



## John Joseph Friel

January 9, 1953 - September 4, 2024

John went home to his Lord, with his wife Mary by his side on September 4, 2024. Beloved husband of Mary P. Friel, cherished stepfather of Deborah Lee Hudson Vornbrock and Richard Montgomery Hudson, Madeline Fisher and Adele Garner, much loved grandfather of Madison, Michael, Katie, Emma Grace and Claire. John was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Sullivan Friel and James J. Friel, siblings Mary Teresa Friel and James F. Friel and his spouse Judy Hudson Friel.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary P. Friel, stepchildren, Rick Hudson (Amanda), Deborah Vornbrock (Ted), Madeline Fisher (Isaac), Adele Garner, grandchildren Madison and Michael Hudson, Katie, Emma Grace and Claire Vornbrock, Warren Steven Fisher and siblings Clare and Peter Friel (Ester). He is also survived by many loving relatives and friends.

Born in Boston, John was a life-long Red Sox fan. He attended Marion High School in Framingham, MA and College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA.

He was widely respected as an expert at government real estate, consulting to the US Department of Veteran Affairs, with over thirty years of government, commercial and corporate real estate experience. He served as Director of Real Estate Contracting at the National Institute of Health and the Federal General Services Administration.

In the private sector, John was Executive Vice President for ISI Professional Services and was a contractor to the Department of Veteran Affairs for over fourteen years. He was the Director of VA Government Services at Carpenter Robbins Commercial Real Estate until shortly before his death.

John was an avid sailor and a member of the Corsica River Yacht Club. He was a faithful parishioner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Centreville, MD.

A celebration of Life will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 301 S Liberty Street, Centreville, MD on Saturday, October 12 at 3:00 pm. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the CJD Foundation or Martin's House and Barn in Ridgely, MD.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church - Centreville  
301 S. Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617

# Tribute Wall



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Joseph Friel.



October 10, 2024 at 09:26 PM



“ John Joseph & Kevin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Joseph Friel.

John Joseph & Kevin - October 10, 2024 at 09:26 PM



“ Remembering John an amazing colleague and friend at Carpenter/Robbins Commercial Real Estate. You are truly missed



Carpenter/Robbins Commercial Real Estate - October 09, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of John Joseph Friel.* ”



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October 09, 2024 at 02:26 PM



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**Stephan Strothe** - October 03, 2024 at 09:55 AM



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**Michele** - September 24, 2024 at 09:47 AM

ES

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**Ester** - September 20, 2024 at 09:07 PM

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**Ester** - September 20, 2024 at 05:48 PM

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**Ester** - September 20, 2024 at 03:29 PM

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Michele Miller - September 14, 2024 at 05:28 PM

RV

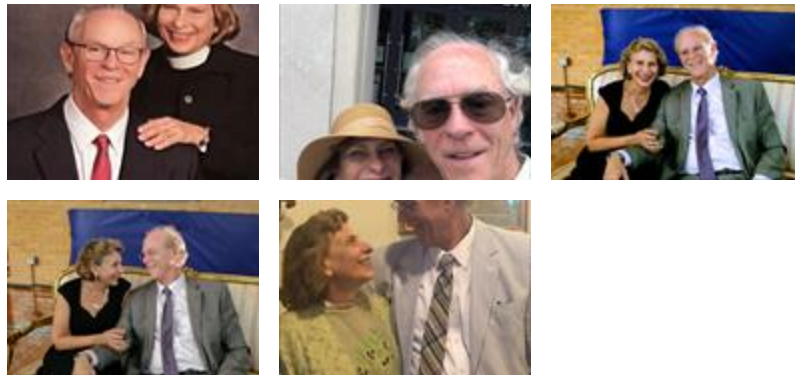
“ John, you were so loved, you will be so missed ❤️ Rebecka Dejan Isidor & Simon



Rebecka Vujinovic - September 14, 2024 at 12:34 PM

MI

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Michele - September 13, 2024 at 01:33 PM

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Michele - September 13, 2024 at 11:54 AM

DV

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Deborah Hudson Vornbrock - September 12, 2024 at 06:01 PM

DV

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Deborah Hudson Vornbrock - September 12, 2024 at 06:00 PM

VW

“ 2 files added to the album John



Vicki Witt - September 10, 2024 at 08:26 PM

VW

John and Tim in San Francisco; John in Livermore, CA

Vicki Witt - September 10, 2024 at 08:29 PM

VW

“ John, I feel incredibly lucky to have known you, from the west coast to the east coast. We had fun exchanging gifts during our office gift exchange (virtual parties) the past few years. You will always be one of my favorite people and I will miss our conversations about the Oakland A's.



Vicki Witt - September 10, 2024 at 07:49 PM

MM

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Michele Miller - September 10, 2024 at 04:08 PM

CL

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**Clare** - September 10, 2024 at 01:59 PM

CW

“ *Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of John Joseph Friel*



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**Centreville Methodist Women** - September 10, 2024 at 08:50 AM

MM

“ *John you were an amazing man. You brought such joy to Mary and all of St. Paul's. I will miss spending time with you, seeing your smiling face, and hearing your laughter. Rest in peace my dear friend!*

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**Michele Miller** - September 10, 2024 at 08:41 AM

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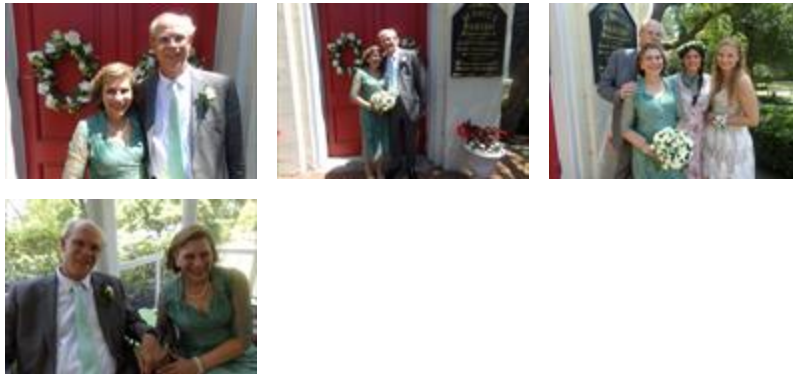


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**Michele Miller** - September 10, 2024 at 08:35 AM

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**Michele Miller** - September 10, 2024 at 08:31 AM

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**Michele Miller** - September 10, 2024 at 08:25 AM

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**Michele Miller** - September 10, 2024 at 08:22 AM

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**Michele Miller** - September 10, 2024 at 08:18 AM

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**Michele Miller** - September 10, 2024 at 08:15 AM

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**Michele Miller** - September 10, 2024 at 08:13 AM

DK

“ *Mary and Family*  
*Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with you at this time.*  
*Dolly and Steve Krempasky*

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**DOLLY KREMPASKY** - September 09, 2024 at 09:04 PM

AM

“ *We adored John and will miss his friendly smile! Will miss seeing him in church. Our condolences, hugs, and love to Mary and everyone who loved him.*

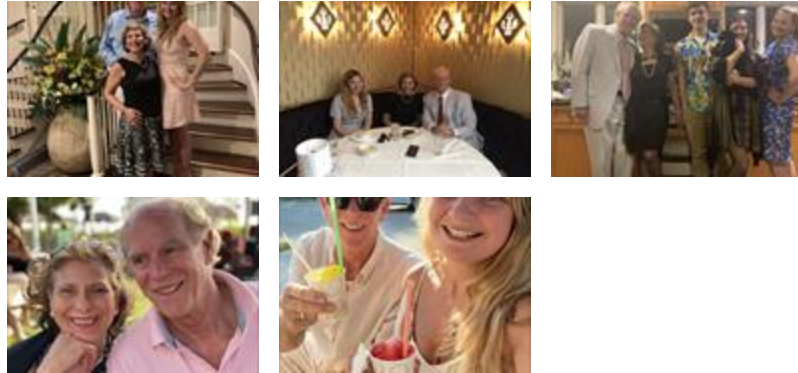


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**Amy & Melissa** - September 09, 2024 at 08:31 PM



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Adele Garner - September 09, 2024 at 07:14 PM



“ Marguerite Samuels lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Friel



Marguerite Samuels - September 09, 2024 at 05:39 PM



“ John's faith is an inspiration. He served as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and Crucifer at St. Paul's. I remember his kindness, gentle spirit, courage, and generosity. He had a big heart. I remember Mary and John attending The Benedictine School Gala in April 2023 and April 2024. They supported The Benedictine School. I send my condolences to Mary, Madeline, Isaac, Warren, Adele, and family. May John rest in peace and a perpetual light shine upon him.

Marguerite Samuels - September 09, 2024 at 05:36 PM

PD

“ Peggy, Paul, Hannah, Rebecca, and David purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John Joseph Friel.



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**Peggy, Paul, Hannah, Rebecca, and David** - September 09, 2024 at 05:17 PM

PD

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**Peggy, Paul, Hannah, Rebecca, and David** - September 09, 2024 at 05:17 PM



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**Madeline Mandolin** - September 09, 2024 at 05:08 PM



“ *John, you were a light in our lives, we are so grateful for you!*

*Fare you well, we love you more than words can tell.*



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**Madeline Mandolin** - September 09, 2024 at 05:02 PM

SH

“ *John and Mary dancing it up at Bob and Elsie’s wedding reception in May 2023*



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**Sharon** - September 09, 2024 at 04:09 PM

CL

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**Clare** - September 09, 2024 at 02:58 PM

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**Clare** - September 09, 2024 at 02:27 PM

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**Clare** - September 09, 2024 at 02:24 PM

QL

“ *Everyone at Queenstown Landing sends our heartfelt condolences to Rev. Mary and the entire family. We are so very sorry for your loss.*

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**Queenstown Landing** - September 09, 2024 at 01:19 PM

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**Clare** - September 08, 2024 at 11:39 AM

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**Clare** - September 07, 2024 at 04:50 PM

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**Clare** - September 07, 2024 at 04:38 PM

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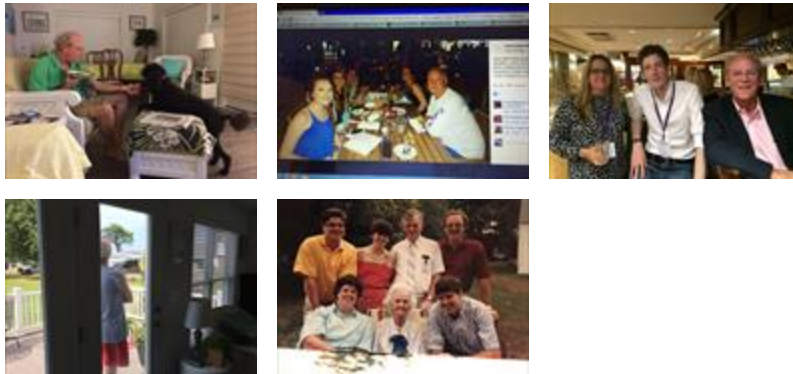


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Clare - September 07, 2024 at 04:06 PM

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Clare - September 07, 2024 at 03:57 PM

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Clare - September 07, 2024 at 03:37 PM