



John William O'Hara Sr.

July 13, 1958 - May 1, 2024

John William O'Hara, Sr., 65 of La Plata, Maryland passed away on May 1, 2024 in Washington, DC. He was born on July 13, 1958 in Boston, Massachusetts to the late James Morrison Sr., and Lois Rosemary (Head) O'Hara.

John was a dedicated family man, who never knew a stranger. He always had a big smile on his face, a joyful demeanor, an eagerness to listen and a willingness to offer sound advice. He was an incredibly supportive Husband and Father who always showed up and was always there to put his family first.

In 1979 John married Annmarie, his devoted wife of 45 years, and together they moved to Maryland, where he pursued a career with the United States Capitol Police. In 1985 they moved to Southern Maryland where they raised their family.

John was deeply involved in volunteering throughout his life. He dedicated his time to the Southern Maryland Youth Organization (SMYO) where he coached his and many other children in soccer, baseball and softball, he served multiple roles on their Board of Directors then as President of SMYO for many years. John also coached girls' softball for the Jaycees Spirit, The Charles County Youth League and La Plata High School.

In 1991, John joined the Greater Waldorf Jaycees, where he went on to volunteer for more than 32 years. One of his most cherished projects was co-chairing the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Field of Dreams at Laurel Springs Park

in La Plata, MD, alongside his wife and daughter. In addition to his volunteer endeavors, John was a big-time sports fan who treasured his hometown teams and loved watching those games with family and friends. He found tremendous joy in the memories of each time spent with those he loved; the family gatherings, on the ballfields, the Jaycee cruises, the Super Bowl parties, Camp Merrick, dinner outings to his favorite places, Riverside trips, breakfast at the hall watching football every Sunday with Frank, and all of the Jaycee events and bingo nights with the players and volunteers who became friends.

John leaves behind a remarkable legacy of passion for helping others. He is survived by his loving wife Annmarie O'Hara; Children John O'Hara, Jr., Shaun O'Hara, Brian O'Hara (Marisa), and Shannon O'Hara; Grandchildren Trinity Flammer, John O'Hara, III., Jacob O'Hara, Olivia O'Hara, and Conor O'Hara; Siblings James O'Hara Jr., Diane O'Hara, long-time childhood friend; Billy Petras and family, long-time friends; Alex Karatik, Jim Clement, CJ Copsey, Bryan Myers, Charlie Padgett, Steve Chappelle, Mac McGuire, and The Jameson's, special in-laws, nieces, nephews and a host of other family members and friends.

Family was the most important thing to John. He held the title of reigning Family Game-Night Champion as well as undefeated in the Annual 4th of July "Tourney" with his brother in law "Sarge", often boasting about his victories to the rest of us, but the biggest brags came from his adoration of being "Grampa" to his grandchildren, who were the light of his life. He actively participated in each of their lives, he loved spoiling Trinity "George", strategizing fantasy football picks with "Johnson", head-to-head Yahtzee competitions with "Jake", indulging in Dairy Queen trips with Olivia, and relishing in the meeting the newest addition, Conor.

His light, his love, his laugh, his selflessness, his energy, his jokes and his defining Boston accent will be sorely missed, and his absence deeply felt by his family, friends, Jaycee family, and our entire community.

Visitation will be held on Thursday May 16th from 2-4pm and 6-8pm, at Raymond's Funeral Home in La Plata, Maryland.

A service will be held Friday May 17th, starting at 12pm in Raymond's Chapel, followed by interment at St. Mary's Newport Catholic Church Cemetery, in Charlotte Hall, MD.

The Family will host a Celebration of Life on Friday, May 17th, at 6:30pm at The Greater Waldorf Jaycees Center in Waldorf, Maryland.

In Lieu of Flowers please make a donation to The Greater Waldorf Jaycees Foundation, Inc.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Church Cemetery at Newport

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAY 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAY 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Burial

MAY 17 (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

BP

“ To my best friend and the best man I ever knew! I still think of calling and then remembering your in a place far away with all our loved ones still smiling old friend! We will meet again I know but not soon enough! We all miss you John !

Bill Petras - January 06 at 07:35 AM

PC

“ Phil and Carol Cuellar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William O'Hara Sr..

Phil and Carol Cuellar - May 16, 2024 at 12:42 PM

PC

“ Phil and Carol Cuellar purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John William O'Hara Sr..



Phil and Carol Cuellar - May 16, 2024 at 12:42 PM

CC

“ Capt. John's Crab House & Crew purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John William O'Hara Sr..



Capt. John's Crab House & Crew - May 16, 2024 at 03:24 AM

CC

“ Capt. John’s Crab House & Crew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William O’Hara Sr..

Capt. John’s Crab House & Crew - May 16, 2024 at 03:24 AM

GF

“ Gary, Angie & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William O’Hara Sr..

Gary, Angie & Family - May 15, 2024 at 08:29 PM

GF

“ Gary, Angie & Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of John William O’Hara Sr..



Gary, Angie & Family - May 15, 2024 at 08:29 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John William O’Hara Sr..



May 15, 2024 at 06:13 PM

VT

“ I am gonna miss you John in saying "Who want these holders (tickets) I got the good one" Once I open the holders (tickets) and it was a losing ticket you would say * You suck at holders". John you truly will be miss by all at Jaycee Bingo.
Rest In Peace my friend.

Vivian Thompson
#JayceeBingoFriend



Vivian Thompson - May 15, 2024 at 11:13 AM

WF

“ Waldorf Jaycees Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William O'Hara Sr..

Waldorf Jaycees Family - May 14, 2024 at 02:59 PM

WF

“ Waldorf Jaycees Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John William O'Hara Sr..



Waldorf Jaycees Family - May 14, 2024 at 02:59 PM

YJ

“ Your Family at the CAD/PAD JPO planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William O'Hara Sr..

Your Family at the CAD/PAD JPO - May 13, 2024 at 01:45 PM

YJ

“ Your Family at the CAD/PAD JPO purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of John William O'Hara Sr..



Your Family at the CAD/PAD JPO - May 13, 2024 at 01:45 PM

LD

“ Linda Duncanson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William O'Hara Sr..

Linda Duncanson - May 09, 2024 at 03:55 PM

LD

“ Linda Duncanson purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John William O'Hara Sr..



Linda Duncanson - May 09, 2024 at 03:55 PM

AM

“ Adam & Michelle Merchant purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John William O'Hara Sr..



Adam & Michelle Merchant - May 09, 2024 at 03:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John William O'Hara Sr..



May 09, 2024 at 07:25 AM



“ Cliff and Michelle Stathers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William O'Hara Sr..

Cliff and Michelle Stathers - May 08, 2024 at 08:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John William O'Hara Sr..



May 08, 2024 at 08:40 PM



“ John was a very nice compassionate sweet person you ever want to meet I met him at JC's bingo hall. Every every time I came to Bingo if he was there, he go to the back and get me a root beer. Now I don't know who going to get me my root beer I guess I have to ask Shannon. He will be very much miss rest in peace, my friend you got your wings fly, my friend fly high.

Linda Dixon - May 08, 2024 at 06:52 PM