



John Louis Ferber

January 15, 1936 - October 1, 2025

John Louis “Jay” Ferber

Born in Washington, DC on January 15, 1936. Son of Margaret and Elmer Ferber. He is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years Irene Krucelyak Ferber, sister Sue Kelly, brother Len Ferber (wife Deb), daughter Kathy Magruder Beauchamp (husband Jim), son Ken Ferber (wife Dolores), daughter Julie Walker (husband David), son Mark Ferber (wife Shanti), nine grandchildren including: Grace Magruder, Mack Magruder (wife Krystle), John O’Neill (wife Maggie), Donny Bayse, Ashley Neimiller (husband Jeremy), Nick Ferber, Lily Walker, Ella and Luc Ferber; along with seven great grandchildren including: Hudson, Camden, Hunter and Callie O’Neill as well as Colson Golanoski, Rip and Truett Neimiller. He was “Uncle Jay” to numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, John Louis Ferber, Jr.

Mr. Ferber resided in College Park, Maryland from 1962 until 2006 when he moved to Centreville, Maryland. He also kept a residence where he spent many happy days with his family in Valley Lee, Maryland.

Jay treated everyone he met as though he was their friend and was blessed to have many good friends throughout his lifetime, including a number from the 1954 graduating class of Anacostia High School, where he was on the varsity basketball team. He attended Montgomery Junior College and earned a degree in accounting from Georgetown University in 1958. He was always a

big fan of the Hoyas and avid supporter of the Washington Redskins/Commanders.

He lived his life in service to others. His faith in God and devotion to the church were unshakable. He was a parishioner of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Berwyn Heights, Maryland and Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Centreville, Maryland where he served as a treasurer to assist with outreach efforts and the food pantry.

He was in the Naval Reserve from 1953 until 1961 and volunteered for numerous civic duties including the committee established to help plan the Washington Metro Area transit rail system.

His career centered on public service for the federal government with the Office of the Navy Controller, Bureau of Naval Weapons, Department of Health Education and Welfare and later with the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA) at Headquarters in Washington, DC. He retired in 1997.

He was an accomplished master of Dad Jokes and always greeted you with a smile. His character was one of quiet dignity, gentleness and patience. His willingness to forgive and consistent demonstration of unconditional love was exemplary. The passing of this very special man leaves a huge hole in the fabric of the lives of many who loved him.

In lieu of flowers donations may be to the St. Peter's Restoration Fund.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/restore-st-peters-church/donate?attribution_id=sl:23019155-6c28-4602-ae88-5bb061f4e985&utm_campaign=unknown&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=widget

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (est)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
408 S. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Viewing

OCT 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (est)

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Funeral Mass

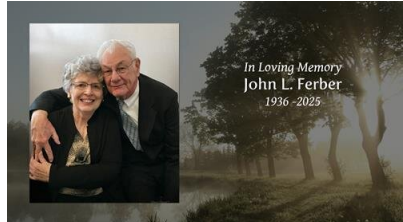
OCT 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (est)

Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church
301 Homewood Avenue
Centreville, MD 21617

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Louis Ferber*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 07, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of John Louis Ferber*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - October 07, 2025 at 06:39 PM



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

October 07, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of John Louis Ferber.*



October 07, 2025 at 03:57 PM

CI

“ Cynthia I. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Louis Ferber.

Cynthia I. - October 07, 2025 at 02:30 PM



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

October 06, 2025 at 09:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Louis Ferber.



October 06, 2025 at 09:06 PM

JB

“ John was my native Washingtonian, I talked to him just about a month ago, rehashing old times and old friends. My sincere condolences to his family and friends and especially his wife, Irene. I'll miss his jokes and the chance to call him the Avon lady. He will be sorely missed. Joseph Brown, friend and coworker.

Joseph Brown - October 06, 2025 at 07:16 PM

CG

Wishing peace and comfort to the family of John Louis Ferber during this difficult time.

Cynthia I Guzman and family

Cynthia I Guzman - October 07, 2025 at 02:53 PM

SF

“ Sincerely, Your IRS Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Louis Ferber.



Sincerely, Your IRS Family - October 06, 2025 at 06:35 PM

HT

“ Hit Southeast Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Louis Ferber.



Hit Southeast Team - October 06, 2025 at 04:50 PM

TF

“ The Luc Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Louis Ferber.



The Luc Family - October 06, 2025 at 04:30 PM

FK

“ Family of Stephen Krucelyak purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John Louis Ferber.



Family of Stephen Krucelyak - October 06, 2025 at 11:15 AM



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

October 06, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Louis Ferber.



October 06, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ Laura and Dean Bush family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Louis Ferber.



Laura and Dean Bush family - October 04, 2025 at 03:13 PM



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

October 03, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ Blesson, Shyni and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Louis Ferber.



Blesson, Shyni and Family - October 03, 2025 at 02:01 PM



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

October 03, 2025 at 11:11 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Louis Ferber.



October 03, 2025 at 11:11 AM