



## John "Jack" Matthew Cropper Sr.

November 9, 1935 - May 10, 2014

During the early morning hours of May 10, 2014, John "Jack" Matthew Cropper, Sr., had a tee time on God's golf course in Heaven and after a long battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, and Jack passed away.

Jack was born in Laurel, DE, in 1935 to the late John B. and Rebecca Foskey Cropper. Jack attended Laurel Delaware schools, graduating in 1955 from Laurel Senior High School. Jack was active in high school playing baseball, football, and playing the French horn in the band. After graduation, he served his country in the National Guard and eventually the Coast Guard for approximately 15 years. Jack received additional training in electronics and worked all over the world at Loran C (radar) stations, playing golf in many of those locations.

After being honorably discharged, Jack pursued additional education in electronics working at John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, the Bay Model, and Waverly Press.

In 1978, he decided to coach a women's softball team, where he met the love of his life, Sharon Clevenger and they enjoyed a little over 32 years together, marrying her in 1982. At age 47, he attended the WorWic Tech Police Academy in Salisbury after being hired to be a police officer in Ridgely, Maryland. This fulfilled a lifetime dream of being a law enforcement officer and

was then promoted to Chief. Jack made many friends during this time and had such an impact of the troubled youth of the area that many are successful today and credit Jack's belief in them for their success.

Jack was at one time a member of The Kent Island and Easton Volunteer Fire Department, Moose Lodge, Lions Club, American Legion, MISGA, and the Maryland Chief of Police Association.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon, and the mother of his children Judy Wheatley Cropper; son John Jr., and Cindy of Augusta, GA ;and a daughter, Lois Jeanette and Gary Warner of Laurel, MD. He was blessed with four granddaughters, Michelle, Rachael, Brittanie, and Jaclynn; three great-grandsons, Tommy, Matthew and Mason; and most recently a great-granddaughter, Sydney Augusta Smart. Also, Jack's sister Flaudine Otwell of Laurel, DE, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents and brother, Bill Burton Cropper.

Service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday May 14, 2014, at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Grasonville, MD, where a visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Burial will follow the service at Woodlawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, you may donate in his memory to Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601 or the Laurel Alumni Association, Inc., P.O. Box 382, Laurel, DE 19956.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

11365 Ocean Gateway  
Easton, MD 21601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Immanuel United Methodist Church  
102 Schoolhouse Lane  
Grasonville, MD

## Service

MAY 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Grasonville, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *John "Jack" Matthew Cropper Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John "Jack" Matthew Cropper Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John "Jack" Matthew Cropper Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Sharon,  
I am really sorry to hear about Cropper. He was an amazing wonderful man with a heart of gold. Which I know you already knew that. I would like to thank you and Cropper for taking my family under your wings and for being there for Ryan. Cropper meant a lot to all of us and he will be sadly missed. Big thank you to you Sharon for sharing him with all of us. We love you.  
Christine (Larrimore) Petrone and Family*

**christine Petrone** - June 03, 2014 at 03:11 PM



“ *Ann Haymaker lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Matthew Cropper Sr.*



**Ann Haymaker** - May 17, 2014 at 08:39 AM

TK

“ Tom Knox lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Matthew Cropper Sr.



Tom Knox - May 15, 2014 at 12:03 AM

SU

“ Sharon,  
All of us would like to express our deepest sorrow for the loss of your husband and children's father. The picture and description of his life show what a truly amazing man he was and will continue to be for all eternity. God Bless you and your family.  
All of us at Talbot D.O.C. are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.



Susan - May 14, 2014 at 12:46 PM

BC

“ Sharon  
I am so sorry to hear you lost Jack I know he battled for a long time and I'm sure he's at peace now. My prayers are with you Sharon  
God Bless



bonnie coleman - May 12, 2014 at 09:15 PM

SC

“ *Shosh Callahan lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Matthew Cropper Sr.*



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**Shosh Callahan** - May 12, 2014 at 09:52 AM

EB

“ *My friend of many years is now at rest. I have so many fond memories of Jack and his wife Sharon. Absolutely two of the most wonderful people I have ever known. I am so glad that Sharon and Jack met each other those years ago, a happier devoted couple you will not find.*



*So Jack is now good as new, no pain and playing a "round" in heaven. I will miss my friend.*

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**Earl Beville** - May 12, 2014 at 09:33 AM

HB

*Sharon: So sorry to hear of Jacks' passing. Aunt Bev was shocked when her friend called her to tell her Jacks obit was in the paper. We did not know one thing about the service. Please forgive us for not coming down or calling.*

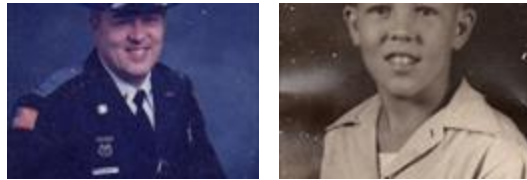
*Holly Baker  
Aunt Bev*

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**Holly Baker** - May 17, 2014 at 12:41 PM

SH

“ 2 files added to the album Jack



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**Sharon** - May 12, 2014 at 07:46 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of John "Jack" Matthew Cropper Sr.



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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - May 12, 2014 at 07:18 AM

PD

“ Peggy Dashiell lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Matthew Cropper Sr.



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**Peggy Dashiell** - May 11, 2014 at 03:25 PM