



## John Alexander Fraser Jr.

March 17, 1916 - February 26, 2015

John Alexander Fraser, Jr., 98 of Newburg, MD died February 26, 2015 at University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center, La Plata, MD.

He was born March 17, 1916 in Terry, Montana to the late John Alexander Fraser, Sr. and Hazel Edith Wilson. He grew up in Wellsville, Ohio and came to the Washington, D.C. area in 1937.

He was a WWII veteran serving as a Master Sergeant on General Eisenhower's planning staff for Operation Overlord, the 1944 Invasion of Normandy. At a young age, he was one of the very few soldiers entrusted with the most confidential information concerning the Invasion, including the location of the beaches and the date of the first landings. After the war, Mr. Fraser served in the U.S. Army Reserve for 20 years, and worked in military intelligence and military mapping with a variety of DOD offices. He retired from the Defense Mapping Agency in 1982.

John was an active member of his church and community, devotedly supporting his children's school programs as well as local citizen organizations. He was happily married to his only love, Pearl, for 62 years. He was an avid beekeeper, gardener, and grafter of fruiting trees.

In addition to Pearl, John is survived by two sons; John A. Fraser III and his

wife Laura Long of Clifton, VA and James P. Fraser and his wife Elaine of Damascus, MD, three daughters; Katherine L. Lyons of Nederland, Colorado, Patricia A. Fraser Garland and her husband Earl of Boyds, MD and Elizabeth J. Shanahan and her husband Joseph Bonczkowski of Silver Spring, MD, eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of John can be made to The Humane Society of Charles County, P.O. Box 1015, Waldorf, MD 20604 or the Newburg Volunteer Rescue Squad & Fire Department, P.O. Box 9, Newburg, MD 20664.

A visitation will be on Friday, March 6, 2015 from 2:00PM until time of service at 3:00PM at Raymond Funeral Service 5635 Washington Ave, La Plata, MD 20646. Burial will follow at a future date at Arlington National Cemetery.

On-line condolences may be left at [raymondfuneralservice.com](http://raymondfuneralservice.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Service

MAR 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Alexander Fraser Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *John Alexander Fraser Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *To Bette and the Fraser family, our hearts and prayers are with you and your families. May the cherished memories of your father, husband, and grandfather help heal your hearts and give you comfort and peace. I just loved your dad and I am grateful for my last conversation with him at Kelly's wedding. He looked very handsome in his tuxedo, and his eyes were radiant, and his smile endearing. In friendship and sympathy - Susan, Mike, Michael, and Thomas Pollack ..... "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4*

**Susan Pollack** - March 05, 2015 at 11:28 AM



*To the Fraser family, my deepest condolences on the passing of a truly "great man". John was so on top of current events and had such a practical philosophy of life. The time I spent with John and lovely Pearl was a wonderful highlight. Both John and Pearl kept me laughing continually. Their sharp and witty dialogue was precious and unforgettable. I was going to buy your Dad a birthday card for his upcoming birthday. I shall always have the fondest memories of this entire family and the extraordinary partnership to let John live out his days at home. God bless all of you at this sorrowful time. Roberta Short*

**roberta short** - March 07, 2015 at 08:30 PM