



John Alan Hawkinson

September 10, 1932 - February 27, 2025

John Alan Hawkinson died at home on February 27, 2025. John was born in Minneapolis, MN, on September 10, 1932. He was the second of the five children of Raymond Paul Hawkinson and Ruth Olson Hawkinson. Although he grew up in Minnesota, John's father was an Army Airforce physician during World War II, so the family moved with him to various postings in the US, including Spokane, WA, Pacific Grove, CA, and Ogden, UT.

John graduated from The Blake School in Hopkins, MN, in 1950, Yale University in New Haven, CT, in 1954, and Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA, in 1958. After an internship at Hamot Hospital in Erie, PA, and service in the US Navy as a Lieutenant and Medical Officer, he completed his Residency and Master of Science in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Temple University.

While he was studying at Yale, John also pursued his love of sailing, which had its beginnings on the lakes of Minnesota. He and a group of like-minded undergraduate sailors formed a circle that they dubbed the Bilge Boy's Union. Their ties of friendship remained strong through the decades and grew to include spouses, children, and grandchildren, who still gather from time to time for large house parties called Perloos.

In the fall of his senior year at Yale, John and the Bilge Boys went up to sail at Tufts

University for a weekend. One of his friends was dating a girl from Wellesley College, who arranged dates for the other sailors. John had a blind date with a

young freshman named Martha (Marsie) Levering. As Nancy Horsfield told her college little sister, "You got the redhead." John and Marsie were married in June of 1955 at Lansdowne Pennsylvania Friends Meeting and started their family while he was still a medical student.

Sailing also brought the Hawkinsons to Maryland's Eastern Shore. One of the Bilge Boys had grown up in Denton and brought his friends down to the Shore to sail. A memorable weekend in 1956 included sailing on the log canoe, Island Bird, with the North family. At the wedding of yet another Bilge Boy in Talbot County, John met J. Tyler Baker, MD, who asked him to come join his Obstetrics and Gynecology practice in Easton. John, Marsie, and their three children moved to Easton in 1964.

John loved being a doctor and helping his patients. He practiced Obstetrics and Gynecology as a member of the Medical Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Easton from 1964 through 2000. During that time, he served the local medical community in various roles, including Department Chief for Obstetrics and Gynecology at Memorial Hospital, Chief of Staff for Memorial Hospital, Chairman of the Credentials and Bylaws Committee for Memorial Hospital, and Board of Directors of Memorial Hospital. He also served in leadership roles for the Maryland Obstetrics and Gynecology Society, The Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland, and the Maryland Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Never one to be idle, when he retired from medicine, John first taught himself Morse Code and became a Ham Radio Operator and was active in the local radio club with their many volunteer activities, including servicing yearly Half Marathons and Triathlons. His son-in-law, Joe, taught him to weld, and he enjoyed their sculpture building sessions. He then took up boat building in a big way. For six years, he and Sidney Dickson worked together to build the bug-eye, Katherine May Edwards. Then, for the next six years, he volunteered as an assistant instructor in the Apprentice for a Day Program at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. John clearly saw these ventures as his next career, putting in full work weeks, complete with packed lunches.

John felt a strong affinity for the work of the Yale Peabody Museum, a natural history museum in New Haven, CT, where he was a member of the Leadership Council for over 20 years. He enjoyed traveling up to New Haven by train to spend weekends immersed in fascinating meetings and lectures. John was forever curious and an avid reader of the news, history, art, literature, and much more, often having two to three books going at once. He was quiet and observant, had a dry sense of humor, and could throw in a zinger right when least expected. At the end of dinner on a nightly basis he would declare "Bring on the Lemon Meringue Pie!" knowing full well there was no such pie. He loved dogs and had one or more beside him for most of his life.

More recently, John focused on activities closer to home, many involving Third Haven Friends Meeting in Easton. He was Clerk of the Meeting's Communications Committee for many years. His last big project was to systematically catalog and index the Burial Ground at Third Haven, which includes graves going back to the 17th century.

Most of all, John loved his family. Family vacations frequently found the five Hawkinsons exploring the Chesapeake Bay aboard John's dream boat, a 37' Meadowlark ketch called Earlybird. John and Marsie always took great pride in the lives of their children and grandchildren, encouraging and supporting all of them in pursuing their interests. In recent years, nothing made John happier than the times that he and Marsie were visited by their three children, Kristen, Paul (Cassie), and Katie (Joe), all staying together in the house they built for the family in 1967.

In addition to Marsie, his wife of almost 70 years, John is survived by his children, Kristen, of Easton, MD, and El Cerrito, CA, Paul (Cassie) of Washington, NC, and Katie (Joe) of Berkeley, CA, his grandchildren, Griffith Hawkinson of Charlotte, NC, and Josephine Hawkinson of Washington, NC, two of his sisters, Paula Rooks of Warren, RI, and Karen Bicknell of New Hampton, NH, and numerous nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held at Third Haven Friends Meeting, 405 S. Washington St., Easton, MD 21601, on Saturday, May 3, at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations In Johns' memory are encouraged to The Trustees of the Third Haven Friends Meeting, Treasurer, Diana Rein, 9249 High Banks Drive, Easton MD 21601.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 3. 2:00 PM (est)

Third Haven Friends Meeting
405 S Washington St
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall

PF

“*Dr. Hawkinson was a memorable doctor and who was a man of few words. Cool, calm, in control, gentle, and kind was something one could depend on whenever you were in his company. On July 22, 1986, I found myself laboring to give birth to my second child, when suddenly the baby’s heartbeat began deceleration and Dr. Hawkinson moved quickly and announced, we need to get this baby, “Out!”. As a nurse, I knew things were going to move quickly and I knew I was in wonderful hands! Years later, I was an RN at Talbot County Health Department and had the opportunity to work in the Family Planning Program. We provided vital aspects in the health care of women including annual cervical cancer prevention, detection (Pap Smear Test), and treatments. Based on the results of the Pap Test, the patient would be contacted and may need additional follow-up appointments in the “colposcopy clinic” for repeated testing, closer inspection of her cervix, and possibly treatment for cervical cancer. Dr. Hawkinson was one of the local ob/gyn practitioners serving this important group of patients. He served these women with his kind and quiet mannerisms, always praising them for keeping their appointments and rewarding them with a “gold star”, an indicator that they took an important and active part in preventing cervical cancer. This simple gesture spoke volumes to not only the patients, but also to the staff, reminding them that everyone should get the “gold star” treatment and that actions speak louder than words. Dr. Hawkinson leaves this world a much better place for us to live, let us live it quietly, kindly, and gently as he did.*

Peggy Ferguson - July 07, 2025 at 09:30 PM

BW

“ *Barbara J Wallace lit a candle in memory of John Alan Hawkinson*



Barbara J Wallace - March 24, 2025 at 04:27 PM

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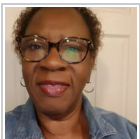
“ *Dr. Hawkins delivered my first child in 1970. He was the best. I was hoping he would deliver my second and last but he decided to come on the night Dr. was off. He was the best obstetrician I have ever dealt with. Rest in peace.*

Barbara J Wallace - March 24, 2025 at 04:22 PM

TL

“ *I met “Doc” during the 2 years it took to construct Pintail as part of the Apprentice for a Day Program at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. We spent many weekends together while he tried to teach me how to build boats and, as two Navy veterans, talking about his time on a destroyer escort operating out of Key West. He suffered fools gladly, patiently trying to impart at least a fraction of his boat-building skills, which were considerable. A gentleman and a scholar, he never stopped learning and sharing his knowledge with others. Fair winds and following seas, Doc.*

Tom Ledvina - March 14, 2025 at 09:38 PM



“ *I remember Dr. Hawkinson very well, walking those hallways Labor & Delivery @ Easton Memorial Hospital as it was called then, very kind, they were the best..Dr. Hawkinson, Dr. Flagler, Dr. Baker...*

Doris Powell-Dobson - March 11, 2025 at 07:46 PM

DN

“ *Debbie Nash lit a candle in memory of John Alan Hawkinson*



Debbie Nash - March 11, 2025 at 02:21 PM

DN

“ *Dr Hawkinson was my GYN as far back as I can remember. He delivered both my girls. The second one fooled him thinking it was a boy and going to be a big one. When SHE came out at 11 lbs 2 Oz, he was amused it was a girl. He was a great GYN.*

Debbie Nash - March 11, 2025 at 02:20 PM



“ *Tim & Laura Bishop lit a candle in memory of John Alan Hawkinson*



Tim & Laura Bishop - March 11, 2025 at 01:43 PM



What a memory. Worked with him Baker & McDonald in the mid 70's. It was a pleasure working with him/them. Then who knew, he would be the Doctor on call with my 1st and had to do am emergency C-Section on me. You will be missed. RIP Dr. Hawkinson.

Tim & Laura Bishop - March 11, 2025 at 01:45 PM

MM

“ *Marilyn Morris lit a candle in memory of John Alan Hawkinson*



Marilyn Morris - March 08, 2025 at 03:01 PM

KR

“ *Thank you Dr. Hawkinson for the care you gave all of your patients, education and guidance you gave to the hospital staff that was honored to work with you and everything you contributed to the community. The world is a better place because of you. Karen Russum*



karen russum - March 06, 2025 at 09:33 PM

BL

“ *John was a great person, gave back to the community, 'over the top Amateur Radio enthusiast and was an inspiration to all of us in the Easton Amateur Radio Society (EARS).*

Bob Luff - March 06, 2025 at 12:06 PM

JL

“ *The time we spent doing ham radio stuff was a joy to be treasured.*

James Lovell - March 06, 2025 at 11:20 AM

RS

“ *Ron Shortall lit a candle in memory of John Alan Hawkinson*



Ron Shortall - March 05, 2025 at 11:23 AM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of John Alan Hawkinson*



Phil Foster - March 05, 2025 at 01:08 AM



“ *It was always a joy to talk with Dr. Hawkinson over the many years he visited our office. My deepest sympathy to his wife and family.*



Kim Wilson - March 04, 2025 at 01:17 PM

DR

“ *Dr. Hawkinson was a compassionate man who contributed to our lives in many ways. His varied skills, common sense, and good humor are missed.*

Dee Rein - March 04, 2025 at 07:35 AM