



Robert Paul Bickling

December 6, 1946 - April 5, 2026

Robert Paul Bickling of Wye Mills, Maryland, passed away on April 5, 2026, in Easton, Maryland.

Born to the late Paul C. Bickling and Dorothy J. Bickling, Robert lived a life defined by dedication to his family, his community, and his country. He was especially proud to have been born in Greensboro, Maryland, a place he held close to his heart and where he spent much of his young and early adult life.

He was a proud graduate of North Caroline High School, Class of 1964, where he was an active member of both the football and baseball teams. Shortly after, he began a long and distinguished career at Playtex, later known as Reichhold Chemicals, where he worked from 1964 until his retirement in 2005. Among his many professional accomplishments, Robert was especially proud of his role in helping to develop the nitrile exam glove, a contribution that continues to have lasting impacts.

Robert also honorably served in the National Guard from 1965 to 1989, rising to the rank of First Sergeant. His commitment to service extended into his community, where he was an active member of the Greensboro Lions Club, American Legion Post #29, and the Choptank River Yacht Club. He also served the Town of Greensboro with distinction as both a Commissioner and Mayor.

A devoted sports fan, Robert passionately supported the Baltimore Ravens, Baltimore Orioles, and the Maryland Terrapins. He also enjoyed NASCAR, especially during the years when Jeff Gordon was racing. Known for his love of cooking, Robert took great pride in making his famous wings, a favorite among family and friends.

After retiring, Robert spent time living in the South to be closer to his daughter and son, something that brought him great joy and meant a great deal to him. Above all, he cherished time spent with his family.

Robert is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Lillie Frase Bickling; his daughter, Jennifer Bickling (Lori) of Roanoke, Virginia; his son, Philip Bickling (Amy) of Wye Mills, Maryland; his granddaughter, Kayleigh Barber; his brother, William "Bees" Bickling (Debbie) of Denton, Maryland; his sister, Bonnie Turlington of Clayton, Delaware; and his nephews, Kyle Bickling, Keith Bickling and Brandon Turlington; and his cherished grand pups Goose and Cami.

He will be remembered for his strong work ethic, his commitment to service, and his deep love for his family, his hometown, and his community.

A visitation will be held on Friday, April 10, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A service will take place on April 11, 2026, with a one-hour visitation beginning at 10:00 AM and the service starting at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at Greensboro Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Greensboro Cemetery

309 S. Main Street
Greensboro, MD 21639

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home
106 W Sunset Ave
Greensboro, MD 21639
(410) 482-8914

Visitation

APR **11**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MI

“ Mike lit a candle in memory of Robert Paul Bickling



mike - April 17 at 11:15 AM

CH

“ I was involved in coaching football at NCHS and Mr. Bickling was a mentor to me. He talked to me with hope of improving our beloved BULLDOGS. I always looked forward to our talks.

chuck hunter - April 12 at 03:54 PM

KS

“ Lil and family,

So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was well regarded and committed, but also kind and made working with him fun. Please accept my sincere condolences during this difficult time.

Kevin Suddaby

Kevin Suddaby - April 10 at 05:06 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.



April 10 at 11:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Paul Bickling.

April 10 at 11:41 AM



“ Dear Lil and family,
My thoughts and prayers for you all as you deal with Bob's passing. He was a very special friend and co-worker...we had many trips to, and spent many hours, in those glove factories over the years. Bob was respected by all who knew him. He was persistent in his work, but always so gracious and honest in dealing with his fellow man. Truly inspiring.
God bless,
Chuck Fifelski

Chuck Fifelski - April 10 at 09:23 AM



“ Jen & family, so very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You're dad was very wonderful man and I will always remember our fun times during the wonderful years of playing school softball and your parents at ea game cheering us on! Sending lots of thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace.



Theres Terri Wells Baker - April 10 at 08:55 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.



April 09 at 08:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Paul Bickling.

April 09 at 08:50 PM



“ Although we only met Robert and the rest of the family a few years ago, they soon became dear friends. They are the kind of people everyone wants in their corner, their neighborhood, and their lives! Robert exemplified all the goodness the Bicklings bring to those fortunate enough to not just meet them, but get to know them. We are blessed to have gotten to know Robert and the family and know his spirit will live on through his wife and children. Our deepest condolences and love,
Tristan, Jennifer, Olivia and Gabrielle Arthur

Tristan Arthur - April 09 at 05:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.



April 09 at 01:10 PM



“ Deepest sympathy



Bryan and Lori Blazejak - April 09 at 09:05 AM

TT

“ The DC Team purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.



The DC Team - April 09 at 08:29 AM

TT

“ The DC Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Paul Bickling.

The DC Team - April 09 at 08:29 AM

MS

“ Gary and Meredith Skirka send all of you our deepest sympathies. May you all find comfort in each other .. a wonderful family .



Meredith Skirka - April 09 at 12:30 AM

LN

“ Lee and Lucy Nashold purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.



Lee and Lucy Nashold - April 08 at 10:27 PM

LN

“ Lee and Lucy Nashold planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Paul Bickling.

Lee and Lucy Nashold - April 08 at 10:27 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.



April 08 at 09:27 PM

BF

“ Butch and Laura Frase purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.



Butch and Laura Frase - April 08 at 08:45 PM

BF

“ Butch and Laura Frase planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Paul Bickling.

Butch and Laura Frase - April 08 at 08:45 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.*



April 08 at 08:42 PM



“ *Brenda Jarvis lit a candle in memory of Robert Paul Bickling*



Brenda Jarvis - April 08 at 07:45 PM



As a teacher and coach at North Caroline High School, I always took great confidence in Mr. Bickling's supportive guidance in his much loved BULLDOGS.

chuck hunter - April 10 at 07:38 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Bob, he was such a nice guy. Thinking about you all during this difficult time. Kenny and Brenda Breeding*



Brenda and Kenny Breeding - April 08 at 06:59 PM

TT

“ *The Hammonds Ferry Team purchased the Anything for You for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.*



The Hammonds Ferry Team - April 08 at 06:16 PM

TT

“ *The Hammonds Ferry Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Paul Bickling.*

The Hammonds Ferry Team - April 08 at 06:16 PM

EB

“ *Ed Bower lit a candle in memory of Robert Paul Bickling*



Ed Bower - April 08 at 06:13 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.*



April 08 at 05:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Paul Bickling.

April 08 at 05:38 PM



“ Dear Lillie and Family, My husband and I are so sorry to hear about Bob's death. It's been years since we've seen each other - I believe the last time was around 1979 at the hotel in Greensboro where we worked together. I miss those good times. We now live in Hampton Cove, Alabama, and only get up to the Eastern Shore every few years, so we will not be able to be there for the services for Bob, but will be there in spirit. Please take care of yourself and I hope we can catch up with each other in the future. Most Sincerely, Barbara Lynch Elles & CDR Christopher J. Elles, USN, Ret.



Barbara & CDR C. J. Elles, USN, Ret., - April 08 at 05:24 PM



“ Phil and family - I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort in each other during this difficult time. Heather Kovalchik

Heather Kovalchik - April 08 at 02:48 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.



April 08 at 02:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Paul Bickling.

April 08 at 02:35 PM



“ The Penske Family. Kim and Nick Gummel purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.



The Penske Family. Kim and Nick Gummel - April 08 at 01:59 PM



“ The Penske Family. Kim and Nick Gummel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Paul Bickling.

The Penske Family. Kim and Nick Gummel - April 08 at 01:59 PM



“ Andy And Peg Breeding lit a candle in memory of Robert Paul Bickling



Andy and Peg Breeding - April 08 at 01:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.



April 08 at 11:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Paul Bickling.

April 08 at 11:35 AM



“ Gerard Hooe & Family purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.



Gerard Hooe & Family - April 08 at 10:24 AM



“ Gerard Hooe & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Paul Bickling.

Gerard Hooe & Family - April 08 at 10:24 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.*



April 08 at 10:02 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.*



April 08 at 06:17 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Paul Bickling.*

April 08 at 06:17 AM



“ *Saw Bob (& Lil) at their best in their children's High school days ..
Sports & Band Parents 100% Loved by students & parents & teachers ..
May you rest in peace ,BOB
old friends Ed & Penney Smith*

Ed Smith - April 07 at 07:29 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Paul Bickling.



April 07 at 07:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Paul Bickling.

April 07 at 07:04 PM



“ Dear Lil and family ,
You all are in our prayers at this sad time.
Love,
Jim and Pam Bilbrough



Pam Bilbrough - April 07 at 05:50 PM



“ Ms Lil, Jen, Phil and Family,
I am sorry to hear of Mr. Bob's passing. What a great guy who was always involved in the community and with his family. He always had that grin and was welcoming to everyone. My condolences to all.



Dan Towers - April 07 at 04:49 PM