



John O. Murphy

December 30, 1926 - September 9, 2012

John Oram Murphy, 85, passed away in Easton, MD, on Sunday, September 9, 2012, after a brief illness.

Mr. Murphy was born on December 30, 1926, in Baltimore, MD, the only child of Cora Mae Lager and John Lilly Murphy. He graduated from the McDonogh School in Baltimore in 1945 and served briefly in the Army Air Corps prior to studying aircraft maintenance at the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, OK. Mr. Murphy graduated from the University of Kansas in 1951 and married Muriel McCormick of Catonsville, MD, that same year.

In 1952, Mr. Murphy founded Bay City Construction Co. to build bridges and other civil works throughout Maryland. He sold Bay City in 1976 and started Eastern Engineering Co. to continue contracting work for Conoco in Baltimore. At that time, he also began farming corn and soybeans on the Eastern Shore.

He was an active member of the Catonsville Exchange Club and an avid pilot who built and flew an airplane at the age of 80. Mr. Murphy was a man of conviction whose humor and zest for living will be missed.

Mr. Murphy and his family moved from Catonsville to Annapolis in 1972. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy lived in Vero Beach, FL, from 2004 to 2010, after which they returned to Maryland to live at William Hill Manor in Easton.

Mr. Murphy is survived by his wife, Muriel Murphy; daughters, Barbara Murphy and Patte Zumbrun (Keith); son, John L. Murphy (Debbie); grandchildren, Joshua Zumbrun, Tom Borys, Kendall Cadd (David), Kathleen Murphy, Laura Borys, John T. Murphy; and three great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St., in Easton on Thursday, September 13 from 6-8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 Peach Blossom Lane in Easton on Friday, September 14 at 11a.m. Interment will be private.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location
200 S Harrison St
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

SEP 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
100 Peach Blossom Road
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *John O. Murphy*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John O. Murphy*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John O. Murphy*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Patte- After reading about your Dad I think I know where you got that sense of humor that has gotten me in trouble for so many years:). After losing my Mom I can tell you that this is not the part you will remember. It does get better and the old memories take the place of the sorrow. See you soon,*

Eddie Federwisch

Eddie Federwisch - September 11, 2012 at 12:18 PM



“ *Taylor Mayoral lit a candle in memory of John O. Murphy*



Taylor Mayoral - September 10, 2012 at 03:42 PM

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Dear Muriel and family, what a privilege it has been for our entire family to know John. He has been a great friend and mentor to Jim, Jimmy and Katie and me. God bless you and give you peace. Our prayers and sympathy, Mary, Jim, Jimmy & Katie Robinson

Mary J Robinson - September 11, 2012 at 07:06 AM