***Robert Dorrough Passes Away from Cancer***

By Rande Davis

Mr. Robert D. Dorrough, 67, of Poolesville, died of mesothelioma cancer on Monday, October 8, 2012.

Born on March 9, 1945 in Paris, Arkansas, he was the son of the late Henry and Willa Dean (Ewing) Dorrough and the father of Chontelle Hockenbery and Chrissie Harney. Both sisters are the founders of Poolesville Relay for Life, which was started after their mother, Glenna, passed away from cancer in 2005.

An electrician by trade, Bob was remembered by his nephew Mark Perry for his great love of family and friends and his passion for fishing (especially with his grandchildren), camping, working in the yard, his pet dogs, Elvis, and most prominently for cars.

He also shared a passion for Relay for Life with his daughters and family. Courageously facing cancer and the difficult challenges that it brought, he nevertheless found one thing that came from his tribulation most rewarding. After one of his surgeries, cancer tissue was taken for research for a promising new drug. Perry pointed out, “While Bob gave to others so much throughout his life, he was so happy to know that through that research, he will continue to help others even after death.”

Bob’s outlook on life was positive even in the face of problems. Whenever he encountered an unwelcome circumstance, he liked to refer to those situations as adventures rather than problems.

At the close of his funeral, the recorded song “You’ll Never Walk Alone”—sung by Elvis, of course—accompanied him and the gathering to his burial site at the cemetery of Bush Creek Church of the Brethren in Monrovia, Maryland. As the funeral party joined the family at the gravesite, they passed Bob’s beautifully-detailed two-door burgundy and black 1934 Chevy. If he could have seen the look on the face of those passing the car, he would not have been more proud.

Survivors include his wife Carol; children, Chontelle Hockenbery (Brian), Chrissie Harney (Paul), and Mike Clements; and brothers, Billy, Tracy, and Terry Dorrough, and Walter Moore; three sisters, Annette Heironimus, Athena Barr, and Donna McCarty; and eight grandchildren, Loran, Megan and Morgan Harney, Jacob and Nicqolas Clements, Tina Pinkey, and Gavin and Kylee Hockenbery.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society (relayforlife.org/poolesvillemd) in Bob's name.