



## **John Martin Link Sr.**

December 9, 1957 - June 20, 2013

On June 20, 2013, John Martin Link Sr., 55, of Port Tobacco, MD passed away at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, MD. He was born on December 9, 1957 in Fontainebleau, France to the living Barbara L. Lorence and the late Curtis O. Link.

John attended La Plata High School and was a certified Gold Sales Associate for Toyota. He began working at the age of 16 at Safeway and retired with more than 22 years of service. He worked as a sales associate with Montgomery Ward until they closed. At that time, he became employed with Toyota of Waldorf and worked as a manager and sales associate during his time there. He was a member of the Board of Directors for Southern Charles County Little League and was a past member of the Kiwanis Club. He enjoyed drag racing and building race cars/trucks with his sons. He coached each of his sons' baseball teams as they were growing up. He loved watching his youngest son play high school football and varsity football at Frostburg State University. He loved going out to lunch every Tuesday and spending time with friends. He was devoted to his wife Tina of 32 years and his children and grandchildren. He was a loving and caring son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather. He would give the shirt off his back to a complete stranger. Everywhere he went, he would run into someone he knew. He was not only devoted to his family, but to his co-workers who he considered his extended family.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his son, John M. Link Jr.; his brother, James Link; and sister Ann Marie Link. He is waiting in heaven for his wife Tina Link, who he married on January 9, 1981; siblings, Thomas Link, Charles Link, Joseph Link, and Elizabeth Dent; sons, Christopher Link and his wife Mary, Matthew Link and his wife Patricia, and Michael Link; grandchildren, Cheyanne Link, Christopher Link Jr. (CJ), and Savannah Link.

Visitation on Thursday, June 27, 2013 from 2-4PM and 6-8PM with Wake Service at 7PM at Raymond Funeral Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, June 28, 2013 at 11AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 11555 St. Mary's Church Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 with Interment to follow at the Church Cemetery.

Memorials to Michael Link Scholarship Fund, PO Box 561, Port Tobacco, MD 20677 ([HTTPS://Fundrazr.com/campaigns/1Xha0](https://fundrazr.com/campaigns/1Xha0)).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Church Cemetery at Newport

11555 St. Mary's Church Road  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2920  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<https://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Visitation

JUN 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2920  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<https://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Wake Service

JUN 27. 7:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2920  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<https://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
11555 St. Mary's Church Road  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

## Burial

JUN 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
11555 St. Mary's Church Road  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

# Tribute Wall

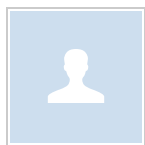


“ *Tina Link lit a candle in memory of John Link*



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**Tina Link** - January 30 at 04:16 PM



“ *John Martin Link Sr.*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *John Martin Link Sr.*

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October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *You now have your buddy, Bob, with you.  
Love and miss you.*



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**TINA LINK** - January 10, 2020 at 12:22 PM

AB

“ Alys & Drew Bauer lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.



Alys & Drew Bauer - June 27, 2017 at 08:42 AM

TL

“ Tina Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.



Tina Link - May 23, 2017 at 08:11 AM

TL

Thinking of you as always

Tina Link - May 23, 2017 at 08:11 AM

TL

“ Tina Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.



tina link - January 09, 2015 at 09:25 AM



“ Tina Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.



Tina Link - August 20, 2014 at 10:57 AM



“ Jen Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.



Jen Link - October 17, 2013 at 11:33 AM



“ Patricia Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.



Patricia Link - August 12, 2013 at 09:21 AM



“ Matt Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.



Matt Link - July 07, 2013 at 10:35 PM



“ *Tina Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



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**Tina Link** - July 07, 2013 at 08:41 PM

“ The following was read at services for John tonight and I thought those who could not attend would like to read my words spoke about John.....

*I would like to share some of the many moments of my life with John. These are some of the things John shared with me and we talked about that I know he would want his family to know and some of the things John and I would talk about and share with each other for the last 20 plus years.*

*John had so many friends in his life, but I know he had 4 best friends in his life; John Jr, Chris, Matt and Mike. Each one had their own personality and demeanor's. All different from the other. All possessed qualities and traits of John. John had a best friend's bond with each one of his son's. I would like to pass on a few of his thoughts John often shared with me about each one.*

*John Jr, was the first best friend in John's life. John and John Jr would toss the ball around, play ball and share an ice-cream at Twin Kiss after the game was over. He left Johns life way too soon and I am sure John is playing catch with him right now and making up for lost time.*

*The next best friend in John's life is Chris. Chris and John would also play ball, eat some ice cream, race cars and of course there is always trash talking during the football games on Sunday between them. John would tell me how proud he was of Chris and how he is such a great father to his children. John was always so excited to go watch a game that his oldest granddaughter Cheyenne was involved in. (Of course lots of bragging on how good she is). John had a sparkle in his eye when we talked about Chris's son playing ball one day and John hoped Chris would coach CJ one day. John thought if C.J., was anything like his father Chris on the ball field, then as John would put it to me:...."Bob, it's going to be all the show you want to see!" John was so excited for Chris as they were expecting another baby girl (Savannah). John often said to me:*

*“How proud he was of the man Chris had become”.*

*Another best friend of Johns was Matt. Matt would come by to see him at work 2 to 3 times a week or they would be on the phone talking about anything and everything. They also played ball (John would say; “Matt could hit the ball a country mile in the day”). They also built a few race cars, hung out at the track and raced quite a few times on the strip (Not saying what strip or street). They would go out to lunch together and depending on who was buying would determine where they ate. John always said to me “Matt has such a big heart and cares so much about his family”. He was always so proud of Matt and was so happy his friend was always there in his life.*

*The last best friend in John’s life was Mike. In John’s life with Mike they liked many of the same things John’s circle of best friends did in their lives. However Mike also took to playing football. John always talked about a hit Mike would put on another player or a catch he made on the field. John was so proud of Mike for working so hard as a football player. John always had Mike’s football schedule during the season with him and always watched Mike’s games as he did all of his children. He was excited to see Mike play this season. But John was even prouder that Mike was doing so well with his college studies in his 1st year. John expressed or said to me “I can’t wait to see Mike graduate with his degree”! Mike and John would cut up on each other all the time and enjoyed each other’s company.*

*Chris, Matt and Mike your father was your best friend! He was proud of the men you have grown to become. He would expect nothing less from all of you to be great men to your family and children’s lives.*

*John has 2 daughter-in-laws Mary and Trish. John always referred to them as his daughters. John was so happy his sons found someone to share their lives with. John often talked about each of them and how wonderful they were as wives, daughters and how wonderful they were to his grandchildren.*

*John had one woman he was in love with; his wife Tina. She was Johns “*

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**Bob** - June 27, 2013 at 08:07 PM

BO

*Here is the rest, that was cut off:*

*John had one woman he was in love with; his wife Tina. She was Johns “Momma” as he referred to her as. John always talked about Momma to me and told me on many occasions that “Tina is the only woman I have ever been in love with and the only woman I ever will be in love with”. Tina and John experienced so many things together. Always doing things with and for the children. Whether it be an event that one of the children was involved with or taking a trip somewhere with the family, John loved those moments together. Many times over the years I would ask John what he did a on his day off? John would tell me all the fun things and sometimes not so fun things he did, but his answer would always end with; “After that, me and Momma sat on the swing out on the the porch and drank some tea or lemonade and just relaxed”. John loved that time with his “Momma”.*


*John’s extended family and friends I think would all agree John always put family first. We all know he would help anyone he knew that ask for help without blinking an eye. He treated all the children he came in contact with, like they where his own. If one got ice cream, they all got ice cream.*

*I would venture to say that if you close your eyes right now and thought about John for a moment or two; I bet a happy thought or time with him is the first thing about John that comes into your head. My memories of John will always be the smiles he put on everyone’s face he came in contact with to include my family. Our family’s shared so many great memories together. John treated my children like they where his own. He was the brother I never had. I will miss him every day.*

*I would like to ask everyone to remember to tell your sons and daughters every chance you get to tell them you love them. I know John never missed a moment to tell his children.*

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**bob** - June 28, 2013 at 06:11 PM

 James Long

“ *John was a wonderful person! Full of life, energy, and always found joy in life. He is watching over all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, he will be missed!!*



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**James Long** - June 27, 2013 at 01:17 PM

MH

“ *Michael H. purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of John Martin Link Sr..*



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**Michael H.** - June 27, 2013 at 10:06 AM

 Patricia Link

“ *Patricia Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



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**Patricia Link** - June 27, 2013 at 08:14 AM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of John Martin Link Sr..*



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June 27, 2013 at 06:31 AM



“ *Heather Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



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**Heather Link** - June 26, 2013 at 01:34 PM

AB

“ *Andrew & Alys Bauer lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



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**Andrew & Alys Bauer** - June 25, 2013 at 09:02 PM

CF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Tina and your family. We are sorry to hear of your loss. When we moved next door to the Link family back in 2004, our son Anthony was happy to know that there were guys living there. He soon became friends with Michael, Matt and Chris and felt like he had brothers of his own. If there ever was an example of a close knit loving family, it is the Links. Every weekend and some weekdays you would see the family gathering together to enjoy each others company. There would be volleyball, swimming, fireworks, football the smell of something delicious cooking on the grill and yes of course crabs! There was a joy that would come from the yard and it was so nice to see a family enjoying being a family. John will truly be missed but know that he is close in your hearts and one day we all will be joined together again. Love, Tony, Connie and Anthony Foster. God Bless you all.*

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**Connie Foster** - June 25, 2013 at 07:21 PM

MW

“ *Our deepest sympathy to John's family. You are in our prayers.* ”



Mindy Wilson - June 25, 2013 at 07:18 PM



“ *Heather Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.* ”



Heather Link - June 25, 2013 at 03:34 PM

BE

“ *Beverly lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.* ”



Beverly - June 25, 2013 at 01:30 PM

MO

“ *Monique sent a virtual gift in memory of John Martin Link Sr.* ”



Monique - June 25, 2013 at 01:28 PM

TB

“ 1 file added to the album *John Coaching*



The Bowmans - June 25, 2013 at 10:54 AM

TB

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



The Bowmans - June 25, 2013 at 10:47 AM



“ Heather Link sent a virtual gift in memory of *John Martin Link Sr.*



Heather Link - June 25, 2013 at 09:01 AM

PL

“ Patricia Link sent a virtual gift in memory of *John Martin Link Sr.*



Patricia Link - June 25, 2013 at 08:52 AM



“ *Heather Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



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**Heather Link** - June 25, 2013 at 08:44 AM



“ *Jen Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



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**Jen Link** - June 25, 2013 at 08:20 AM



“ *Heather Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



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**Heather Link** - June 24, 2013 at 09:47 PM



“ I personally felt he was a brother to me from the moment he hired me at Toyota of Waldorf. He always had great stories to tell about his days working at Safeway and Montgomery Wards or his days racing down at Budds Creek. The funny stories came from people he grew up with, who from time to time came in to the dealership to buy a car from him. I remember one story where a gentleman was telling me about John's long pinky finger nail. He went on to explain that John used it as a weapon. John was a company man to Toyota of Waldorf. Any time it snowed he was one of the 1st people to the dealership to move cars so plowing could happen at the dealership. He took pride in knowing the product he was selling and he felt no one should ever buy anything but a Toyota. Toyota held an annual Salesmen awards banquet and I was lucky enough to take the trip with him before they stop doing it. While the award show was going on four boxes were rolled out on the stage and the person whose door prize number was drawn had a chance to pick one of the boxes. For some reason I stood up and yelled "pick door # 3 DONKEY".....I don't think a day ever past that he didn't use that as my nickname. It was a pretty funny moment that he didn't let go of. But other than his work he talked about his family a lot. Tina and boys were his pride and joy. But the one thing I learned was he loved his daughter in laws equally as his own. John worked hard and played just as hard. I will miss those moments but always remember them because John laughed and joked about them. The only bad thing I could say about John Link was he was a fan of the DALLAS COWBOYS. He was one of the cooler Cowboys fans because he didn't really gloat about the team. Thank you John for being a good friend, brother and Manager. You will never be too far gone from my memories.

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**Marc Wood** - June 24, 2013 at 07:45 PM

TA

“ Tina Ashmore lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.



Tina Ashmore - June 24, 2013 at 07:10 PM



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Marc Wood - June 24, 2013 at 06:56 PM



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Marc Wood - June 24, 2013 at 06:53 PM



“ Chris Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.



Chris Link - June 24, 2013 at 06:50 PM

JH

“ Joy And Bill Hinton lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.



Joy and Bill Hinton - June 24, 2013 at 05:54 PM



“ Marc Wood lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.



Marc Wood - June 24, 2013 at 05:26 PM

JC

“ Jenny Cooper lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.



jenny cooper - June 24, 2013 at 05:26 PM

Mary Link

“ Mary Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.



Mary Link - June 24, 2013 at 05:21 PM

JP

“ *Jane Plymire lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



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**Jane Plymire** - June 24, 2013 at 03:43 PM

CB

“ *Crissy Boling lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



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**Crissy Boling** - June 24, 2013 at 01:45 PM

HL

“ *Heather Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



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**Heather Link** - June 24, 2013 at 01:22 PM

SF

“ *Shadle Family lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



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**Shadle Family** - June 24, 2013 at 12:57 PM

KA

“ *Karen Ayers lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



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**Karen Ayers** - June 24, 2013 at 11:49 AM

 Kelly Marie Copsey

“ *Kelly Marie Copsey lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



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**Kelly Marie Copsey** - June 24, 2013 at 10:48 AM

PB

“ *Pam Bowman lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



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**Pam Bowman** - June 24, 2013 at 10:38 AM

JQ

“ I WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF JOHN, WHAT A WONDERFUL HAPPY FAMILY MAN. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF TEACHING JOHN IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THROUGH THE YEARS HE ALWAYS HAD THAT HAPPY SMILE AND A NICE WORD TO SHARE WHEN WE WOULD RUN INTO EACH OTHER. MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS JOHN HAD. YOU WILL BE MISSED.  
JACK M. QUINCY

JACK M. QUINCY - June 24, 2013 at 10:18 AM

 Mary Link

*Thank you Mr Q. He was an excellent father in law and grandpop to my babies!! His time here was to short and nothing will ever fill that void he left in so many of our hearts*

Mary Link - June 24, 2013 at 05:23 PM

JQ

*MARY, YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE FOND MEMORIES TO LOOK BACK ON, KNOWING THAT SUCH A FINE PERSON WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU IN YOUR HEARTS. YOU CAN REST ASSURED JOHN WILL ALWAYS BE LOOKING DOWN AND SMILING AT HIS FAMILY. MR. Q.*

JACK M. QUINCY - June 25, 2013 at 09:11 PM



“ *Jen Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



Jen Link - June 24, 2013 at 10:15 AM



“ Tina Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.



Tina Link - June 23, 2013 at 05:15 PM



“ Alicia Cobb sent a virtual gift in memory of John Martin Link Sr.



Alicia Cobb - June 23, 2013 at 05:14 PM



“ Carol Pyle lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.



Carol Pyle - June 23, 2013 at 04:56 PM



“ Just wanted to say I have know the Link family for years. Every event I attended he always made me feel welcome. Always had a smile on his face and always was laughing. Type of guy that would do anything for anyone and loved his family so much. I seen that through his sons, my sister and his grand babies:) He had a wonderful spirit and that will remain here and live on through them. My condolences for the Link family, he will be missed!

Alicia Cobb - June 23, 2013 at 04:27 PM



Patricia Link

*Beautifully written. Thank you!*

**Patricia Link** - June 24, 2013 at 10:27 AM

HL

“ *Heather Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



**Heather Link** - June 23, 2013 at 12:15 PM

TS

“ *One of the best memories I have with John is when me and him went to Dallas to see the Redskins take on his Cowboys at the brand new Cowboy stadium. Although his Cowboys beat my Redskins 9-5 , it was a great time. We went to this Giant mall in Dallas and went to the Cowboys store with all my Redskin gear on and got some heckling from this cowboy fan in the store but John said " Hey pal , leave my bro alone. "*  
*We stayed in this nice hotel that had breakfast every morning and even went to this really nice steakhouse in Dallas called Pappas brothers. It was a great three days together. Rest in peace my friend, everybody who knew you will miss you dearly. Until we meet again. Love you bro !*

*Tim Smith*

**Tim Smith** - June 23, 2013 at 11:08 AM

ML

“ *Matt Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



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**Matt Link** - June 23, 2013 at 10:33 AM

PL

“ *Patricia Link lit a candle in memory of John Martin Link Sr.*



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**Patricia Link** - June 23, 2013 at 10:27 AM

  
Patricia Link

“ *Where to start. There are so many good things to say about this wonderful man. I am honored to have know him for the past 13 years and be his daughter in law for the past 4, though he always been a second father to me since day one. I remember meeting him the first time. It was actually the first time I met Matt. It was Matt's 15th birthday and my friend wanted me to come with her. John was so welcoming and very nice to us all and I called him dad that night. He was a very loving , caring man. Everyone who met him loved him. Everywhere we went someone knew him. All of Southern Maryland have sadden hearts. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, friend. I have many wonderful memories with all the time we share with our family days we did weekly, hokidays , vacations ect. I will keep those memories forever. I love you and miss you so much already. I promise to love and take care of Matt. Rest in peace and we will see you again.*

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**Patricia Link** - June 22, 2013 at 02:38 PM

BG

“ Dear Tina and Family:

*We are so sorry to hear of the passing of John. He was a wonderful man and always so happy go lucky. He will truly be missed.*

*Norman, Brenda, Nina and Tony Garner*

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**Brenda Garner** - June 22, 2013 at 10:26 AM