



## William James Roe, Jr.

July 12, 1934 - March 16, 2022

Tilghman - William J. "Willie" Roe of Tilghman died peacefully at Talbot Hospice House on Wednesday March 16, 2022. He was 87 years old.

Born on Tilghman Island on July 12, 1934 he was the son of the late William J. Roe Sr. and Margaret Sinclair Roe. He attended Talbot Co. Public Schools in Tilghman and then began a lifelong career as a commercial waterman, working with his father. Throughout his life, Mr. Willie was strong minded and professional. Not only did he work on the water, but also other businesses that were associated with fishing as well. He owned Tidewater Clam Co., in McDaniel and was a partner in the R.D.S. Seafood Co. in Tilghman. In January of 1955, he married Dorothy "Jane" Harrison. They celebrated 64 years of marriage before her passing in October 2019.

Mr. Willie enjoyed dancing and singing, spending time with his family, Easter egg hunts, and giving his family tips on life. He loved telling people stories of the old days of Tilghman life, taking his friends fishing, playing cards, and reminiscing. He liked playing checkers with his grandchildren (and he always would win!) and he would always tell them "see you later alligator" and they would reply "after while crocodile".

He is survived by his two daughters; Donna Fairbank of Tilghman and Lori Daisey (Terry) of Sherwood. Five grandchildren; Stasia Nelson (James), Justin Daisey (Stacy), Ashley Mister, Hunter Daisey, and Jordin Fairbank. Five great grandchildren; Taylor Nelson, Chanler Daisey, Allie Daisey, Nova Nelson, and Aynslee Daisey. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Sam Fairbank.

A viewing will be held at the Framptom Funeral Home-Ostrowski Chapel on Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Funeral services will be held at the Tilghman United Methodist Church on Wednesday March 23, 2022 at 11:00 AM where friends may call from 10:00 until 11:00 AM.

Burial will be in the Sherwood Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Tilghman United Methodist Church, 5731 Tilghman Island Rd. Tighman, MD 21671 or to the Tilghman Watermen's Museum, 6071 Tilghman island Rd. Tilghman, MD 21671.

To share memories with the family, please visit [www.framptom.com](http://www.framptom.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Sherwood Cemetery

P.O. Box 58  
Sherwood, MD 21665

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Framptom Funeral Home - Ostrowski Chapel  
312 South Talbot Street  
Saint Michaels, MD 21663

## Visitation

MAR **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Tilghman United Methodist Church

## Funeral Service

MAR **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Tilghman United Methodist Church

# Tribute Wall

TM

“ *Willy Roe's life is the story of the Chesapeake Bay for the second half of the 20th century. In this video Willy says new nylon nets meant big money for Tilghman Watermen.*



Tilghman Watermen's Museum - March 25 at 10:24 AM

TM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Tilghman Watermen's Museum - March 22 at 10:45 AM



*Wonderful, the perfect waterman, it's about the water not the time or the catch. Love his eastern shore accent we are losing treasures like this gentleman day by day.*

June Shortall - March 23 at 08:37 AM

RT

“ *As we all go through life's journey every once in a while you get to know someone that's larger than life itself. To me, Willy was one of them. A truly gentle man with a kind heart and a great sense of humor. He had the greatest stories. Every time I had a question about the history of Tilghman, I would say to myself; I'll have to ask Willy. I first went fishing with Mr. Willy in 2007. I took fishing trips with my children, grandchildren, and friends many times. Later we fished as "friends of Willy's"... I loved going out fishing all those times...even though Willy never wanted to come back after we were all ready to return. Lol. He was always determined to stay out and catch the limit. I have great memories of all those wonderful times. He was a true Captain of the Sea and there will never be another man like Willy Roe.*

*He was one of a kind and will be greatly missed by me and so many. Rest In Peace Willy. We love you.*

*Ron & Dottie Tipa*

Ron Tipa - March 22 at 08:23 AM

EB

“ *Mr Willie will always be one of my best memories of this island. I loved his stories and what he has taught me about this island and the bay. As I said before I wish I could take every "well anyhow" and add it to his life. He was a great man and a wonderful friend. Fly high Big Will. I know you will tell many stories in heaven.*

Edna Barry - March 19 at 11:39 PM

KF

“ *1 file added to the album Willie*



Kathi Ferguson - March 19 at 04:12 PM

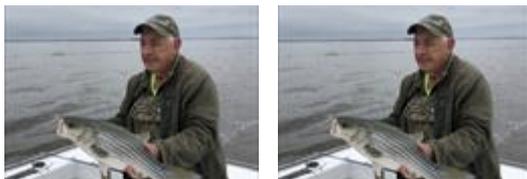
KF

“ *The Ferguson family (Jeannie, Kathi, and Don) send you our prayers. From our front porch on Anchor Road, we would always see that red truck pull out of Willie Roe Road, smile, and say "there goes Willie"! What a special person he was. We feel blessed to have known him. Like so many here on Tilghman, Willie was the "salt of the earth". We will miss him.*

Kathi Ferguson - March 19 at 03:56 PM

JW

“ *2 files added to the album Willie*



Jeff White - March 19 at 10:55 AM

JW

*Willy's 2020 Trophy*

Jeff White - March 19 at 11:17 AM

SS

*Willie was one of a kind—a character with a generous heart, a storyteller like nobody else. He loved nature and it was impossible to know him and not get drawn in by his charisma. He taught me a lot about a lot of things, including gardening, beginning with him as a child trading with the German POWs who worked on the tomato farm during WWII where my cottage was. There will never be another soul like him. Condolences to his family and the Tilghman community for losing this legend.*

sherry schiller - March 19 at 03:46 PM

JW

“*Mr. Willy was a model human being that we all should try to emulate. His word was as good as gold and his heart was huge. His main purpose for having a garden was to be able to help out his neighbors by giving his produce away. When he had to sell his business, his main regret (as that story goes) was the uncertain future he had thrust on his employees. My grandsons will never forget the times he took them out and taught them how to fish, and neither will I. I could go on and on, but all you need to do is check the registry at his nursing home and hospice, notice the huge percentage of total visitors that were there to see Willy, and know he has more true friends than anybody. We wish we could have known him longer, and he knows that Jennifer and I love him, so we will try to follow his example and hope we see him in Heaven when it is our time. Willy, rest in peace...*

Jeff White - March 19 at 10:17 AM



“*Jan Oberst lit a candle in memory of William James Roe, Jr.*



Jan Oberst - March 19 at 07:42 AM



“*Big Will was a legend in his own time and will live on in our hearts with all the wonderful memories of his story telling and his fishing trips (with Rich). May God grant you peace and comfort. Prayers to you and your family. Jan and Rich Oberst*

Jan Oberst - March 19 at 07:42 AM

GM

“ Guy Manfuso lit a candle in memory of William James Roe, Jr.



Guy Manfuso - March 19 at 07:08 AM

JB

“ Jan Boda lit a candle in memory of William James Roe, Jr.



Jan Boda - March 19 at 07:02 AM

JC

“ Joyce “Joy” George Cox lit a candle in memory of William James Roe, Jr.



Joyce “Joy” George Cox - March 18 at 11:00 PM

TM

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Tilghman Watermen's Museum - March 18 at 04:28 PM

TM

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Tilghman Watermen's Museum - March 18 at 04:25 PM

JF

“ *My condolences to the family.* ”



**Jim Faulkner** - March 18 at 02:36 PM

RB

“ *Ricky & Donna Baynard lit a candle in memory of William James Roe, Jr.* ”



**Ricky & Donna Baynard** - March 18 at 12:54 PM

SI

“ *Shaws Incorporated lit a candle in memory of William James Roe, Jr.* ”



**Shaws Incorporated** - March 18 at 10:34 AM

DB

“ *Dianne Brittingham lit a candle in memory of William James Roe, Jr.* ”



**Dianne Brittingham** - March 18 at 08:52 AM

JM

“ *Joe And Monique McGlannan lit a candle in memory of William James Roe, Jr.* ”



**Joe and Monique McGlannan** - March 18 at 08:17 AM

KH

“ I loved spending time with . Mr Willie, one the most kindhearted person I have ever had the pleasure hanging out with. From long days of claming to early mornings in a duck blind. And the story's I have heard. We will miss you. RIP !



Kenny Hill - March 18 at 07:49 AM

RL

“ Robert Bryan Lednum lit a candle in memory of William James Roe, Jr.



Robert Bryan Lednum - March 18 at 07:10 AM

CS

“ Willie and I met shortly after I moved here. He heard about a guy who was as crazy about fishing as he was and asked a mutual friend to introduce us. We met at my marina and he simply asked, "you want to go fishing with me"? That was 15years ago, (hard to believe), and many fishing trips! Back then Wayne Reiser was his mate w/Captains & Md.Guide license. Wayne had very bad diabetes and he passed away shortly thereafter. Willie asked me to take over and get my licenses. I did and began a wonderful relationship with the best friend I've ever had!!! He had so many good qualitys it's hard to choose but one I remember well was how he treated youngsters on the boat. Willie absolutely LOVED to help and teach kids about fishing. They, in turn, loved him right back! Just ask my 2 grandsons.  
God, I miss him so much!



Charles Schneider - March 17 at 11:31 PM

LD

He loved you too💕💕

Lori Daisey - March 18 at 05:14 AM

CS

Thanks Lori, God bless you and your entire family.

Charles Schneider - March 18 at 11:32 AM

MS

“ Mac And Julie Stinchcomb lit a candle in memory of William James Roe, Jr.



Mac And Julie Stinchcomb - March 17 at 09:19 PM



“ God Speed Willy. You were one in a million!  
Thinking of all of your family as they grieve your loss. You will be missed but never forgotten.  
Kitty and Harry Nelson

Kitty Nelson - March 17 at 09:02 PM

GL

“ Greg And Anna Lowery lit a candle in memory of William James Roe, Jr.



Greg and Anna Lowery - March 17 at 08:01 PM

LJ

“ Mr. Willie was one of a kind. He was my hero. I loved his stories and the way he told them. He was an amazing man. I will miss him so very much, as he was like a father to me. Fly high, heaven gained an amazing Angel. Love to all the family.



Lacy "Sissy" Janda - March 17 at 07:40 PM

GF

“ George And Ruth Fluharty lit a candle in memory of William James Roe, Jr.



George and Ruth Fluharty - March 17 at 07:09 PM

WS

“ *Fishing with Willie Roe is one of my fondest memories of Tilghman Island. It was so wonderful to be in his presence on the water. He and the Bay were of a seamless piece and our trips were grounded in that relationship. To share his perfect place in the universe for a few hours was a gift. I will always remember the experience of his grace, purpose and effortless congeniality, on and off the water. My thoughts and prayers go out to him and to the family. God bless.*

Will Smith - March 17 at 06:05 PM

MH

“ *Mary Haddaway lit a candle in memory of William James Roe, Jr.*



Mary Haddaway - March 17 at 05:39 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Showell lit a candle in memory of William James Roe, Jr.*



Sandra Showell - March 17 at 05:29 PM