



## John R. Clements

April 24, 1956 - August 19, 2023

John R. Clements, 67, of Betterton, MD, passed away on Saturday, August 19, 2023.

John was born to Elizabeth and Robert Clements in Baltimore, MD, and grew up in Ellicott City. He attended Mount St. Joseph High School in Baltimore and married Eileen Tipton in 1976. John went to work at his father's appliance business at a young age and remained there until 1995 at which time he switched career paths and worked for his brother-in-law managing a deli at Walter Reed Army Hospital. In 2001, John joined Williams Co. as a gas pipeline technician and worked there until retirement in 2019.

John loved spending time with family, cooking, and entertaining friends, being the neighborhood "fix-it" man and tooling around Betterton in his 1969 MGB, fondly named "Moneypenny," with his faithful grand-dog George by his side.

John is predeceased by his parents and beloved son, Matthew Clements. He is survived by his wife, Eileen (of almost 47 years); daughter, Jennifer Clements; sons, Jonathon (Jessica) Clements and Benjamin (Carrington) Clements; and four loving grandchildren, Cole (Adde), Samantha, Holden, and Cabell.

He is also survived by his siblings, Kathleen (Vernon) Tate, Ann (William)

Boleyn, Mary Clare Ayers, and Julie Hetzel, as well as many nieces, nephews, and close family members.

A viewing will be held on Friday, August 25, 2023, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and from 6:00 pm to 7:30pm. Remembrances will be shared at 7:30 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown, MD. A celebration of life reception will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation to Compass Regional Hospice at 160 Coursevall Drive, Centerville, MD 21617. [www.compassregionalhospice.org](http://www.compassregionalhospice.org).

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

AUG **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-0055  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

### Visitation

AUG **25**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-0055  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

### Memorial Remembrance

AUG **25**. 7:30 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John R. Clements*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - August 23, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *John R. Clements*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

FM

“ The Clements family was an inextricably large part of my childhood. They were my families' next door neighbors. As much as rural neighbors can be next door.! John and I became "best-buddies" from the time we first met. We'd explore nature together, both on foot and on our dirt bikes in the back woods & fields. . I recall once on Saturday Morning when we were 8 and 10 years old, John & I “went exploring” on our own into the depths of our backyards, nearly causing our parents to have heart-attacks as they had fanned out to find out where we had gone. I recall hearing their frantic calling out to us, YES, we were BAD, sometimes not so destructively, like when John discovered how to extract the decks off of the lawn mowing tractors. You must understand that we both had been given clearance to be the ‘official lawn mowers” of our neighboring lots from as early as we were in our single digit ages. Man-o-man, by the time that we were in our early-mid teens we could & did wield a tractor over any type of terrain.

I fondly recall our weeknight trips to the pool hall after my father had died. I also remember being thrilled to be the passenger in his '72 Oldsmobile Cutlass, on our many trips to the ocean...! I specifically remember on one of our trips to go ‘downy ocean’ in the van that he would have gotten in his late-teens, perhaps when he was 17 years old, because I know that I was nearly of driving age (15). I had my “learners-permit” and John allowed me to drive his van all that way, to Ocean City, as he and other friends were passengers riding in the back. John, in essence, turned into something like a big brother to me..... It was nice to hear that John grew into such a family man from the eulogies given about him.

*Ferd Maisel*

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**Ferdinand Maisel** - September 03, 2023 at 08:05 PM

MA

“ All my love Aileen..to you and to your family 💖 John will be with us for ever remembering his laughter, humor and his grand generosity !! A big heart he was and will be forever ❤️..Love, Manick.

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**manick** - August 27, 2023 at 02:49 AM

DU

“ Eileen, I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. I remember days long past, classes at St Joe, our get togethers after school and weekends. We were all close in those days. John was a such good friend. I remember the Olds Cutlass, then his van, trips to Ocean City and just hanging out. Heck, I even worked with him delivering appliances for his dad's store in Arbutus. Memories of you both back in the day. Time passes and life carries us in directions we never anticipated but I'll look back with fond memories always and remember you both for all of my days.  
God bless  
Dennis.

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**Dennis Uhler** - August 25, 2023 at 05:27 PM

MD

“ Dear Eileen and family, I was very sad to get the news of John's passing from Anne Holden. Unfortunately I never got to know John and his family very well. That's all on me. We have such a large clan ourselves with many grandchildren and I have been selfishly focused on them. Bad excuse I know. In any event, I hope you and your family have wonderful memories of John to carry you through this time of sorrow. God bless you all. Mike Dugan

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**Mike Dugan** - August 25, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John R. Clements.



August 25, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of John R. Clements.



August 25, 2023 at 07:04 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of John R. Clements.



August 24, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of John R. Clements.



August 24, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John R. Clements.



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August 24, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ John and I started working at Williams station 190 on 01/02/2001. We got to be good friends and enjoyed working together on different projects over the years. I gave him the nickname groundhog because what ever we were working on he seemed to get dirtier than anyone else. The nickname stuck, lol. He was a great guy and I will miss him. Mike Gist.

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**Mike Gist** - August 24, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ Eileen and family,

We are saddened by John's passing. We couldn't have asked for better neighbors. I remember when John came over to help James with plumbing under the kitchen sink and the time he plowed the snow in our driveway. We always enjoyed talking to you guys when you were relaxing on the front porch. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs 🤗! Love, The Courtney's

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**Lisa Courtney** - August 24, 2023 at 07:58 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John R. Clements.*



August 24, 2023 at 07:39 AM



“ *138 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - August 23, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of John R. Clements.*



August 23, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John R. Clements.*

August 23, 2023 at 11:18 AM

EJ

“ Dear Clements Family.  
Please accept our heartfelt condolences! I(MA), have a great memory of John. Over many years, Eileen would gather her fine arts department teachers at her home for celebrations. One year I had our grandson with me, a toddler. John spent most of his time playing with him with some transformer type toys, clearly enjoying little guy stuff. This really blessed me. Love to you, gifted, dear and precious! Ed & Mary Agnes Jopson

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**Ed and MA Jopson** - August 23, 2023 at 10:37 AM

MM

“ My Love and prayers are with all of you. It is at times like this that the ‘pond’ really does feel like an ocean.  
I have such fond memories of times in Ellicott City, Arbutus, Ocean City and Betterton. They are memories filled with fun and love. Steamed crabs, fireworks on the Fourth of July, John’s shrimp bisque, cocktails and so many more.  
I am sure heaven is rocking with a welcoming party.  
God Bless

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**Mary Michael** - August 23, 2023 at 03:11 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John R. Clements.



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August 22, 2023 at 07:21 PM

JS

“ I remember with wonder at John's generous heart. Together with Eileen, he looked for ways to make the lives of others easier and gave of himself with such good humor he made friends everywhere. I especially remember a few months ago when he and Eileen went down to Betterton Beach for the late afternoon. He had not been able to enjoy the beach for a while. Nevertheless, when they were unloading the car with chairs and umbrella, they saw a family with kids in distress because of a car breakdown. The family couldn't speak English. So John and Eileen worked through Google translator on their phones to discover the problem, then transported them into Chestertown. He was and is a great soul and I will miss him. With love to all the family! Janet

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**Janet Sorrentino** - August 22, 2023 at 04:29 PM

TT

“ Eileen  
I am sorry to hear and read of John's passing. He loved you and the family very much. May he rest in peace. Terry

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**Terry Tipton** - August 22, 2023 at 03:40 PM

AH

“ I was first introduced to the Clements family at the celebration of John’s Baptism, so I’ve known John pretty much his whole life and it was a privilege! After marriage to his uncle, Tom, I witnessed John growing up and he was always a fun and loving “big” cousin to the Holden children! After high school graduation from Mt. St. Joe, John with a friend planned a camping trip through New England with a visit to us in Connecticut. Well, he and his friend decided to “camp out” in our family room for the week!! What great fun for everyone!! I saw John grow into a caring young adult and marry Eileen, the love of his life, and then become a wonderful, loving, doting father and grandfather.

Before his retirement and move to Betterton, John always came to my rescue with “emergency” home repairs in spite of his busy schedule (and with a smile). There were many cookouts on the back porch and not to forget the perfectly steamed crabs!!

Oh John, you left us much, much too soon!! May you rest in the peace of the Lord and be free of all life’s hardships. You will always be remembered as the very special, caring, generous and loving person you were.

To - Dear Eileen, Jenny, Jon, Ben and families, please know that I sooooo

share your grief.

With hugs and much love,

Mama Anne

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Anne Holden - August 22, 2023 at 03:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John R. Clements.

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August 22, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John R. Clements.*



August 22, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ *I hadn't known John as long as some had, but I feel lucky to have known him at all. He will be sorely missed by his family and by his many friends. My sincere condolences on his passing.*

**Carol Casey** - August 22, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of John R. Clements.*



August 22, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *John and I shared many common interests. We were not above dumpster diving for antiques. John helped me with many projects, like fixing my trailer and barrel table. We ran a science project on the hill with an evaporator, which was fun. We loved getting together for food and libations. He was a proud and devoted family man for his children and wife. We have all lost a great friend that I will remember for all my days.*

**Bill Strow** - August 22, 2023 at 09:47 AM

JS

“ Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of John Clements



Jeanette Stubbs - August 22, 2023 at 06:48 AM

PM

“ Oh, Eileen, I am so very sorry to hear about John's passing. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. Matthew must have been so happy to greet John and lead him into heavenly joy! God bless you all.  
Pat Marlatt from MDSA.

Patricia A Marlatt - August 21, 2023 at 10:19 PM

DC

“ Our prayers are with the Clements family. Ever since our Dad, Paul Corbitt stopped at his cousins' Clements' residence on Friday afternoons to deliver poultry and eggs, etc in the 1950's, Pat and Dennis Corbitt had a fondness for the Clements family. We played together as children; oh where did the years go? May God bless the John's soul and offer great consolation to Eileen. Myra and I were blessed to have John and Eileen visit us last summer in Cape Charles VA. We had a great dinner at the local Irish Pub, with breakfast at Corbitts next morning. Carry on in the faith with courage! Dennis and Myra Corbitt

Dennis Corbitt - August 21, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John R. Clements.

August 21, 2023 at 08:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John R. Clements.*



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August 21, 2023 at 08:07 PM



“ *So very sorry to of the passing of John. He and Eileen were my neighbors in Arbutus for 30 years before John retired. Our children were very close and my Jim and the late Matt were like brothers. Jonathan...another son lives in the house that Eileen and John raised their family in. John was a special man. May he rest in peace and his family receive God's blessing to heel their loss.*

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**john black** - August 21, 2023 at 06:50 PM



“ *John was the exemplary of human kindness. He will Be missed terribly. My condolences to Eileen and family. Love , Terry Girl*

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**Teresa Muhl** - August 21, 2023 at 04:43 PM



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August 21, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ *Ann N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John R. Clements.*

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**Ann N.** - August 21, 2023 at 04:05 PM

BD

“ *Watching the Ravens and having my husband there to talk about the team all the way through the game. Fun time! Also, hanging out at the Legion. Such a gentleman. ❤️🙏*



Bev & Dickie - August 21, 2023 at 03:42 PM



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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John R. Clements.*



August 21, 2023 at 02:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John R. Clements.*



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August 21, 2023 at 01:56 PM



“ *To my uncle, the big lovable teddy bear who always made me laugh. You are and will be dearly missed. Rest easy, your loving niece, Emily.*



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**Emily Wilson** - August 21, 2023 at 01:11 PM