



## John Lane "Buddy" Richardson Jr.

October 11, 1940 - May 30, 2019

John L. Richardson, Jr. (Buddy), of La Plata, Maryland, passed away on May 30, 2019 at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center at the age of 78.

John, the oldest of seven children, was born on October 11, 1940, in Savannah, Georgia to John Richardson Sr. and Stella Helmey. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He attended Benedictine Military Academy in Savannah, Georgia. Shortly after graduating in 1959, he entered the United States Army. He served his country proudly for 11 years until he was honorably discharged in August 1971. He earned many medals and honors while serving a tour in Korea and two tours in Vietnam during the war.

He met the love of his life, Sandra Blaine, and married on February 8, 1970. The family resided in Georgia and South Carolina before relocating to Maryland to settle. He worked for the Department of Commerce as a computer programmer and analyst for 30 years until his retirement.

John enjoyed building and creating things, fishing, camping, and gambling. He loved to bowl, spending countless years as a youth bowling coach as well as a youth baseball coach. He enjoyed creating lasting memories with family and

friends through bowling, traveling (especially Reno), and everyday life. He cherished the moments cheering on his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren at their various activities and sports. He treasured the many adventures with lifelong friends, Lonnie and Tina Dunbar, greatly. He was a diehard fan of the Washington Capitals and relished the opportunity to watch them win their first Stanley Cup.

There was no challenge he felt he could not conquer and instilled that same attitude in everyone he met. He was a great role model who provided unconditional love and support, possessed a quick wit along with an infectious smile and laugh.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Sandra; four children – Butch, Kim, Janette, and Cathy; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; six siblings (three brothers and three sisters), many nieces/nephews and friends.

Visitation will be on Monday, June 10, 2019 from 5:00-8:00 pm and on Tuesday June 11, 2019 from 10:00 am until time of service at 11:00 am at Raymond Funeral Service, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646. After the service, guests are invited to attend a reception being held at the clubhouse in Hawthorne Greene (next to 236 Williamsburg Circle, La Plata Maryland). Private burial with military honors will be Thursday, June 13, 2019 at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of John L. Richardson to the Wounded Warrior Project at P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

# Cemetery Details

## MD Veterans Cemetery - Cheltenham, MD

11301 Crain Highway  
Cheltenham, MD 20623

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JUN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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JUN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Lane "Buddy" Richardson Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *John Lane "Buddy" Richardson Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John Lane "Buddy" Richardson Jr..*



June 09, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Lane "Buddy" Richardson Jr..*



June 07, 2019 at 08:25 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Lane "Buddy" Richardson Jr..*



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June 06, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ *Sandy I am so sorry for your loss keeping you and your family in my prayers. I saw the post Tina posted and all I could think about was all the good times we had going to the bowling tournaments. I sure do miss all the good times we had. Hoping to see you on Monday.*

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**Gina Mora** - June 05, 2019 at 11:25 PM