



## John Carl Hornor

June 5, 1945 - October 1, 2013

John C. “Jack” Hornor died October 1, 2013, in Centreville, MD, after a brief illness. He was 68.

Mr. Hornor was a naval architect and marine surveyor with many ties to the recreational boating industry. He had recently relocated from the Annapolis area to Neavitt, MD, and was the founder/owner of Marine Survey & Design Company.

In April, Mr. Hornor was elected chairman of the board of the American Boat & Yacht Council, which sets construction standards for recreational boats. He was a member and former board member of the National Association of Marine Surveyors, a longtime member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers and the Mid-Atlantic Mariners Club. Mr. Hornor had a specialty in handling damage claims and helped salvage hundreds of boats in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, as well as many previous hurricanes, as part of the Catastrophe Team for BoatU.S. Marine Insurance. More recently he served as an expert witness in legal cases involving vessels.

Mr. Hornor’s boat design reviews appeared in magazines including BoatU.S. Magazine and SpinSheet.

Born in Buffalo, NY, Mr. Hornor was raised in Waterloo, NY, son of the late

Audra Melton Hornor and Dorothy Reichel Horner. He attended two years of college in Kansas on a football scholarship before joining the U.S. Army where he was a member of the Special Forces and flew helicopters during the Vietnam conflict. After military service, he got a degree in business administration from State University of New York and later a degree in naval architecture from the Westlawn Institute of Marine Technology. He was the service manager at several large marinas and also worked for the City of Fort Lauderdale in charge of its marine facilities before starting his own survey business.

He most enjoyed time on his own sailboat, cruising throughout the Chesapeake Bay as well as Florida and the Bahamas. He was a member of the Miles River Yacht Club in St. Michaels, MD.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Elaine Dickinson, of Neavitt; a sister and brother-in-law, Judith and Robert Parsons, of Las Vegas, NV; a sister-in-law, Jean Mansur, of Raritan Township, NJ; a sister-in-law, Carol Dickinson, and her husband, James Hammond, of Westminster, MD; four nieces; and one nephew.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 South Harrison Street, Easton, MD 21601.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Queen Anne's, Inc., 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617, or any local hospice organization.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location  
200 S Harrison St  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
[info@fhnfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhnfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 13, 2023 at 09:15 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of John Carl Hornor*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 13, 2023 at 09:15 PM



“ *John Carl Hornor*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John Carl Hornor*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John Carl Hornor*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Elaine,  
Having recently recognized your name in a publication I now find myself here to offer belated condolences. Your beaming face and personality seems to have met its perfect match in John and I am happy to read here of your wonderful and committed lives spent together,. Each new day is a celebration of those past and those yet to come. God bless.*

*Regards,  
Dave Howland GW 67-72*

David Howland - February 08, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ *Jack was a good man and will be missed.  
Jerry Adair*

Jerry Adair - January 18, 2014 at 09:33 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences. I knew Jack through ABYC and saw him many times at meetings, boat shows, conferences and seminars. He was very knowledgeable in his profession and a truly nice person. I am truly stunned because he and I are the same age. Elaine has my sincerest sympathies and best wishes. May God bless him and keep him.*

*Peter Eikenberry USCG Retired.*

Peter Eikenberry - October 10, 2013 at 07:11 PM

WK

“ I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Jack for only a short time in Toms River NJ last December for Hurricane Sandy. He had been on storm duty for a couple of months cycling surveyors like myself into and out of the zone and while appearing tired, polite professionalism with attention to detail was my impression. During a lighter moment, he spoke fondly of his wife and family and his looking forward to sailing south with her after he was finish with his storm responsibilities. I remember arriving at noon and reporting to him for my assignments at 1:00. Reluctantly, he dropped 47 files in my hands and as I eagerly took them, his expression was somewhat like a wet kitten being pulled out of a puddle. I can only imagine him at the helm of one of Gods finest vessels, content and at peace. God Bless You Jack!

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**William A Kyle** - October 09, 2013 at 10:32 AM

TG

“ It was my good fortune to meet Jack through a co-presentation we made at IBEX. What a great guy and what a wealth of experience, knowledge and insight he brought to our profession. Learning of his untimely passing was a real shock, and I send my heartfelt wishes to his family. May the many memories he left give you comfort.  
Tim Graul, N.A.  
Sturgeon Bay, Wis

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**Tim Graul** - October 09, 2013 at 10:05 AM

FH

“ From far away from the Netherlands, we wish John's family sincere condolences.  
It is very sad to loose someone so unexpected .

*Franke Hoekstra, Dutch Certification Institute the Netherlands*

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**Franke Hoekstra** - October 09, 2013 at 03:52 AM

PC

“ I am shocked and saddened to learn of Jack's sudden death. I knew him for years and had the utmost respect for him and appreciated his valuable input on numerous occasions.

*This should remind us all of the importance of living our lives to the fullest and make every day count.*

*Jack will be missed.*

*Philip Conner*

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**Philip Conner** - October 08, 2013 at 09:24 PM

BB

“ I knew Jack through our affiliation with the American Boat and Yacht Council and more particularly on the Hull Piping PTC. I don't think you really know someone until you've spent a couple of days arguing with them over unimaginably minute details. Jack, I am shocked at the news, and will miss you very much.

*Bret*

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**Bret Bretnall** - October 08, 2013 at 04:15 PM

DM

*Elaine, My deepest sympathies over your loss. I had recently spoken to Jack on a professional matter and he invited me to see mom's old house, your new house. The remodeling is such a beautiful job I wish my parents could see it. I still hope to be able to get down and see the inside too. He was a great guy in addition to his professional talents. Thank God for the time you had with him. God Bless Doug Megargee*

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**Doug Megargee** - October 14, 2013 at 01:15 PM

WL

“ I had known Jack for many years while we were both in the surveying business, he was always professional and a pleasure to work with. His contributions to the marine industry were many and his shoes will be hard to fill. My thoughts and prayers to his family and loved ones. Jack we will miss you.

*Woody Loller*

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**woody loller** - October 08, 2013 at 03:34 PM

MJ

“ I used to own a marina in Cape Vincent, NY in the Thousand Islands back in the 60's and 70's and Jack was one of my favorite customers. I was so happy to meet up with him again through the ABYC several years ago. He made the boating industry a better place for all of us. I'm just shocked at his passing. Big loss for so many.

*Michael Joyce, Hargrave Custom Yachts, Fort Lauderdale*

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**Michael Joyce** - October 08, 2013 at 02:44 PM

JM

“ John, his sister Judy & friend Carol worked at a drive-in near Geneva, NY in the summer of 1960. Had good times working together. Didn't know the Horners much as I went to Geneva High & they went to Waterloo High.

*Joe Mott (Geneva High class of 1961)*

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**Joe Mott** - October 07, 2013 at 06:28 PM

MC

“ I've known Jack for over 20 years and always found him a ready and willing professional, from his competence on the job to his contributions in the industry he served, to his willingness to help and even train others. He was a clear thinker and an innovator along the way. This is a sudden and substantial loss to us all. When I was retiring from active duty, Jack gave me the opportunity to tag around behind he and Derek so I could get a better idea of what I might do with myself. It was invaluable.

*Thanks Jack for the time you shared with us. Elaine, know that the maritime community is with you during this difficult time.*

*Marc Cruder, USCG, Ret.*

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**Marc Cruder** - October 07, 2013 at 11:01 AM

JP

“ Jack, you will be missed by your friends and peers! It is hard to be professional while bidding farewell to a colleague who has been less always there for all of us. We will miss your guidance at our meetings, your works of wisdom at functions. Farewell!

*Janet*

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**Janet Peck** - October 05, 2013 at 09:20 AM

MP

*Jack and Elaine;*

*No words can express the marine industries extreme loss with Jacks passing. We were all shocked when we received Dereks email. Jack was instrumental to us and the industry in too many ways to list here. I personally will at a great loss since I will not have Jack to call with questions and opinions. His place cannot be filled. We should all strive to be better surveyors and factual just like Jack, in his memory..*

*Mike Previti. Oct 8th.*

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**Michael L. Previti** - October 08, 2013 at 04:12 PM

CL

“ I only saw and spoke to Jack once a year or so, usually at a NAMS Conference or the Work Boat Show in New Orleans. Always the gentleman, never too serious, and waited to speak. He was a good listener. I enjoyed his company whenever and wherever we met. He was the type of person you enjoyed renewing your friendship with, and I'm sad that won't happen anymore. But I will remember him well.

*Chris LaBure  
United Marine Surveying, Inc.  
New Orleans*

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**CHRIS LABURE** - October 04, 2013 at 08:15 PM

DM

“ I have had the pleasure of knowing Jack through our mutual affiliation at the American Boat and Yacht Council. Working together with him and the organization, I came to know the man behind the good natured smile. He was a wonderful businessman, a great visionary, and loved the marine industry and the people in it. He recently was elected Chairman of the Board for ABYC by its membership and his peers - clearly a mandate of his leadership and expertise. Jack managed to make difficult things simple and coupled that with a great personality. He will be missed but not forgotten. Smooth sailing Jack....

*Dave Marlow*

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**Dave Marlow** - October 04, 2013 at 03:03 PM

GJ

“ *GEORGEANN JONES-BROTH lit a candle in memory of John Carl Hornor*



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**GEORGEANN JONES-BROTH** - October 04, 2013 at 10:38 AM

GW

“ *Jack was both a great mentor and a good friend. He was always generous with his time. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. This is a huge loss, both professionally and personally. Garry, Kathi and Jim at Osprey Marine Composites*

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**Garry Williams** - October 04, 2013 at 09:06 AM

AH

“ *I have worked with Jack over the last few years, he has helped me through some difficult claim situations which I will always be grateful for, my condolences to the family, Jack will be in my prayers.*



*Agnes Henderson - York Risk Services Group*

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**Agnes Henderson** - October 04, 2013 at 07:43 AM

MW

“ *Jack was one of my early mentors in the surveying business. He will be missed, my condolences to his family and friends.*

*Mike Whitten, (Bucksport Maine)*

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**Mike Whitten** - October 04, 2013 at 05:31 AM



Patrick  
Couser

“ I was really very sad to here this news. I have fond memories of staying with Jack and Elaine in Maryland and business trips with Jack to Bath and New Orleans.  
-- Pat Couser (from Formation Design Systems)

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**Patrick Couser** - October 04, 2013 at 04:33 AM



Karrie  
Kelly

“ It doesn't seem fair for you to be gone so soon, but I know you will be watching over us all. I love you Uncle John.

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**Karrie Kelly** - October 03, 2013 at 09:24 PM



KC

“ You will be missed Uncle John. Thank you so much for being a wonderful, caring soul. I'm truly glad that my boys were able to meet you and spend time with you and Aunt Elaine. I know you will be watching over us.

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**Kim Cagle** - October 03, 2013 at 08:51 PM



BS

“ Smooth sailing & following seas, Jack. You will be missed. Bob Skord

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**Bob Skord** - October 03, 2013 at 07:47 PM

BR

“ I always enjoyed my encounters with Jack over the years, including a recent joint boat inspection this spring and we talked about our Sandy experiences on the Boat U.S. Cat Team. We worked in the same field and he was one that I had great respect for. This is an immeasurable loss for his wife and family and a large loss for the boating community as well. Fair winds and following seas Jack.

*Bill Reynolds*

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**Bill Reynolds** - October 03, 2013 at 06:33 PM

DH

*This reminds us all to appreciate the friends and comrades we have in life, to never let a minute go by to appreciate the people we have the honor of knowing. Jack had so much knowledge that he packed into one life, he actually lived three or four in one so he was not cheated.*

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**Dana Holland** - October 08, 2013 at 02:41 PM

RB

“ **HARD TO BELIEVE HE IS NOT WITH US,** We won't see him in the boat yards, we will miss him. I knew Jack for years and he always had a way to light up the darkest day, we found laughter in lots of ways. Jeff Palmer and I recently worked with him on several claims in Sandy. By the way Jack we just sold the Wellcraft Coastal you liked so well, and yes you had it right for value. Sure you knew that already because you can see us all now. From all of us at Certified to your family Jack, we will surely miss him and remember he will watch over all of you that were close to him and us all...

*Ron Bethel*

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**Ron Berhel** - October 03, 2013 at 04:14 PM

DH

*Very sad indeed Ron, I will miss our almost daily calls and chats and laughter. He was so fun to work with. dana holland*

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**Dana Holland** - October 08, 2013 at 02:40 PM

DH

*“ I will always remember Jack as the ready and willing always cheerful competent marine surveyor and naval architect that helped steer me through many complex work situations. Thank you Jack for all the years we worked together, and for all your selfless help. It was a privilege to have known you and worked with you. You will be so missed. My thoughts and prayers have been with you and your family and will continue to be so. Dana*

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**Dana Holland** - October 03, 2013 at 02:50 PM

MK

*Jack was the best friend a person could have. He always saw the amusing side of life and of our profession, which is probably why he was always smiling. He picked up a lot of people's slack, without complaint with skill and professionalism. I will miss him, his humor, his energy and his professional skill. He was the best.*

*Mike Kaufman.*

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**Mike Kaufman** - October 03, 2013 at 07:31 PM

DC

*The shock of Jack's passing reminds us how fragile we really are. What a "good" guy in all respects. Sadly missed*

*Desmond Connolly*

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**Desmond Connolly** - October 05, 2013 at 07:17 PM

KB

*A true professional that will be missed by many. Not long ago a chance meeting at my Marine we spoke of life , work and a gradual retirement. Best said.....smooth sailing good buddy.*

*Ken & Barb Broman Oak Harbor Marina*

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**Ken Broman** - October 06, 2013 at 06:27 AM

JS

*On behalf of all of his friends in the Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors, Jack will be missed very much. He was a good friend.*

*Jim Sepel, AMS; Past President and VP Membership  
Juneau, Alaska*

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**Jim Sepel** - October 08, 2013 at 02:19 PM