



## John Ellis Hanes Jr.

July 17, 1953 - May 30, 2024

John Ellis Hanes Jr., a cherished community member and dedicated public servant, passed away on May 30th, 2024, at his home in Seaford, DE. Born on July 17, 1953, in Cambridge, MD, to the late John Hanes and Mary Louise Hanes, John lived a life full of love and service. He married Polly Diefenderfer on June 16, 1973, and together they shared many wonderful years. For the majority of his life, John resided in Oxford, MD, where he made a significant impact on those around him.

John was a lifetime member of the Oxford Fire Company, where he devoted countless hours to serving his community. His commitment to public service extended to his roles on the Talbot County EMS advisory board and as the treasurer for the Talbot County Fire and Rescue Association. His passion for helping others was evident in everything he did, and his dedication to these organizations left a lasting legacy. In addition to his public service, John worked at Safeway for 20 years starting as a stock boy and working his way up to store manager. He was always a pet lover and expressed this through operating his own kennel, Tricrown Inn, after he left Safeway.

Preceded in death by his parents and his sisters Diane Frampton and Bonnie Harrison, John leaves behind a loving family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Polly, his son John Hanes (Leah) and their kids Johanna and Josephine and son Matthew Hanes (Brooks) and their kids Olivia and Eli, and many nieces and nephews. John's presence will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and community, but his memory will live on through the many lives he

touched and the contributions he made.

A celebration of life will be held at the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday June 15, 2024 from 12 PM - 2 PM.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **15**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Oxford Volunteer Fire Department  
Oxford, MD

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ Polly, my dogs join me in sending love and condolences - you know, there are times when we would not have made it through life without you and John. May he rest in peace and rise in glory, and may his memory be eternal.

Sister Mary Winifred

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Sister Mary Winifred - July 14, 2024 at 04:28 PM

BK

“ Dear Polly,  
Am so sorry to hear of John's passing. I saw the sign outside the Oxford firehouse that said "Remember John Hanes" and my heart sank when I realized it was your John. I know he and my mom are probably swapping old Safeway stories and having a big time. My condolences to your family as well. He was a good guy. Take care of yourself. Prayers to all.



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Brenda Kirby - June 15, 2024 at 07:29 PM

AS

“ John was one of the founders of the youth recreational hockey league in Easton and taught hundreds of kids how to play the game the right way. He made sure his players learned the skills required to improve their game, exhibited good sportsmanship, and had fun. It was a pleasure to coach with him and play against him in the adult league on weekends. His smile was always the brightest among the opposing players in the handshake line after the game, win or lose. God blessed us with this gentle giant who gave so much to others in a variety of ways. Heaven just admitted a fine fellow who earned his admission many times over. It was an honor to share a locker room and the love of the game with you, coach.

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Allan Stevenson - June 11, 2024 at 09:04 PM



“ To Ms Polly Hanes,  
We are very sorry to hear of the loss of your  
husband. Wishing you peace in this time of  
grief-  
All of us at Miles River Primary Care



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**Katie Sullivan** - June 10, 2024 at 01:08 PM

JS

“ To Polly and Family - Our deepest sympathy on John's passing. We  
will always remember his greeting at firehouse breakfasts, "It's  
another beautiful day in Paradise." Judy and Scott Shuler - Sammy  
too.

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**Judith Shuler** - June 09, 2024 at 09:07 AM

JA

“ Sending prayers for peace of mind to the entire family, on John's  
passing. John and Polly cared for my three dogs for several years at  
Tri Crown, and we became very close. I will never forget when my  
boyfriend died suddenly. I was informed by phone at the end of the  
day, and in a panic called the kennel to see if there was time to run  
the dogs over, before driving to Delaware to be with his family. John  
told me that he would stay as long as needed for me to bring the  
dogs; he also offered to come and pick the dogs up. It was a simple  
act of kindness and generosity at a very confusing time. The world  
was a kinder place with John in it. Deepest condolences.

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**Jill Graper dos Anjos** - June 09, 2024 at 06:26 AM

DA

“ It’s been close to 40 years since I’ve seen John. I worked at Easton Safeway & he was our Assistant Manager there, under Manager Ken Angell. Kenny & I were married for 34 years until he passed last year. John was a quiet & unassuming man who was always in motion. He & Kenny are probably talking over the good (& sometimes crazy) times at Safeway, while watching over their loved ones here on earth. RIP John.

Donna Angell - June 08, 2024 at 12:08 PM

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“ John used to take care of mine and my family dogs a few years ago. Bootsie and Drake loved going to the kennel while we went on vacation. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. May he rest in peace.



Tina D'Andelet (Hyde) - June 07, 2024 at 04:19 PM

DC

“ I’m sorry to hear of John’s passing. A nice person indeed. I went to school with John then later worked at Safeway with him. Condolences to his family 🙏 Dorothy Patrick Capel

Dorothy CAPEL - June 07, 2024 at 12:03 PM

PF

“ Phelps Family lit a candle in memory of John Ellis Hanes Jr.



Phelps Family - June 06, 2024 at 11:01 AM

JE

“ John was a great friend to many. He was always there when needed . John was a devoted member and officer of The Talbot County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and the Oxford Fire Department. He helped with many fundraising events for all of the fire departments in the area. He will be greatly missed but he will definitely not be forgotten. THANKS JOHN FOR BEING A FIRE DEPARTMENT BROTHER AND FRIEND TO MANY. R.I.P. my friend

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**Jimmy Eason** - June 05, 2024 at 06:37 PM

SJ

“ RIP John you will be missed by many!



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**Sol Lynda James** - June 05, 2024 at 12:18 PM

NR

“ Nancy Richcreek lit a candle in memory of John Ellis Hanes Jr.



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**Nancy Richcreek** - June 04, 2024 at 11:17 AM

NR

*My deepest sympathy to Polly and the family. John was a kind caring man. He will be greatly miss by all.*

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**Nancy Richcreek** - June 04, 2024 at 11:18 AM

MM

“ JOHN AND I GREW UP TOGETHER WENT 12 YEARS TO SCHOOL TOGETHER WAS A GOOD OLE TRAPPE BOY. JOHN SERVED MANY YEARS IN THE TRAPPE FIRE CO. ALSO AND ALWAYS HELPED OUT AT AT ANNUAL FAIR EVEN AFTER MOVING TO THE OXFORD AREA. HE WILL BE MISSED IN THE FIRE SERVICE AND THE COMMUNTY. REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND. I WILL MISS YOU.  
MIKE MARSHALL

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**MICHAEL MARSHALL** - June 04, 2024 at 08:40 AM

CL

“ Carolyn Lane lit a candle in memory of John Ellis Hanes Jr.



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**Carolyn Lane** - June 03, 2024 at 09:56 AM

CM

“ Such a kind, loving man loved seeing him at the kennel. Deepest sympathy to his family.

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**Charles and Helen Meacher** - June 02, 2024 at 02:27 PM

PF

“ My deepest sympathies to Polly and to all who loved John. He was such a nice man.

*Ed and Penny*

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**Penny Finkner** - June 01, 2024 at 09:32 PM

SH

“ *Sonja Hanssen-Carter lit a candle in memory of John Ellis Hanes Jr.*



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**Sonja Hanssen-Carter** - June 01, 2024 at 12:02 PM

ST

“ *My deepest condolences to all of John's family and friends*

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**Sherri Taylor** - June 01, 2024 at 11:54 AM

JB

“ *Judy Van Bourgondien lit a candle in memory of John Ellis Hanes Jr.*



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**Judy Van Bourgondien** - June 01, 2024 at 09:35 AM

CS

“ *Connie Harris Sypniewski lit a candle in memory of John Ellis Hanes Jr.*



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**Connie Harris Sypniewski** - June 01, 2024 at 08:47 AM

BR

“ John was a wonderful mentor and spent countless hours teaching and supporting many who worked beside him through the fire department in Oxford . It was a true passion for him serving the community he loved . He will be greatly missed . Condolences to Polly and his family , as well as his family of the dire department

Betsy Roe - June 01, 2024 at 07:14 AM

PF

“ Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of John Ellis Hanes Jr.



Phil Foster - June 01, 2024 at 03:47 AM

RW

“ Ruth And Bill Worm lit a candle in memory of John Ellis Hanes Jr.



Ruth and Bill Worm - May 31, 2024 at 08:25 PM

LA

“ Linda & Terry Adams lit a candle in memory of John Ellis Hanes Jr.



Linda & Terry Adams - May 31, 2024 at 07:56 PM