



John F. Downey

November 19, 1949 - November 17, 2021

John Francis Downey, 71, of Grasonville, Maryland, passed away on November 17, 2021, at The Anne Arundel Medical Center. John bravely fought for his life after a severe allergic reaction and eventually succumbed to the effects of septic shock. He was surrounded by loved ones at the time of his passing. John was a lovingly devoted husband for more than 44 years.

John was born on November 19, 1949 to William and Mable Downey in The District of Columbia and was the oldest of seven siblings. He grew up in Lanham, MD where he attended Duval High School and graduated in 1968 and joined the Navy shortly thereafter. He spent much of his youth enjoying time with his many friends and working on his beloved 1949 Panhead Harley Davidson. John spent the majority of his career at the various iterations of the Capital One Arena in Washington, DC, where he was loved by many and considered many of his co-workers to be family.

John was a devout family man and enjoyed all the experiences that accompanied raising three boys and their five grandchildren over the years. John was an avid fisherman and had the good fortune to share his passion with his brothers, sons, and grandchildren. He also enjoyed the peace and displays of wonder offered by nature during his many walks, playing guitar, and taking his family out for a good meal. He also found great joy in collecting stamps, eating crabs with family, and watching his beloved Gunsmoke. Above

all things, John was charitable in his outpouring of love for all people and his outward generosity to make sure others were cared for and felt included.

John will be greatly missed by many.

John is survived by his loving wife Faye; son Christopher and his wife Stephanie with their children Simon, Claire, and Madison; son Michael and his wife Sarah with children Hudson and Owen; brothers Billy, Mickey, Bobby, Tommy, and Patrick.

He was predeceased by his parents William and Mable; brother Ricky; son Richard.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday November 23, 2021, at the Immanuel United Methodist Church 102 School Lane Grasonville, MD from 6PM to 8PM. A private family service will be held on Wednesday November 24, 2021, at the church with burial following in Stevensville Cemetery in Stevensville, MD. A celebration of John's life will be announced at a later date. Contributions in Memory can be made to the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 102 School Lane, Grasonville, MD 21638.

Cemetery Details

Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street
Stevensville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 23. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Immanuel United Methodist Church
102 Schoolhouse Lane
Grasonville, MD

Tribute Wall



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 23, 2021 at 08:44 AM



What a great man. John you will be missed. Lisa B Executive Suites Capital One Arena

Lisa Baton - November 25, 2021 at 11:27 PM

GE

Hey John, I'm gonna play "Incense Peppermint" in your honor, you know why. It was great working with you. Most of all, thank you for your friendship and many kindnesses. Take care Brother, and RIP 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Greg Ellis - November 26, 2021 at 06:55 PM

JB

R.I.P Brother John

JB Bynum - November 27, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ *John F. Downey*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John F. Downey*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John F. Downey*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Your friends at TekSynap, Suite 335 purchased the Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet for the family of John F. Downey.*



Your friends at TekSynap, Suite 335 - February 14, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *UNITE HERE Local 23 purchased the Pretty Pleasure for the family of John F. Downey.*



UNITE HERE Local 23 - November 23, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John F. Downey.*



November 23, 2021 at 10:09 AM

DL

“ *Mr. John was the most kindest & welcoming human beings I've ever met. He loved us all so fiercely and was such a wonderful person. He will surely be missed by all. I know Richard was there at the pearly gates waiting his arrival. What a beautiful reunion that must have been.*

Danielle Lowe - November 23, 2021 at 12:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John F. Downey.*



November 23, 2021 at 12:16 AM

MP

“ *Michele Pearson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John F. Downey.*



Michele Pearson - November 22, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of John F. Downey.*



November 22, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John F. Downey.*



November 22, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ *John, you were a caring person who always was eager to give a helping hand. You will be truly missed by so many. I am so glad to have known you. Lynn Lewis*

Lynn Lewis - November 21, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ *Mrs.T,Glenn, Vicki, Stephanie & Scott purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of John F. Downey.*



Mrs.T,Glenn, Vicki, Stephanie & Scott - November 21, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of John F. Downey.*



November 21, 2021 at 05:39 PM

TF

“ *The Hairell and Green families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John F. Downey.* ”



The Hairell and Green families - November 21, 2021 at 05:20 PM

TB

“ *So sorry for your loss, Tina Burns* ”

Tina Burns - November 21, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of John F. Downey.* ”



November 21, 2021 at 02:49 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John F. Downey.* ”



November 21, 2021 at 09:49 AM

KC

“ Faye, Chris & Micheal, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of John, My heart is hurting for you. His sudden death is such a shock. Hold on to each other and all those wonderful memories. Love you all!
Kathy

Kathy Comegys - November 21, 2021 at 09:12 AM

KF

“ Kathy Comegys & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John F. Downey.



Kathy Comegys & family - November 21, 2021 at 09:04 AM

TL

“ Tammy And Matt Larrimore lit a candle in memory of John F. Downey



Tammy And Matt Larrimore - November 21, 2021 at 08:54 AM

CR

“ Both Lou and I are so saddened to learn of John's passing. Although we were neighbors for a short time, we always enjoyed times on the porch. John was a generous soul and he will be missed. Cetta and Lou Ruzicka

Cetta Ruzicka - November 20, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of John's passing*



Barbi Hunter - November 20, 2021 at 09:32 PM

MC

“ *It is with my deepest condolences John will be missed I enjoyed working with him and he always had a kind word for me. I will keep the family in my prayers*



melinda charles - November 20, 2021 at 09:16 PM