



## John Jerome Ward

October 10, 1943 - April 24, 2021

John Jerome Ward of Crumpton, MD passed away Sat. April 24, 2021 at University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Chestertown. He was 77. John was born Oct. 10, 1943 in Wilmington, DE the son of the late Ellery and Florence "Corrie" Ward. After graduating High School he enlisted in the United States Airforce and served his country for 4 years. Over the years John worked a variety of jobs including managing retail stores in NY, New Orleans and South Carolina, he worked on an oil rig in Louisiana, and worked in nursing in Lynn, Massachusetts. After he returned home to his family in Chestertown he tended bar at the Blue Bird. His passion was photography and for many years he was the Washington College sports photographer as well as a wedding photographer. He also enjoyed spending his free time at the beach.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his grandson, Steven Kovacs.

He is survived by two daughters, Danielle Botterman Shepard of Sandtown, DE, Joni Howe of New York, two grandchildren, RJ Shepard and Allie Howe, one sister, Karen Russum (Ralph) of Crumpton, MD, one niece Julie Smith (Robert) of Crumpton, MD, one nephew, JR Russum (Jenn) of Crumpton, MD, and four great nieces and nephews, Abby and Wyatt Russum and Emily and Nate Smith.

A graveside service will be held Wed. April 28, 2021 at 2pm at St. Paul's Cemetery in Chestertown, MD.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 or [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) and Nemours/Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children [giving@nemours.org](mailto:giving@nemours.org)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road  
Chestertown, MD

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Church Cemetery (Kent)  
7579 Sandy Bottom Rd  
Chestertown, MD 21620

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Jerome Ward*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John Jerome Ward*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John Jerome Ward*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I am so saddened to learn of this just today! This was the first time in 20 years you didn't call me on Mother's day and ask about the kids and the fun things we did. I wish I knew of your passing before today so I could have said goodbye to you. I am so happy that our last conversation (which was just a few days prior to this) you wishing me a happy birthday and how you would see us soon. You were one of the best people and friends I could have ever had the pleasure of having in my life!!! The kids and I will deeply miss you and will forever be glad that GOD put you in our lives! We Love you and miss you greatly!!!*

*Christie Seymour and family*

Christie Seymour - May 13, 2021 at 12:58 PM

MB

“ John Ward was a great friend to me and my family in the early 1960s when he was stationed at Fort Fisher! We had many fun times together and a little crush on each other! I will never forget when he took me to Holy Communion on Christmas Day at the Episcopal Church in Wilmington NC. My first taste of wine! He and I reconnected by telephone before COVID-19 and intended to visit in person one day. Unfortunate that never happened. Thanks to BJ Wilkerson for reconnecting us by phone! Thanks for the memories John❤️ Rest In Peace🙏 My sincere condolences to his daughters and all his loved ones. Mary Louise Carter Neighbors Brown



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**Mary Neighbors Brown** - May 01, 2021 at 07:54 AM

GY

“ John Ward was stationed at Ft. Fisher AFB near my hometown of Carolina Beach in the early 60's. My grandmother and Mother “adopted” him into our family and he became like an older brother. Many times he was at our home sharing meals & holidays. I can remember him sharing his love of Buddy Holly music with me and dancing with him in our kitchen. Had not seen John for years but we reconnected and I found out he visited Rehoboth Beach often and we had planned to get together last summer but then Covid hit. R.I.P. John - until we meet again. Prayers and condolences to all his family. Glenda Carter Yoor

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**Glenda Carter Yoor** - May 01, 2021 at 07:23 AM

BW

“ John and I were stationed together in the U.S. Air Force at Ft Fisher Radar Station in the early 1960's. We became friends for life but didn't know it at the time. Great memories. I'll miss our phone calls as we talked occasionally and remembered our shared memories. Thanks to John's sister for finding me for him so we could renew our friendship. Rest in peace . B.J. Wilkerson

B.J. Wilkerson - May 01, 2021 at 06:32 AM



“ Sharon Crew lit a candle in memory of John Jerome Ward



Sharon Crew - April 28, 2021 at 04:21 PM

JW

“ You will he missed.. prayers for his family..



Jack and sherry williams - April 27, 2021 at 07:27 PM

SM

“ Sandy McClary lit a candle in memory of John Jerome Ward



Sandy McClary - April 26, 2021 at 10:41 PM

CB

“ *Christine Brittingham lit a candle in memory of John Jerome Ward*



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**Christine Brittingham** - April 26, 2021 at 04:43 PM

GK

“ *George & Teresa Kruhm lit a candle in memory of John Jerome Ward*



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**George & Teresa Kruhm** - April 26, 2021 at 12:12 PM

PM

“ *Pam Marvel lit a candle in memory of John Jerome Ward*



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**Pam Marvel** - April 26, 2021 at 11:02 AM

TS

“ *Todd And Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of John Jerome Ward*



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**Todd and Diane Smith** - April 26, 2021 at 10:45 AM

SS

“ Steve And Terri Smith lit a candle in memory of John Jerome Ward



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**Steve and Terri Smith** - April 26, 2021 at 10:44 AM

PH

“ Peggy Hammer lit a candle in memory of John Jerome Ward



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**Peggy Hammer** - April 26, 2021 at 09:00 AM

FD

“ Frankie & Jane Dill lit a candle in memory of John Jerome Ward



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**Frankie & Jane Dill** - April 25, 2021 at 10:49 PM