



John Caldwell Huntington Jr.

May 21, 1923 - August 10, 2024

John C. Huntington Jr. of Chestertown, Maryland, passed away on August 10, 2024, aged 101. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Joan “Jerry” Huntington, and is survived by three children: Thomas Leonard Huntington, John Caldwell Huntington III, and Patricia Lee Huntington, and three grandchildren: Annie, Emma and Jedd. He loved his wife and children, hard work, golf and Republican politics.

Huntington was born May 21, 1923 in Bay Shore on Long Island, New York. From 1943-1945 he served in the Army as an MP with “Mark Clark's 5th Army” in North Africa and Italy. This was the defining period of his life, and he remained devoted to veteran’s causes and service for the rest of his life. In 1949, he graduated from Washington college with a BA in economics, and went on to be employed from 1949-50 by a GM dealership in Philadelphia as automotive intern, then from 1951-53 was employed by Dun and Bradstreet as field reporter. During a bridge game in Cambridge Maryland, he met his future wife, who he married in 1952 and was married to her until her untimely death in 1994 at the age of 63.

From 1954-59 he was employed in public accounting at a firm in Wilmington, Delaware, and in 1958 passed the CPA exam. In 1960, he and Jerry moved to Chestertown (John’s parents had by that time moved from Long Island to a farm in Fairlee) and opened a CPA office in what is now the Imperial Hotel in

Chestertown. In 1961, his first child (Thom) was born, and In 1963, he combined practice with regional firm Granger Faw & Co and became a partner in the firm and manager of the chestertown office. His second child (John “Jack”) was also born that year; his third (Patricia) was born in 1967. In 1970, joined LaMotte Company as Treasurer and worked there for 20 years, retiring in 1990 as Financial Vice President. Throughout that time he continued to do private accounting work and tax preparation, which he continued until 2010 when he was 87.

In addition to his career, he had a long history of passionate public service, including being a Life Member of American Institute of CPAs, Maryland Association of CPAs and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was one of the founders of Kent School, its first Treasurer, and served on the board for 15 years. He was a trustee of Chesapeake College from 1976-96, and served as Board Chairman in 1987 and 1988. He served as Director of Chestertown Bank for 25 years, and as Director of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce from 1982-1984. He was a member of Chester River Yacht and Country Club starting in 1961, and served as club president in 1965. He was a member of Chester Lodge #115 for more than 60 years.

In lieu of donations, the family suggests donations to the Kent County Food Pantry or a veteran-related cause.

Please RSVP to John's Celebration of Life using the provided link: <https://www.punchbowl.com/parties/bfc2d85f75ccd67dd9f4>

Previous Events

celebration of life

SEP **28**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Chester River Yacht & Country Club
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *A true gentleman, loyal, honest and generous to a fault. We will meet again. Vaya con dios!* ”

Dan Egan - August 25, 2024 at 06:39 AM

BP

“ *So sorry to lose a great friend for over 50 years. A wonderful companion on the golf course many years ago and personal and business accountant during my professional life.* ”

Bob Pritzlaff - August 19, 2024 at 10:17 PM

MC

“ *Mr. Huntington Was A Good Man As I Knew Him, I Would Drive Him & Ms. Joan To The Philadelphia Airport When They Went On Their Trips! I Was Nicely Rewarded For My Effort. RIP Friend!* ”

Marion L Chance - August 18, 2024 at 04:58 PM

PB

“ *Hello, my late husband, Roger Brown, and I were friends of Jerry and John. Roger was also a CPA and worked with John at Granger & Faw. We enjoyed trips together to CPA conventions where we would play golf together. We loved them both!!
God speed, John
Phyllis Brown* ”



Phyllis Hudson Brown - August 16, 2024 at 02:34 PM

MR

“ *Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of John Caldwell Huntington Jr.*



Maryann Ruehrmund - August 13, 2024 at 04:43 PM

MR

RIP John. You had an amazing life and will be missed.

Maryann Ruehrmund - August 13, 2024 at 04:45 PM

JL

“ *John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of John Caldwell Huntington Jr.*



John M Larrimore - August 13, 2024 at 03:52 PM

SJ

“ *My prayers are with Mr. John's family.*



Suzanne Jackson - August 13, 2024 at 08:27 AM