



# John Raymond Durocher

November 5, 1941 - January 17, 2025

John Raymond Durocher, age 83, of Chestertown, Maryland passed away peacefully on Friday, January 17, 2025, at Heron Point.

John was born on November 5, 1941, in Springfield, Massachusetts, to Raymond and Catherine (Welch) Durocher. He grew up in Springfield living with his parents, maternal grandparents John and Catherine Welch, and his brothers, Raymond and Donald (“Chip”).

The first in his family to go to college, John graduated from Classical High School in 1959, Williams College in 1963, and the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine in 1967. He completed his medical internship and residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and a fellowship at Tufts Medical Center in Boston.

As part of the Berry Plan, John enlisted in the Army in 1970 and served at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C., until his honorable discharge in 1973. After leaving the Army, John practiced medicine for 25 years at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, retiring as chief of the Hospital’s Hematology/Oncology section. He then relocated to Rock Hall, Maryland where he established the Townsend Memorial Medical Clinic, a free healthcare service for uninsured adults, and served as the Medical Director for Hospice of Queen Anne’s. Throughout his career, he volunteered for medical missions in Afghanistan, Botswana, India and Brazil.

John was also a graduate of the Penn State University Ice Cream Short Course and the owner and chief ice cream maker at Chesapeake Homemade

Ice Cream in Rock Hall for 15 years.

On June 13, 1964, John married Louise Darrell Bowman in Ruxton, Maryland. They celebrated 60 years of marriage, raising three children Helen (Jeff) Starman, John (Amy) Durocher, and Frances (Tilman Schneidratus) Durocher in Gladwyne, Pennsylvania. They were blessed with seven grandchildren: Sarah, Jacob, and Caroline Starman; John, Christopher, and Catherine Durocher; and James Schneidratus.

Anyone who knew John will remember his love of food! His children recall the many “culinary” phases of their childhood, including the “Chinese phase”, “tapas phase”, “tart phase” and “pig roast” phase to name a few. All three children are skilled sous chefs, experts at cleaning pounds of shrimp, making hundreds of wontons, and washing A LOT of dishes. John’s grandchildren likely remember his homemade ice cream best, though not always child friendly (rum raisin!), it was delicious and made with love.

An avid hunter and angler, John traveled all over North and South America to hunt black bears, deer, ducks, geese, and doves, and he would “fish anywhere, anytime, with anyone for anything!” John was also a passionate collector of vintage automobiles, clocks, rugs, cookbooks, coins, and anything with a pig on it!

John was preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Catherine Durocher, and his brother, Donald Francis Durocher.

A Memorial service will be held Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in Welsey Hall, Heron Point, 501 E Campus Ave, Chestertown, Maryland. Lunch will be served immediately after the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in John’s memory to Animal Care Shelter for Kent County, 10168 Worton Road, Chestertown, MD, 21620. Click here to donate online (<https://acskc.org/support/general-donation/>)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Heron Point of Chestertown  
501 E Campus Ave  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(877) 279-1703

# Tribute Wall

HF

“ *Hartmann Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Raymond Durocher.*



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**Hartmann Family** - January 29, 2025 at 01:25 PM

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“ *The Douglas-Delia-Hallberg Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Raymond Durocher.*



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**The Douglas-Delia-Hallberg Family** - January 29, 2025 at 12:58 PM



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

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January 28, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Raymond Durocher.*



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January 28, 2025 at 06:27 PM



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

January 26, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Raymond Durocher.



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“ John was a kind and gentle man. Sending condolences to his family.



**Wayne and Kathy Harry** - January 23, 2025 at 09:38 PM



“ Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of John Raymond Durocher



**Maryann Ruehrmund** - January 20, 2025 at 01:40 PM

TM

“ Tracey A Middleton lit a candle in memory of John Raymond Durocher



Tracey A Middleton - January 20, 2025 at 08:31 AM

BP

“ Bowmans and Peters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Raymond Durocher.

Bowmans and Peters - January 19, 2025 at 09:52 PM

BP

“ Bowmans and Peters purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of John Raymond Durocher.



Bowmans and Peters - January 19, 2025 at 09:52 PM

LP

“ Leah J Plato lit a candle in memory of John Raymond Durocher



Leah J Plato - January 19, 2025 at 10:20 AM

SJ

“ *My sincere sympathy to John's family.*



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**Suzanne Jackson** - January 18, 2025 at 06:31 PM

CL

“ *So very sorry to hear of Dr. Durocher's death.  
What a kind and gentle man.*



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**Cathy Legg** - January 17, 2025 at 05:10 PM

CT

“ *So sorry to hear of Dr. John's passing and  
sending my deepest condolences to his  
family. I had the privilege of working with him  
at Hospice of Queen. Anne's.. I enjoyed our  
talks about Ireland. He was so kind,  
compassionate, and a great doctor and a true gentleman. He  
touched many lives.*



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**Colleen Thomas** - January 17, 2025 at 04:25 PM