



John Ross Hill

September 14, 1941 - December 19, 2020

John Ross Hill of Easton, MD, died Saturday, December 19, 2020, at his home in Easton. He was 79.

Born in Washington, DC, on September 14, 1941, he was the son of the late John Geddy Hill and Mary Anna Hill. He grew up in Bethesda, MD, and served in the United States Army from 1963-1969. He attended college at the University of Maryland College Park, where he graduated in 1969 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. Hill was employed for 32 years as a civilian employee at the United States Naval Academy, where he served as the Branch Head for the Hydromechanics Laboratory, where he taught Naval Architecture, as well as conducted research for the Department of Defense. Prior to his career at the United States Naval Academy, he worked as a Naval Architect in the private sector. During his career, he served on numerous maritime technical advisory committees.

When his children were younger, he served as a volunteer coach for their indoor and outdoor soccer teams, as well as an assistant swim coach for the Talbot County YMCA swim team.

Mr. Hill is survived by his wife of 44 years, Ellen Hill, of Easton, MD; his son,

Christopher G. Hill and his wife Alison, of Annandale, VA; his son, Douglas R. Hill and his wife Beth, of Sykesville, MD; his sister, Nancy A. Dalager of Oxford, MD; his nephew, John "Jay" G. Dalager of Oxford, MD; and four grandchildren, Connor E. Hill and Avery R. Hill both of Sykesville, MD; and Alexa K. Hill and Sean P. Hill both of Annandale, VA.

Funeral services and private burial will be at Oxford Cemetery, Oxford, MD.

Memorial donations may be made to the Oxford Museum, 101 S. Morris St., PO Box 131, Oxford, MD 21654.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Ross Hill*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John Ross Hill*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John Ross Hill*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Ross Hill.*



December 29, 2020 at 09:46 AM

GF

“ *Ellen, Chris, Doug and Family;*

So very sorry to hear this news praying for you all.

John was a tremendous mentor, great strategist, and friend to me and our family throughout his many years as a tremendous coach at TCY Swimming .

He laid the foundation for the many great successes and traditions that continue on today and I am so very, very thankful that John agreed to be an assistant coach and there are so many great and cherished moments and memories with John and both Chris and Doug .

Wishing you all comfort and God's Peace.

George & Marilyn Higley

George & Marilyn Higley - longtime frie - December 27, 2020 at 03:05 PM

LW

“ *Ellen, Chris, Doug & other family:*

My sincere condolences. John was good to all the extended technical members of the HYDRO lab and their families. My daughter and son have good memories of visiting mom's work because of he made them feel comfortable there. The tanks still exist because of his tenacious support. I will also remember John at his most relaxed at his favorite restaurant in New Orleans, Galatoire's.

Louise Wallendorf - December 24, 2020 at 10:14 AM

KL

“ *Ellen, Chris, Doug*
John will always have a special place in my heart from all the wonderful swim memories.
He helped me so much to make the Shomen Aquatic Team the team it is today.
John also convinced me to take over the summer invitational, that MDY did not want to run any more and it has helped support the Shomen program for over 20 years.
We had so many good laughs and so many great swim strategy conversations.
Love,
Kim Lessard

Kim Lessard - December 24, 2020 at 10:11 AM

RM

“ *Prayers for the family of Mr. Hill.*
Robin Meekins
Peak Healthcare Director of Social Services



Robin Meekins - December 23, 2020 at 05:46 PM

BH

“ *Susan and I are sad to hear this news. We both had the pleasure of working for John at the Hydro Lab early in our careers, and learned so much from him. We send our sincere condolences to the Hill family, and count ourselves lucky for having known John.*
Susan and Bruce Hays

Bruce and Susan Hays - December 23, 2020 at 01:43 PM

RC

“ Jill and I send our most sincere condolences to Ellen and family at John's passing. The HydroLab gang, led so positively by John for many years, was the best team that I ever had the pleasure of belonging to. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hill Family.

Roger Compton - December 23, 2020 at 11:10 AM

NH

“ Ellen, Chris, Doug, and family: We are so sorry to hear this sad news. John was a great boss and friend to all of us in the Hydro Lab. Our deepest sympathies to all of you.
Nancy and Rick Harris

Nancy Harris - December 22, 2020 at 07:43 PM

JZ

“ Ellen, Chris and Doug,

As Ronnie said, the Hydro Lab was such a special place to work because of John, he always treated us like family and looked out for us. Whenever we brought out kids in to work he would light up and engage the kids in these great conversations, always anxious to hear what they were doing. We will really miss his fatherly ways and will be thinking of you in the tough days ahead.


John and Terri Z

John Zseleczy - December 22, 2020 at 03:49 PM

VM

“ Dear Ellen,
I am so sorry to hear about John's passing. The Hydo Lab was always like family to any of us who were lucky enough to work there. Our deepest sympathy to you, Chris and Doug.
Ronnie & Ed Marousek

Veronica Marousek - December 22, 2020 at 03:19 PM

 Diane
Swan

“ Ellen and family, sending prayers to you all as you grieve. So very sorry for your loss!

Neil and Diane Swan

Diane Swan - December 21, 2020 at 12:33 PM

PM

I'm so sorry for your loss, truly sending prayers and love to the family.

Pam Majors - December 22, 2020 at 01:39 PM

NS

“ Sending love, light and prayers to Ellen and family.



Natalia Spurry - December 21, 2020 at 05:29 AM