



John Benjamin McDaniel Jr.

March 24, 1928 - February 25, 2026

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John Benjamin McDaniel Jr., a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and proud veteran, passed away peacefully on February 25, 2026, at the age of 97. His family announces his passing with heavy hearts and profound gratitude for a life well lived.

John was born on March 24, 1928, in the quaint town of Herndon, Virginia, to the late John and Margaret McDaniel. From an early age, he embodied the values of dedication, integrity, and service that would define his life.

After graduating from high school, John answered his nation's call to serve and began a distinguished 20-year career in the United States Navy. His commitment to his country was unwavering, and he formed lifelong bonds with those who served alongside him. Following his retirement from active duty, John continued his service to the Navy by working at the Washington Navy Yard until his full retirement, bringing the same diligence, integrity, and pride to his work.

John married the love of his life, Jeanette, and together they built a wonderful life in Accokeek, Maryland, sharing more than five decades of marriage marked by love, devotion, and partnership. They raised two sons, John and

Robert, instilling in them the values of honor, kindness, and perseverance.

John was preceded in death by his beloved sister, Leah, and his dear son, Robert. He is survived by his devoted wife, Jeanette; his loving son, John; and two cherished grandchildren, who were the light of his life and brought him immense joy and pride.

A celebration of John's life will be held on April 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Raymond Funeral Home, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646. Family, friends, and all whose lives he touched are invited to gather in remembrance and gratitude for the gift of his presence among us.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in John's memory to a veteran's charity of choice, honoring his lifelong commitment to those who served.

John Benjamin McDaniel Jr. will be remembered as a man of principle, humility, and unwavering love. His life stands as a testament to the power of dedication, service, and the enduring strength of family. Though he will be deeply missed, his spirit and legacy will live on in the hearts of all who were privileged to know and love him.

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Hwy
Cheltenham, MD 20623

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service , P.A.
5635 Washington Avenue
La Plata, MD 20646

Funeral Service

APR 20. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Interment

APR 20. 1:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LD

“ *There has never been a better neighbor - thank you John for your friendship, humor and stories. You (and your bike) will be missed. Love, Laura and Michael*

Laura and Michael Debonis - April 19 at 09:27 PM

JJ

“ *We were privileged to have John as our neighbor for 49 years. We knew him to always be kind, quiet, and patient. We very much miss him. .*

Jack & Joan - April 19 at 02:38 PM

SH

“ *John, I will always cherish the memories of Breezy Point Beach, dances at the firehouse, cookouts, holidays and best of all breakfast at Trades restaurant. Rest in peace until we meet again! Love Sandy*

Sandy Hutchinson - April 18 at 12:55 PM

PB

“ *Uncle John I am going to miss you very much. I will always remember you telling me about the stories you love reading in Reader's Digest and your funny jokes. Rest in peace tell we meet again.*

Love Paula

Paula & Gene Barber - April 17 at 05:12 PM



BH

“ *Uncle John you will be dearly missed! 😭
Rest in peace!
Love Bonnie*



Bonnie Hance - April 16 at 07:16 PM

CD

“ *I moved to Accokeek 2016
Across from John and his wife
I would always see him and his wife outside keeping their yard
immaculate, nothing slowed him down
I was very fortunate to get to know John and would speak with him
often
He will be sadly missed
Rest easy my friend*

Cecil Dorsey - April 11 at 09:59 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Raymond Funeral Service, PA - March 12 at 04:00 PM