



## John P. Knud-Hansen, MD

December 15, 1945 - August 23, 2025

John P. Knud-Hansen, M.D., FACS, BSI 12/15/1945—8/23/2025

John Parker Knud-Hansen passed away painlessly and peacefully Saturday, August 23 at the age of 79 after a long battle against cancer. His extraordinary heart of gold touched many lives, none more important than his children, siblings, and partner in love and life, Linda Laramy.

Dr. Knud-Hansen, (John in this obituary) was the first child of Lt. JG John I.F. Knud-Hansen, USNMC and Fredonia (Fritzi) Fulton Knud-Hansen, born Dec. 15, 1945, in Pittsburgh, PA. He lived with his mother in Mt. Lebanon while his father served in WW2 as a POW camp medic in Saipan. John the father and John the son did not meet for 18 months, but young John had several visits to St. Thomas, USVI where his father was born. John was the only of his siblings to spend time with their paternal grandparents, Dr. Knud Knud-Hansen and his wife Ruby.

Post-war. Dr. John I.F. Knud-Hansen spent 21 years in the Navy Medical Corps, including a three-year posting at the U.S. Naval Academy Hospital in Annapolis. The posting provided John with an active childhood of swimming, tennis, soccer, and many years of scouting. He also learned to sail as part of the original Severen Sailing Association.

Dr. John I.F. Knud-Hansen's final Navy posting was in Charleston, South Carolina, and swimming became the sport of choice for John and his siblings as part of the Cooper River Blue Angels team where competition raised to the state level. He was the valedictorian in 1964 for his high school, Porter Military Academy (now Porter-Gaud) and a member of the NROTC, which led to a scholarship to Yale University, class of 1968. He was enormously proud to have been an "Eli".

Dr. and Mrs. John I. F. Knud-Hansen chose Oxford, MD in 1964 to retire and start a private practice as a general surgeon at Easton Memorial Hospital. Talbot County residents still hold special respect for his skill, compassion and humility and it is just as true for Dr. John P. Knud-Hansen as he and his new family chose Easton for his practice as a urologist. Father and son had one opportunity to work in the same operating room when the elder Dr. Knud-Hansen served as surgical assistant to his son. When John was elected a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, he became the third Knud-Hansen doctor to earn that honor, following his grandfather and father. It was a first for the College to have three generations within 80 years.

John took a number of years to choose medicine, but by the mid-1970s he found it would take twice the work to fulfill the requirements to enter medical school. He graduated from the University of Puerto Rico medical school in Cayay, where he had to learn Spanish for many courses. After internships in Baltimore and Cleveland, John chose urology as his field and, as he did with everything in his life, he researched, studied and pondered every alternative before making that choice.

John Knud-Hansen worked harder than most to become a doctor, and he had a wealth of other interests such as Russian history, literature, camping, science and science fiction. He could quote *The Hobbit* (or any Tolkien book) at will and could write letters in the Viking language of runes. There is no way

to understate the true passion John had for Sherlock Holmes; from an early age he loved the stories, the mystery, the puzzles to be solved. A major highlight in his life was becoming a Baker Street Irregular, the internationally recognized organization dedicated to everything “Sherlockian.” John also loved Patrick O’Brien’s seafaring series of Capt. Jack Aubrey and his ship’s surgeon Stephen Maturin, who inspired John in his medical career.

John loved sports, all types of music, from Beethoven to Buffet, comedy in all its forms, from Bugs Bunny to Monty Python and anything Disney. He totally enjoyed poker from an early age. He made sure he had a seat at the Wednesday poker table at CBYC. He enjoyed the camaraderie at the Tred Avon Yacht Club, Wordle and crossword puzzles. He was proud when he completed handyman projects like a famous cardboard boat. In all things, John was intelligent, compassionate, opinionated, humble, polite, kind, funny and sentimental. He was a true gentleman.

John Knud-Hansen is survived by his children Grant (Baltimore), Robin (New York) and Drew (Colorado) who all were at his side when he passed away at his part-time home, that of Linda S. Laramy, truly the love of his life. They were partners of life, love, travel and fun for over 20 years. Her family was a treasured part of John’s life, and he enjoyed being Uncle John to Linda’s grandchildren.

John’s siblings were able to be together Aug. 2-3 in Easton for a first-ever Knud-Hansen reunion that had been planned a year earlier. It was a beautiful twist of fate that everyone was able to personally see John and say goodbye. Losing their big brother are Erik (Maui), Chris (Boulder, CO) and Emilie (Oxford). Losing their beloved uncle are Chelsea Hussey (Hinckley OH), Kayla Grieves (Irish Hollow Galena, IL) Marissa Knud-Hansen (Westminster, CO) and Brent Knud-Hansen (Boulder). He had fondness and respect for the

mother of his children, Carol Ranish of Easton.

A private graveside ceremony will precede a public reception, not yet scheduled.

Memorial donations may be made to the Dr. John H. Watson Fund, which gives financial assistance to young Sherlockians. Checks are payable to the fund and mailed to:

Dr. John H. Watson Fund  
c/o Baker Street Irregulars  
3040 Sloat Rd.  
Pebble Beach, CA 93953

# Previous Events

## celebration of life

OCT **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Tred Avon Yacht Club  
100 W Strand  
Oxford, MD 21654  
(410) 226-5269

# Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear, my respect for his family and friends. Had the privilege to have met him in PR when we were in School of Medicine. Left a big impression in me due to his kind soul and big heart,RIP.

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**Wi Miro** - February 27 at 09:30 AM

WH

“ Years ago, as a surgical tech intern, every day was scary and intimidating. But my days working with Dr. Knud-Hansen were far from that. His calm radiated through the OR, and I always knew my clinical Fridays were gonna be good days. May God and His Holy Spirit comfort his family during this time.

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**Whitney** - October 23, 2025 at 10:25 AM

RK

“ Dr. Knud-Hansen was a caring and compassionate man. I worked with him at the hospital OR in Chestertown. I especially am grateful to him for the care he gave my father so he could go to Ireland before my father died of prostate cancer in 2000. I have the utmost respect for this wonderful surgeon.



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**Rita Kulley** - October 14, 2025 at 09:36 PM

DB

“ *Dr John was my kidney stone doctor for may years. Always caring.*



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**Diane Blazejak** - September 08, 2025 at 12:54 PM

BV

“ *Bob And Veronica lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD*



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**Bob and Veronica** - September 06, 2025 at 08:53 PM

BV

*Always a gentleman and fun to be around, he truly was a cherished member of the family.*

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**Bob and Veronica** - September 06, 2025 at 08:54 PM

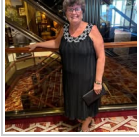
EM

“ *One of THE best physicians Easton Maryland was privileged to have with an unsurpassed bedside manner .What a gift his life journey has been to so many ✨*

*With great appreciation,  
Emily Capel- Meintzer*

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**Emily C Meintzer** - August 30, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ *Kimberly Wienhold lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD*



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**Kimberly Wienhold** - August 30, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ *I worked with Dr. Knud-Hansen in the OR in Chestertown many years ago. What a great surgeon!! I loved his sense of humor and his sensitivity to patients and their families. My condolences to his family and close friends.*

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**Rita C. Kulley** - August 29, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ *Rita C. Kulley lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD*



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**Rita C. Kulley** - August 29, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *Bonnie “Fueller” Johansen lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD*



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**bonnie “Fueller” Johansen** - August 29, 2025 at 04:33 AM

CQ

“ *Chuck McDonald & Margie Quimby lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD*



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**Chuck McDonald & Margie Quimby** - August 28, 2025 at 11:07 PM

TL

“ *Tima Lomax lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD*



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**Tima Lomax** - August 28, 2025 at 08:25 AM

TL

*29 years of being part of a great family he will be missed so much love and prayers boys and Linda my heart is broken!*

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**Tima Lomax** - August 28, 2025 at 08:27 AM

JF

“ I’m not familiar with John’s exploits around the yacht club or sailing adventures on the high seas, nor am I privy to his prowess around the neighborhood poker table, but as his Urology colleague for 15 plus years I can attest that first and foremost, John, was a genuine caregiver, an excellent doctor. He kept the best interest of his family, especially his boys, his patients and his friends front and center. John was an optimist through and through. Nary a complaint ever crossed his lips. He was a storyteller, par excellence, sprinkling his great wry sense of humor among the tall tales. Beyond his formative years at Yale, and long distinguished medical career he had many other interests and talents. I’m told his go to dinner for his boys, Beef Stroganoff, was second to none. He grew Bonsai, was a Paul Harvey devotee, a Sherlock Holmes aficionado, and Scotch connoisseur. I had the privilege of sitting with him during his recent hospitalization, only a week before he began the next phase of his life in the ever after. Although, frail and most of his body paralyzed from cancer spread, his mind was still sharp. He was looking forward to returning to Linda’s waterside home to enjoy views of his treasured Chesapeake. He reassured me that his boys were okay. His only concern was to live too much longer in such an invalid hyper-dependent state for fear of putting too much strain on Linda and family. We will all miss Dear John, but his passing was a blessing. So raise your glasses and toast the wonderful memories of John’s time among us on God’s great earth.

Jack Foley

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Jack Foley - August 27, 2025 at 08:37 PM

TB

*Such a dear, sweet man. Such a kind and generous person. He loved life and loved being a doctor. I had the privilege and joy to be able to be his medical assistant when I first joined the urology team in Easton. His knowledge of urology as well as anything and everything else was phenomenal. I totally enjoyed his company and talking with him endlessly about everything and nothing. We shared a love of the books and movies of Game of Thrones and he was lucky to travel to Croatia and see the actual movie sets. He will be missed but always loved*

Tricia Barringer - August 27, 2025 at 08:54 PM

DM

“ Please know that it was an honor to work in health care with Dr. Knud Hansen. I have spent many hours in the OR working with him. He always played opera music or listened to Jimmy Buffet during surgery. I had multiple interactions with him, within the last several months, during his hospital stays. He was respected and loved❤️

Debbie Mills - August 27, 2025 at 08:24 PM

BJ

“ Bart And Vicky Johnson lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD



Bart and Vicky Johnson - August 27, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ Such a wonderful pleasure working with Dr John while I was at DGH and SHS. I'll cherish those wonderful memories he shared. My prayers are with his family. 🙏🕊️



Teri Love - August 27, 2025 at 06:19 PM

KW

“ It was a pleasure working with Dr. Hansen at Dorchester General Hospital. I remember him always checking to make sure we received his Christmas card of the boys and he.



Kay Warfield - August 27, 2025 at 06:09 PM

BN

“ A friend and neighbor always a gentleman with a great sense of humor, love of Scotch and a pretty good poker player as a member of the Thread Haven Poker Society who will surely be missed. Bob Nichols.

Bob Nichols - August 27, 2025 at 08:41 AM

PF

“ Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD



Phil Foster - August 27, 2025 at 01:38 AM

NM

“ Nancy Centofante MD lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD



Nancy Centofante MD - August 26, 2025 at 06:34 PM

NM

*Dr. Knud-Hansen was kind to everyone he worked with. A gentleman and a wonderful doctor.*

**Nancy Centofante MD** - August 26, 2025 at 06:36 PM

RW

“ *I am so sorry to hear this. This man saved my life , I had sepsis from kidney stones and he operated on me. He will be missed.*

**Ruth Ann Wilds** - August 26, 2025 at 06:12 PM

WT

“ *As a young nurse, I remember the day both Dr. Knud-Hansen operated together. His father was a towering man and very buttoned up, John although straitlaced had a great sense of humor. Our closing music was usually JB “Let’s get drunk and scr\*w”. He was a remarkable human being and a gentle man.*

**Wendy Towers** - August 26, 2025 at 05:30 PM

KH

“ *Kelly Hunt lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD*



**Kelly Hunt** - August 26, 2025 at 04:53 PM

DM

“ *Debbie Merceron lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD*



**Debbie Merceron** - August 26, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to all who loved Dr. Knud-Hansen. As a nurse at the same hospital, I remember countless patients he helped: always kind, no matter the time of day.*

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**Janet Radzykewycz** - August 26, 2025 at 03:22 PM

RJ

“ *Ruth Ann Jones lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD*



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**Ruth Ann Jones** - August 26, 2025 at 01:53 PM

SD

“ *Dr. Knud-Hansen was a true gentleman and always professional when in the hospital environment*



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**Sherry Dolby** - August 26, 2025 at 01:08 PM

AN

“ *My deepest sympathy to all who loved John, and especially for you, Linda. I had the greatest respect for him as a physician while working as a RN in the Chestertown hospital years ago. He was always so kind to all the nurses. I am so sorry for your loss. Anne North*

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**Anne North** - August 26, 2025 at 01:00 PM

EG

“ Elizabeth Glenn lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD



Elizabeth Glenn - August 26, 2025 at 12:04 PM

JM

“ Joy Murray lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD



Joy Murray - August 26, 2025 at 10:08 AM

TL

“ Trudy Leager lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD



Trudy Leager - August 26, 2025 at 09:37 AM

PW

“ Dr Knud Hansen was a kind man and a good physician.



Patti Willis - August 26, 2025 at 09:21 AM

DP

“*Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD*



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**Doug Pierson** - August 26, 2025 at 08:57 AM

RA

“*My deepest and sincerest condolences to those who love and miss John. I was glad to know him as a fellow Sherlockian and Baker Street Irregular. May his memory be a blessing.*

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**Rudy Altergott** - August 25, 2025 at 05:37 PM

MC

“*Mishelle Cummings lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD*



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**Mishelle Cummings** - August 25, 2025 at 04:53 PM

LC

“*Distinguish surgeon for years. Emily. My sympathies to your family.*



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**Lynn Crouch** - August 25, 2025 at 03:45 PM

NS

“ Nancy Smith lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD



Nancy Smith - August 25, 2025 at 02:01 PM

SF

“ Shirley Foster lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD



shirley Foster - August 25, 2025 at 01:31 PM

JS

“ Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of John P. Knud-Hansen, MD



Jeanette Stubbs - August 25, 2025 at 01:03 PM

LC

*My husband and I were familiar with Dr. Knud-Hansen from our years at Memorial Hospital. A fine surgeon and always professional. Dry sense of humor and always respectful to the staff. Prayers to his family and those of us in the Memorial Family that will greatly miss him.*  
Lisa Cook

Lisa Cook - August 26, 2025 at 08:25 PM

EL

*Love and sympathy to you and family Ellie and Jerry Cooper*

ellie - August 28, 2025 at 02:33 PM