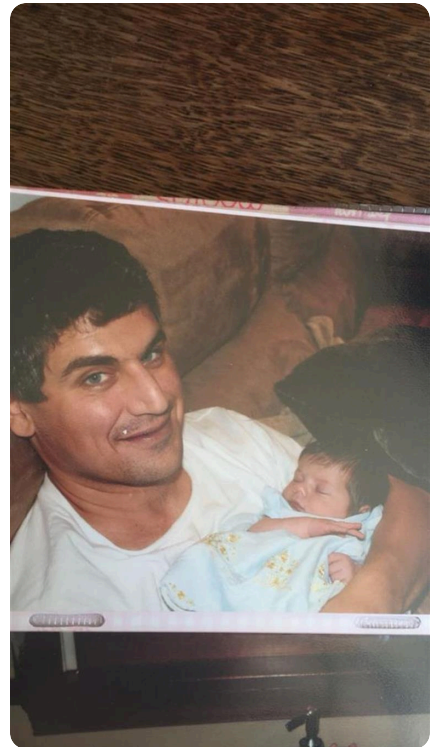




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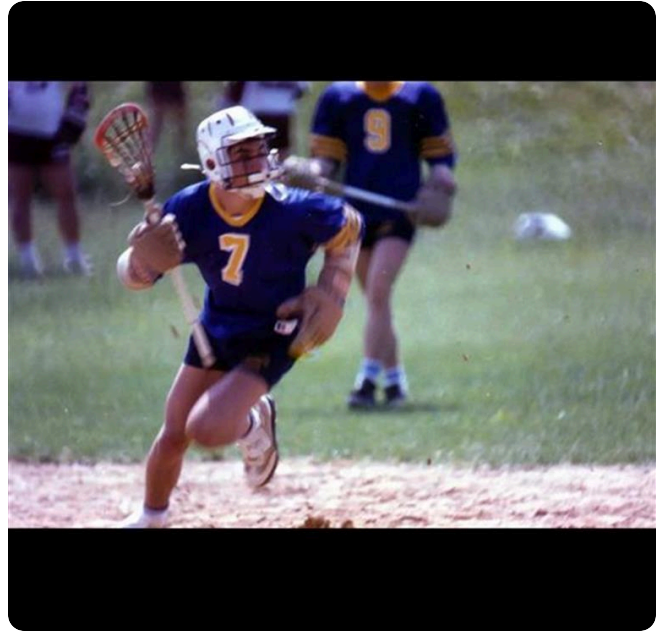


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Memories only last if you share them

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



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