



John Ronald Merceron

April 10, 1951 - November 1, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John Ronald Merceron on Friday, November 1, 2024, at Talbot Hospice House. He was 73 years old.

John was born on April 10, 1951, in Cheverly, MD, the son of the late John Edward and Thelma Hawkins Merceron. He was a 1969 graduate of Springbrook High School.

John enlisted and served honorably in the US Coast Guard. After returning from the Coast Guard, he attended the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, graduating in 1973, when he began working in the funeral service industry, starting with Holloway Funeral Home in Salisbury. John was licensed as a funeral director in Maryland and Delaware.

In 1988, John began working at Newnam's Funeral Home. He continued his service with them, when it became Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, where he was a partner. John was a well-known and loved member of his community, serving as a funeral director and friend to many families in and around Talbot County. He was so dedicated to serving the families with honor and respect that he was awarded the Pursuit of Excellence Award given by the National Funeral Directors Association for fifteen consecutive years. For over 28 years, John took care of many of the families in Talbot and

surrounding counties.

While a funeral director, he was also a member of the Maryland Medical Eye Bank where he performed the first eye enucleation, a member of the Maryland State Board of Morticians where he served as the secretary and on the compliance committee, and he attended the British Embalming Institute. John was also a member of the Delmar Funeral Directors Association, and a member of the Academy of Funeral Service Professionals.

John married the love of his life, the former Deborah Lynn Trout on July 28, 1988, and they had thirty-six wonderful years together.

John served his community in other ways as well that included: serving as vice-president and commissioner of Easton Utilities, was a member of the Lions Club, and was on the board of Talbot Hospice and on the board of Spring Hill Cemetery, and a member of the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Debbie Merceron of Easton, his children; Trevor Merceron, Tricia Wilkens (Jason), Jaime Riley, Jim Riley (Katherine) and Howard Eaton (Sherry), grandchildren; Kaitlyn, Wyatt, Carly, Jimmy, Clementine, Shepherd, Jettson, Hunter and Hannah and his brother-in-law, Art Trout (Karen). In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Robert E. Merceron, sister, Sandra Brown and granddaughter, Haley.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2024, from 2-4 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 200 S. Harrison St., Easton. A graveside service will be held on Monday, November 11, 2024, at 11 AM at Oxford Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in John's memory to Talbot Hospice, 586

Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601 or Talbot Paramedic Foundation, PO Box 2237, Easton, MD 21601.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Cemetery

Oxford Cemetery Rd
Oxford, MD 21654

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 10. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (est)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. - Easton
200 S. Harrison St.
Easton, MD 21601

Graveside Service

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (est)

Oxford Cemetery
Oxford Cemetery Rd
Oxford, MD 21654

Tribute Wall



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 11, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ *Emily Capel Meintzer lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



Emily Capel Meintzer - November 18, 2024 at 08:04 PM



“ *Judy Morgan lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



Judy Morgan - November 16, 2024 at 12:53 PM

JK

“ John has been a blessing to me and my family many times throughout the years. He will be missed. Janet Perkins Kullman



Janet Perkins Kullman - November 13, 2024 at 02:07 PM

BA

“ Becky (Bowers) Ashcraft lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron



Becky (Bowers) Ashcraft - November 09, 2024 at 06:11 PM

BA

Debbie, I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of your husband John. Sending love and prayers to you and your family during this very difficult time. Becky (Bowers) Ashcraft

Becky (Bowers) Ashcraft - November 09, 2024 at 06:15 PM

CS

“ In times of great sorrow for our family, John was there beside us, not just taking excellent care of our loved ones, but also supporting us. We hold him in high regard and pray that his family receives the same gentle support and comfort that he always gave to others. Our community owes so much to this outstanding man and his family.



The Sewells

Cathy Sewell - November 09, 2024 at 11:42 AM

LG

“ *Lori Geisler lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



Lori Geisler - November 09, 2024 at 07:45 AM

TD

“ *Teresa K Dawson lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



Teresa K Dawson - November 08, 2024 at 02:24 PM

JL

“ *Debbie, my love and prayers to you and your family. John was such a caring and compassionate person. Always a gentleman! He set that standard of excellence for all who worked with him. Countless families were blessed by his dedication to his profession. You shared with me on several occasions that he was a wonderful husband, but his face would light up whenever he spoke of you. What a blessing he has been to all of us. I am thankful to have known him.*
Jeannie Lusby

Jeannie Lusby - November 08, 2024 at 08:31 AM

JG

“ Many, many years ago I was a server in Easton, MD at the Olive Garden. John and Debbie were regulars there. They did not know it at the time, but many of our conversations were the only light in my life during a very dark chapter in my life. Years later, I still think of them. Their kindness, honesty and encouraging spirits. I am praying for John's family during this time of great loss and thank them for sharing him with all of us.

Jennifer Garner - November 07, 2024 at 04:41 PM

JE

“ JeffMorris lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron



JeffMorris - November 07, 2024 at 11:57 AM

SM

“ Debbie, I am shocked and saddened to learn of John's passing. I have so many memories of you both from when he was at Holloways and you and I were at PRMC or whatever it was called back then. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Sharon Malone

Sharon W Malone - November 07, 2024 at 10:24 AM

KP

“ My sincerest condolences on the passing of John. We first met back in the early 80"s and I knew right away that he was a dedicated professional and would go out of his way to help people. We had a lot of good laughs along the way at many events. Rest in Peace till we meet again. Sincerely, Keith Parsell and all the Parsell Family Funeral Homes staff.

Keith Parsell - November 07, 2024 at 10:00 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Ronald Merceron.



November 07, 2024 at 08:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Ronald Merceron.

November 07, 2024 at 08:59 AM

GW

“ John was one of my neighbors when I lived in Salisbury. He was a kind and generous friend and an exemplary person in his profession. Having lost touch with him when he left Salisbury, I often heard how happy he was in the new aspect of his life and career and that makes my memory of him even better. May he rest in peace. My condolences to his wife who obviously made his life the happy one he deserved.



Georgia Williams - November 07, 2024 at 07:49 AM

JW

“ Jackie W lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron



Jackie W - November 07, 2024 at 01:32 AM

MR

“ To my friend and the best supervisor ever,Debbie Merceron!You have my deepest and heartfelt condolences John was a good guy.You were such a lovely couple, I will never forget him or you. Love Myrna (nursing transport)

MYRNA RUSSUM - November 06, 2024 at 07:41 PM

BR

“ Heaven gained an amazing angel. John was the epitome of kindness, compassion and a beautiful soul, who I was honored to work beside . He was truly a wonderful man and a great friend . Sending prayers to the family and everyone who was lucky enough to have known him .

Betsy Roe - November 06, 2024 at 06:00 PM

TS

“ Terri Mullikin Scally lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron



Terri Mullikin Scally - November 06, 2024 at 04:12 PM

TS

John was a great comfort to our family when we had to go there to make arrangements for our family members. He walked us through step by step he was so kind and helpful especially to my two boys John will be dearly missed

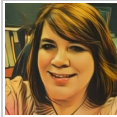
Terri Mullikin Scally - November 06, 2024 at 04:15 PM



“ *Tracy Gannon lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



Tracy Gannon - November 06, 2024 at 09:15 AM



Very sorry for the family's loss. Our condolences, VJ & Tracy Gannon

Tracy Gannon - November 06, 2024 at 09:18 AM

BJ

John and I were friends in the Lions Club and had many good times. He will be missed by all of Easton. Lion Bill James

Bill James - November 06, 2024 at 10:45 AM

JM

“ *Judith And Robert Musch lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



Judith and Robert Musch - November 05, 2024 at 06:10 PM

LG

“ *Leslie Gay lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



Leslie Gay - November 05, 2024 at 05:47 PM

LG

He will definitely be missrd. Wonderful, caring soul.

Leslie Gay - November 05, 2024 at 05:58 PM

CT

“ *Remembering John, He was a man who was a towering image, one whom I remembered as the perfect image of the profession he represented. Shelley and I have great memories of the times we shared. Rest in peace brother.*
Carl & Shelley Thornton

Carl Thornton - November 05, 2024 at 05:17 PM

JT

“ *John, wish I came to see you and the family in Easton. I actually remembered the first time playing with you at our grandparent's house in Towson, Md*
I wish your family the best.



James M. Taylor - November 05, 2024 at 04:56 PM

JM

“ Joy And William Murray lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron



Joy and William Murray - November 05, 2024 at 04:43 PM

NC

“ Sending my deepest condolences to everyone that loved Mr. John. He was such a kind man. RIP Mr. John . Keep a good eye on Mrs. Debbie.



Nicole Coleman - November 05, 2024 at 03:31 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Ronald Merceron.



November 05, 2024 at 02:46 PM

PM

“ Phil & Lois MacDonald lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron



Phil & Lois MacDonald - November 05, 2024 at 01:16 PM

MJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the family of John Merceron. The Ambruso Family*

Mike Ambruso Jr. - November 05, 2024 at 01:15 PM

RH

“ *Robert Leroy Hobbs, Jr lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



robert leroy hobbs,Jr - November 05, 2024 at 11:10 AM

MB

“ *Starting out in the funeral industry in the 90's as a 19 year old female was not very welcoming. But he took me in under his wing and made sure I taken care of and learned everything I would need to know to have the career I have today in the funeral industry. He was a big man with an even bigger heart.*

Melissa Harvey Blake - November 05, 2024 at 10:36 AM

TL

“ *John was a wonderful and kind person. He treated people with such kindness and a smile. You will be missed. Our sincere sympathy to Debbie and the family. God 🙏 bless you. Jack and Teresa Lewis*



Teresa Lewis - November 05, 2024 at 10:11 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of John Ronald Merceron



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - November 05, 2024 at 09:58 AM

GP

Debbie and family: so sad to hear the passing of John. He had love and compassion for so many and loved his community. His love and caring shown to Gene and I when my parents passed away was of high excellence. He loved people and couldn't do enough. We had many great times over the years and especially when we judged the Centreville Christmas Parade. He was a big mess. Great times and memories. John will always remain in our hearts and he will be missed by so many. RIP dear friend and show your love to others in heaven. Prayers and Blessings, Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - November 05, 2024 at 10:03 AM

SA

“ Stephany Allendorf lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron



Stephany Allendorf - November 05, 2024 at 09:09 AM

PB

“ Paula Broll lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron



Paula Broll - November 05, 2024 at 06:05 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Ronald Merceron.



November 05, 2024 at 02:22 AM



“ So very sorry to learn of John's passing. What a great guy and what an asset to his community. He will be missed.



Phil Foster - November 05, 2024 at 01:07 AM



I not only dealt with John in a professional sense, but as a friend. He was always kind and caring and gave a sense of great empathy when providing the professional side of his job, whether he was picking up someone who had passed or greeting friends and families of the deceased on the day of the funeral. His wife was just as caring in her job as a nurse at Easton Hospital. They were the perfect couple. Debbie you have my live and caring at this most difficult time and my prayers that God will sustain you through them. Peace and love, Kitty Adams

Kathryn Adams - November 05, 2024 at 03:39 PM



I first met John at Holloway Funeral Home when he worked there. John was very professional and dealt with him several times while at Holloway's. Send my thoughts and prayers to the family during this very difficult time.

Edith Adkins - November 08, 2024 at 08:23 PM

LC

“ Sorry for your Love loss. I never met John but I remember Barbara telling me how kind he was with the death of her son. Barbara was grateful for John giving her a thumb print necklace of her son. I thought that was such a compassionate and thoughtful gift!!! John sounds like an amazing man and he’s now rejoicing with our Lord \0/

Luisa Carlisle - November 05, 2024 at 12:42 AM

CS

“ Connie Harris Sypniewski lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron



Connie Harris Sypniewski - November 04, 2024 at 10:33 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron



June Clark - November 04, 2024 at 09:31 PM

JC

I worked with John when I first started working for FHN in Centreville I found him to be very passion about the people he was helping to get through a very difficult time.

June Clark - November 04, 2024 at 09:38 PM

JV

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Merceron family and friends! John was an Awesome Man whom we loved dearly! Rest in Peace Brother!
Joe and Margaret B. Voshell



Joe and Margaret B. Voshell - November 04, 2024 at 09:08 PM

RD

“ Ritchie Dulin lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron



Ritchie Dulin - November 04, 2024 at 09:07 PM

CC

“ Dear Debbie and Family,
My heartfelt condolences to you all with much love and prayers. Special loving man. My late parents adored him especially Mom. We all loved his big Teddy Bear hugs and kind words. He certainly went out of his way for me with support of me becoming the first woman president of Delmarva Funeral Association. Both your kindnesses will never be forgotten to my family. He and Dad are sharing jokes and memories with Mom. God rest thy faithful servant. See you on the other side and thanks for all the wonderful memories and graciousness.

Colleen Curran-Bromwell - November 04, 2024 at 08:43 PM

DM

“ John tended to the intermittent of ashes of a very dear friend of mine. Besides John there were only four of us present (a memorial service was a couple of weeks in the future). One of the others present was her young son and John was beyond wonderful with this child. He was so amazing the child asked if he could dig instead of John which the child did and had a big smile when he was finished. Hard to imagine but John brought joy to this child in the worst experience of his young life. I was in John’s presence many times over the years before and after that day and always fond of him. But after that day I knew what a truly “Grand” person he was.

Danna Murden - November 04, 2024 at 08:01 PM

RC

“ John was always willing to help a fellow colleague just as much as he would help his community at large. And also a dear good friend - God Speed John.

Roman Coale - November 04, 2024 at 07:52 PM

JO

“ John was a mentor to me. I met him in 1989, and we immedeatley became friends I worked side by side with him back in the glory days of Newnam Funeral Home, with Mike, Keith, Maury and Morris T. Along with Susan Luby and Ruth Ann Smith and all of the superb staff of part timers. I will only think of and cherish the good times and great memories of John. Rest in peace my dear friend and one time brother!

Joe Ostrowski - November 04, 2024 at 07:29 PM

LP

Joe...you and John were awesome funeral directors and showed love and compassion to my family when you handled my parents funeral in Centreville. It meant so much and will never be forgotten. John was a good friend and I will always cherish his friendship. Lynda H. Palmatary

Lynda Palmatary - November 04, 2024 at 10:12 PM

WS

“Debbie, your husband was loved by all. He was the best when it came to helping families in their time of loss and grief. I remember him sitting with then my little girl explaining about my grandmother at her viewing. He was great, he helped to explain what I was to emotional too. From then he was a true friend of our family. He will be missed. May he rest in peace 🕊️

Walt and Judy Schwaninger - November 04, 2024 at 06:24 PM

BJ

“Bart And Vicky Johnson lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron



Bart and Vicky Johnson - November 04, 2024 at 05:51 PM

KH

“Kim Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron



Kim Honeycutt - November 04, 2024 at 05:44 PM

JB

“ John was so compassionate and an expert in his field. He was the finest of men and made friends easily. My deepest sympathy goes out to Debbie and their family.

Julie Bryan - November 04, 2024 at 05:36 PM

RN

“ John was a great guy.He helped me with my dad's funeral and he was fantastic.He really going be missed he helped so many. condolences to the family.Rip John.

Ronnie newnam - November 04, 2024 at 05:18 PM

BT

“ Betsy Dulin Truitt lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron



Betsy Dulin Truitt - November 04, 2024 at 05:15 PM

GB

“ Gary And Kathy Ball lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron



Gary and Kathy Ball - November 04, 2024 at 05:03 PM

BM

“ *Debbie, we are so very sorry for your loss....John was an exceptional man, while serving at Newnam's, and as a genuinely caring person. He will be missed by so many..... Terry & Barbara Mullikin*

Barbara Mullikin - November 04, 2024 at 04:12 PM

SJ

“ *Sol James lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



Sol James - November 04, 2024 at 04:00 PM

DH

“ *What a gentle and kind and caring man. John served as funeral director for my adad and my Great nephew. Whenever I would see him out and about he always had a smile on his face and he always came in for a hug. Rest easy John.*

Diane Harrison - November 04, 2024 at 03:57 PM

AS

“ *ALICIA SUMMERS lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



ALICIA SUMMERS - November 04, 2024 at 03:49 PM

JB

“ *Joanne Brown lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



Joanne Brown - November 04, 2024 at 03:48 PM

SS

“ *My deepest sympathies to you Debbie and family. John was so special to many in their hour of loss including myself and family. He will be surely missed by all.*



Sandra Kay SIMMONS - November 04, 2024 at 03:27 PM

VB

“ *RIP John I am so thankful you were around when my parents passed, don't think I could have gotten through it Praying for Debbie and your family*



Vickie Bildstein - November 04, 2024 at 03:21 PM

MR

“ *Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



Maryann Ruehrmund - November 04, 2024 at 02:43 PM

MR

My thoughts and hugs are with you.

Maryann Ruehrmund - November 04, 2024 at 02:44 PM

AB

“ *Agnes Blades lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



Agnes Blades - November 04, 2024 at 02:33 PM

RG

“ *He was a kind and very caring gentleman.*



Robyn Gannon - November 04, 2024 at 01:47 PM

BB

“ *Bobbi Burr lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



Bobbi Burr - November 04, 2024 at 01:29 PM

LC

“ *Debbie and family. My sincere sympathies.
Jon was a gentle giant.*



Lynn Crouch - November 04, 2024 at 01:10 PM

AJ

“ *Ann Jacobs lit a candle in memory of John
Ronald Merceron*



Ann Jacobs - November 04, 2024 at 12:36 PM

BC

“ *Brenda And Mark Cummings lit a candle in
memory of John Ronald Merceron*



Brenda and Mark Cummings - November 04, 2024 at 11:32 AM

SD

“ *Debbie, Sending my sincere condolences to
you and all the family. I always loved seeing
John to get a big hug and share his sense of
humor. Sure was one of a kind and always a
gentleman.*



Ssherry Dolby - November 04, 2024 at 11:22 AM

JG

“ *Jill Garvey lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



Jill Garvey - November 04, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Ronald Merceron.*



November 04, 2024 at 09:27 AM

JR

“ Debbie,

Thank you for sharing your one of a kind husband with us. His compassion and generosity was unmatched. He gave his life to his profession and the countless number of family's lives he touched...that was his life and became your life too. Not a selfish bone in his body...one whose purpose in life was always doing for others. His ear to ear grin, the twinkle in his eyes, the most sincere hugs, his soft gentle touch, his unwavering love, loyalty, and generosity...he leaves a legacy that no one can replicate. It takes the most special person to be all that John was whether he was consoling a grieving family, or if he was your friend. His greatest joy in life was giving all that he had to every human being he encountered. He loved you more than life itself and took great pride whenever he spoke of you. You were not only his wife, but also his best friend and hands down the most incredible caregiver. We will slim in comparison to all he did for you, but know that we are here for you always. God certainly knew what he was doing when he chose John to be a part of all of our lives...He knew we needed him more than any of us ever knew.

We love you!

John and Stacey Renshaw - November 04, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ John Merceron exemplified the best in funeral service. He was a calm soothing presence when meeting families, guiding them through the funeral process, and ensuring that they began their healing. His compassionate care for the families that lost loved ones in Talbot county was truly a gift. He was instrumental in helping to develop young funeral directors and teach them that funeral service is a calling and that helping families heal is paramount. John was forever devoted to his community, his family, and the people of Easton, St. Michaels, Oxford, and the surrounding areas, who he considered "extended family" . John's legacy will endure through the practices he taught us, the standards and ethics we employ, and the grace and wisdom he imparted. Thank you John for your devotion to our company and care for our community, Thank you Debbie for sharing John with us all.

Kirk Helfenbein

Kirk Helfenbein - November 04, 2024 at 08:31 AM

HH

“ A lot great of memories of you and Mr.John when you guys went out with mom and dad ! I have great feeling dad and him are being ornery up there together . You and your family our in are thoughts and prayers .



Heather Handzo - November 04, 2024 at 08:14 AM

RJ

“ Debbie I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was such a true professional while working. He had such a kind, fun loving personality and will be missed by many.



Ruth Jones - November 04, 2024 at 08:09 AM

AR

“ *Debbie, I am so sorry for our loss! John was one of the kindest, most gentle men I've known. His caring and empathy made any unbearable situation manageable. He has comforted and supported so many families at our most vulnerable times. You two were such a loving, fun-loving couple, please know how much you are in my prayers and thoughts now. Blessings and deepest sympathy to you and your family. Anne Ryan Neary*



Anne Ryan - November 04, 2024 at 08:07 AM



“ *Debbie, I am so very sorry to hear of John's passing. He was such a kind man. Always enjoyed seeing him and talking with him. Sending love, hugs and prayers. Cherish all your wonderful memories*



Ellen Dickson - November 04, 2024 at 07:52 AM

PM

“ *Prayers to the family. John was the most loving caring and funny man ever. He wore his heart on his sleeve. Will be missed 😭*



Pam Morgan - November 04, 2024 at 07:24 AM

LC

“ *Lori Collier lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



Lori Collier - November 03, 2024 at 11:07 PM

PB

“ *Patty And Jim Bent lit a candle in memory of John Ronald Merceron*



Patty and Jim Bent - November 03, 2024 at 08:50 PM