



John Edward Benjamin

February 20, 2005

John E. “Johnny” Benjamin of Chestertown, Maryland died on February 20, 2005 at Chester River Hospital Center. He was 85.

Born in Chestertown, MD on November 24, 1919, he was the son of the late William C. and Fannie Kennard Benjamin. He was a graduate of Chestertown High School Class of 1936 and attended Washington College for two years. Mr. Benjamin enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during World War II on the U.S.S. Albemarle in South America and later during the Korean War. He married Salvina “Subbie” Giarrusso on November 24, 1945. Mr. Benjamin owned and operated Johnny’s Bowling Alley which was located on Morgnec Road in Chestertown from 1945 to 1947. In 1947 he went to work with C & P Telephone (now Verizon) as a lineman, he retired in 1982 as Chief Engineer.

Mr. Benjamin was active with Queen Anne’s Bowling Lanes as Manager in the 1960’s. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, served on the Board of Directors with Kent County Parks and Recreation, a 28 year member of Chestertown Fire Department, and a member of Frank M. Jarmen American Legion Post #36 in Chestertown. He was also an original member of Chester River Yacht and Country Club where he worked as a boy as a caddy, played regularly, played on the M.I.S.G.A. team, and was founder and coordinator of the J.B. Open, he truly loved the game. Mr. Benjamin also enjoyed all sports; he was inducted into the Maryland Softball Hall of Fame

and co-owned harness racing horses.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, John Michael Benjamin of Chestertown, MD; a daughter, Clara Jane Benjamin Krastel of Chestertown, MD; two grandsons, Michael Edward Walls of Elmer, NJ and Mark Raymond Walls of Gaithersburg, MD, and two great grandchildren, Emily Hope Walls and Eric Ryan Walls. He is also survived by a dear friend of the family, Albert William Coleman of Chestertown, MD.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 25, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD where relatives and friends may call on Thursday, February 24th between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Interment will be in Chester Cemetery, Chestertown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Kent and Queen Anne's Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 126, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Tribute Wall



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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM