



## R. John Thompson III

August 16, 1956 - March 6, 2010

Robert John Thompson III died March 6 in Easton, Maryland.

Born August 16, 1956 in Easton, Maryland, John was employed by North Sails until a boogie board accident crippled him in 2004. He was a graduate of Salisbury University.

A native of the Eastern Shore and an avid sports fan, John was a world class sailor. Even before he could walk, John was sailing the waters of the Chesapeake. He progressed from Penguins to 420s during his years in the Tred Avon Yacht Club Junior Sailing Class. Then John began sailing Stars, the one design boat that his parents had taught him to love. He won many races and championships during his sailing career.

As a sail designer for North Sails, John's art of designing sails was sought after not only by local racers, but well-known racing campaigns around the world. Notables included the Whitbred Contender, "Chessie", the Americas Cup yachts around the world, and many other championships here and abroad.

John is survived by his loving family; parents, Robert Thompson of Tallahassee, Florida and Doris Thompson of Easton, Maryland; sister, Nancy Flynn and husband, Terry of League City, Texas; nephew, Colin Flynn; and niece, Samantha Flynn; cousins, Doug Cornelius of Church Hill, MD and wife, Linda; Vaughn Sloan of GA and wife, Donna; Barbara Orth of CA.

Friends may gather at the Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., in Easton, MD on Friday, March 12 from 4:00 until 6:00 pm. A graveside service will be held at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Easton on Saturday, March 13 at 2:00 pm.

Memorial donations may be made to the Junior Sailing programs at Miles River Yacht Club, PO Box 158, St. Michaels, MD 21663 and/or Tred Avon Yacht Club, PO Box 337, Oxford, MD 21654.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 13. 2:00 PM.

Graveside

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of R. John Thompson III*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - March 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *R. John Thompson III*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *R. John Thompson III*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *R. John Thompson III*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear of John's passing, it was quite a shock since we hadn't seem him recently. we have very many fond memories of time spent together in Florida, Easton and Seaside Heights attending the sailing races with you, Christy and John. our sincerest sympathy,  
Rita and Bob##imported-begin##Rita and Bob Drews##imported-end##

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March 24, 2010 at 05:48 PM



“ I just learned of Johnny's passing and I am so sorry. I have so many fond memories of sharing my high school years with you - the sailing, the cars, the whaler - playing with Salty. my prayers go out to you-##imported-begin##christine Drews clarke##imported-end##

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March 22, 2010 at 08:45 AM



“ I just heard of the passing of John. I am so sorry. My prayers and thoughts go out to the family. I can remember being in school with John and sailing class together. He was a great sailor and always seem to win with ease. I crewed many times for his sister who is also a good sailor.##imported-begin##gingie vreeland##imported-end##

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March 16, 2010 at 09:25 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Johnny's passing. I remember him as a little boy and I can still hear his Dad singing Granada. My Mother still has the 8mm movie of Nancy 's birthday party with Johnny and my sister Jeanette clowning around. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Elaine Younkin Bloomer##imported-end##

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March 12, 2010 at 02:58 PM