



Captain Bob Paty

August 6, 1935 - April 12, 2025

Captain Charles Robert Paty, 89, known as Bob, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Saturday, April 12, 2025 in Haymarket, Virginia.

Bob was born in Lebanon, TN to William Ralph Paty, Sr and Anne Louise (McKay) Paty on August 6, 1935. In his early years he was raised in Tennessee and then moved to Louisville, MS when he was 10. Starting in a new school, he quickly made friends, including a young lady, Janice Burt, who declared she would marry that boy someday. That “someday” was on November 29, 1957.

Bob graduated from high school in Louisville in 1955 and then joined his brother at the University of Texas at Austin. While attending UT, he received a postcard depicting a Navy jet landing on an aircraft carrier, along with an invitation to take the Naval Cadet Aviation exam. He passed and began basic training in Pensacola, FL in 1956. Advancing quickly, he moved to

training in Corpus Christi, where he received his Naval Aviator Wings of Gold in October 1957.

Shortly after his marriage to Janice (Burt) Paty in November 1957, the couple moved to Japan in

March 1958. Bob flew missions throughout the Far East, based out of Atsugi and Tachikawa Air

Bases. His squadron was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in 1961. His first

daughter, Sharon, was born while stationed in Japan.

In 1961, they returned to Corpus Christi, and Bob continued his training at Stead AFB in

Tennessee in the summer of 1963 on the C-130. His next assignment took them to NAS Quonset

Point, RI. His second daughter, Caprice, was born while station in Rhode Island. Each year, he

deployed to Antarctica from September to March—a tough duty that meant missing holidays

with family. In 1964, he received the Navy Commendation Medal for piloting a daring midwinter

medevac flight to Antarctica during 24-hour darkness, to rescue a sailor with a severe

head injury.

Later assignments brought him to NAS Patuxent River, MD, where he flew P-3s on submarine

detection missions in Alaska. His final full-time Navy post was at NAS Bermuda in 1967.

That same year, Bob transitioned to a new chapter with American Airlines. He was based out of

Washington National for the majority of his career, but also spent time based

out of Buffalo, Chicago and New York JFK. In addition to flying the Lockheed Electra, Boeing 727 and Boeing 767, he also instructed on Lockheed Electra and 727 and became a X-Type Check Airman at the American Airlines Flight Academy in Dallas. He ended this career flying internationally out of JFK, retiring as a Captain on the B-767-300 in August 1995.

During Bob's time with American Airlines he also spent 17 years with the Allied Pilots Association (APA), including roles as Chair of the Safety Committee and Secretary/Treasurer. He worked closely with the FAA and NTSB (National Transportation Safety Board) and participated in several investigations, notably the Air Florida crash into the 14th Street Bridge in Washington, D.C. in the early 1980s. He also returned to the Naval Reserves in 1970, serving another 13 years and retiring as a Navy Captain on the Chief of Naval Operations staff at the Pentagon.

Following his aviation career, Bob became a highly regarded retirement advisor with Pritchard, Herr & Associates, later RAA Alworth, where he worked until his final retirement in 2020. His clients appreciated his warmth, attention to detail, and professionalism.

Bob and Jan shared a love of travel and adventure, experiencing the wonders of the world—from African safaris and the pyramids of Egypt to river cruises in Europe and the U.S., the beauty of Alaska, time spent in Australia, and many fond memories of living in Japan.

In his free time, Bob enjoyed golf, storytelling, sharing jokes, and spending time with his grandchildren, who were the light of his life.

Bob was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Anne Louise (McKay) Forester and her husband Ernest Forester, father William Ralph Paty, Sr., and brother William (Bill) Ralph Paty, Jr. and his daughter Catherine. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Janice Burt Paty; his father's wife Dorothy Paty and their daughter Jayne; his sister Janet Jackson and her children Mike, David, and Anne; Bill Paty's daughter Marie; his daughter Sharon Monar (Curtis) and their children Kayci and Jake; his daughter Caprice Black (David) and their children Dawson and Campbell.

Bob's memory will live on in the hearts of his extended family and all who knew him.

Visitation will be held on April 30, 2025 from 6pm – 8pm at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St., Manassas, VA.

Funeral service will be held on May 1, 2025 from 1130am-1230pm at Pierce

Funeral Home.

Private Burial at Quantico on May 1, 2025 at 1:30pm.

Bob will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. From a small town in Tennessee, to exploring the world, he lived a life filled with purpose, courage, laughter, and love. We should all be so lucky to live a life like Bob.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to:

Sudley United Methodist Church www.sudley-methodist.org

RTAG (Rotary to Airline Group) www.rtag.org

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room
9609 Center Street
Manassas, VA 20110
<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

Funeral Service

MAY 1. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Tribute Wall

KH

“ Jan,

My condolences to you and your family. Bob was one of the most honorable men I've met. His easygoing manner was buttressed by a unique and rare combination of sincerity, honesty and friendliness. I am fortunate for having spent time with him at Pritchard, Herr and PHH. And I will never forget those days in Vero Beach when Bob and I took golf lessons together. It didn't improve our games too much; but what a great time we had.

Kent Herr, retired partner Pritchard, Herr and PHH.

Kent Herr - June 06, 2025 at 08:40 AM

JG

“ It was a sad day when I learned of Bob's passing. He was outstanding in SO many ways. I met Bob as a "junior" member of the PHH Investments Team, assisting retired pilots with securing their financial futures. The firm had its origin serving American pilots, and as a "Delta guy" who helped establish that program, I learned so much from Bob, and I so highly respected his experience, his selflessness, and his dedication to the American pilot group! Along with OTHER American Financial Consultants & true Pilot Representative "Legends" for PHH (such as Joe Maiden and Jud Prather) who were so instrumental in the origin, growth, and huge success of PHH in serving the needs of pilots, Bob was a standout! His laser focus on what was "best for the clients" was a virtual guiding light for those of us who followed in his footsteps. In addition to his exemplary professional accomplishments, Bob was just a truly great individual ! His constant smile, the twinkle in his eye, and his generosity of spirit was truly contagious, and set him apart. I consider myself privileged to have known - and worked with - Bob, and I will miss his warmth, his counsel, and his friendship!!
Jan, our condolences to you and your family on your (and OUR) loss.

Jim George

Jim George - May 08, 2025 at 09:52 PM

MH

“ *Jan*
I am trull sorry for your loss. Bob was a great friend and always someone you could count on. We first met when we were coming home to DCA from GSW my first time in March 1973. We did several projects at APA. He was always a great friend and trusted Fellow Aviator.
Best wishes as you adjust to life without a great friend. I will miss him also.

Mike Hudson, AA retired

Mike Hudson - May 07, 2025 at 04:20 PM

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“ *I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE HELP THAT BOB GAVE ME WHEN I GOT FIRED AT DFW. WE HAD SOME PLEASANT TIMES TOGETHER OVER THE YEARS. SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS JAN.*

IVAN REDDINGTON - May 06, 2025 at 11:17 AM

TS

“ *Jan it's such a shock to hear about Bob. We have so many fond memories of our times together when we were based at DCA. You and Bob were so fun and lively. He was a bright and shining light in every way. Shirley and Tom Smith*

Tom Smith - May 04, 2025 at 04:13 PM

JL

“ *My condolences to Jan and family on the passing of a truly great man. Through the years, I was fortunate to know and respect Bob, as a man, aviator, and all around good guy. Our fellow pilots at AA enjoyed the benefits of his work at APA and the Flight Academy. A last thank you to you, Bob.*

Joe Lanza - May 04, 2025 at 02:33 PM

LJ

“ Love, Sara and Jim purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Captain Bob Paty.



Love, Sara and Jim - April 30, 2025 at 08:47 AM

LG

“ Leslie Gutierrez purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Captain Bob Paty.



Leslie Gutierrez - April 26, 2025 at 07:38 PM

LG

“ Leslie Gutierrez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Captain Bob Paty.

Leslie Gutierrez - April 26, 2025 at 07:38 PM

AJ

“ Anne Jackson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Captain Bob Paty.



Anne Jackson - April 26, 2025 at 07:02 PM

AJ

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Anne Jackson - April 26, 2025 at 07:02 PM

BW

“ Bob and Kay Walde purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Captain Bob Paty.



Bob and Kay Walde - April 26, 2025 at 11:56 AM

BW

“ Bob and Kay Walde planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Captain Bob Paty.

Bob and Kay Walde - April 26, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Captain Bob Paty.



April 23, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Captain Bob Paty.

April 23, 2025 at 01:45 PM

TC

“ We first met Bob at Traci and Chris's wedding. He was charming, kind, full of energy and lots of fun to be around. He joined us for the festivities in town after the wedding and we had a great time listening to his jokes and fun stories. He will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Tom and Jo Collins - April 22, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Captain Bob Paty.



April 22, 2025 at 02:41 AM