



## John Ira Schmiedel

August 3, 1948 - April 21, 2018

John Ira Schmiedel, age 69 of Newburg, Maryland, died April 21, 2018 at Southern Maryland Hospital Center in Clinton, Maryland.

John was a Vietnam Veteran and then a self-employed Diesel Mechanic for 40 plus years, often called the “Diesel Doctor.” He also worked for Safeway, Bowie Hall Metro, and JMX. He never knew a stranger and would help anyone. He loved fishing, boating, camping in his camper, and spending time with family and friends. He was always joking and making people smile.

He was the son of Edward Jerome Schmiedel and Louise Estell Sprouse Schmiedel. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his daughter, Nancy Shirley; his sister, Elizabeth; his brother, Paul; his father-in-law, Eldridge Rathbone; and his brother-in-law, Terry Rathbone.

He is survived by his brother, Peter Sileap; his sister, Brenda Wurst; his grandchildren, John C. Shirley, Heather Shirley, and Cheyane Shirley.

Friends received on Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 10:30AM until time of Funeral Service at 12PM at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646 with Interment to follow at 1PM at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, Maryland 20623.

Memorials are asked to Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living,  
38588 Brett Way, Suite 1, Mechanicsville, Maryland 20659.

# Cemetery Details

## MD Veterans Cemetery - Cheltenham, MD

11301 Crain Highway  
Cheltenham, MD 20623

# Previous Events

## Friends Received

MAY 3. 10:39 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

MAY 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Ira Schmiedel*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



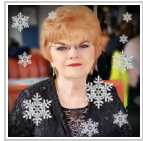
“ *John Ira Schmiedel*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *My pawpaw was one of my best friends. Every day i miss you more and more. I cant wait to see you again. I love you bunches pawpaw.*

**Cheyenne** - October 12, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ *Grace Schofield lit a candle in memory of John Ira Schmiedel*



**Grace Schofield** - April 24, 2018 at 10:16 AM



“ *I met John “Diesel Doc” through my husband whom I lost last August. John was a kind man willing to help anyone in need. He will be missed and I will miss him! Carol you are in my prayers during this time and know that I am a phone call away.*



**Amy Hoffman** - April 23, 2018 at 06:52 PM

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*I would like to thank john for taking my children under his wing .teaching them all about cars and trucks thank you for all you have done rip you are will loved*

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**Jeannette and george shirley** - April 24, 2018 at 07:31 PM

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*“ My husband Joe and I want to say how sorry we are for the lose of John we were neighbors who grew up in Ripley. He was always willing to help anyone we remember him as the Diesel Doctor. He loved to fish and loved to eat all seafood. John will always be in our thoughts he was a great person and friend.*



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**nancy n joe moose** - April 23, 2018 at 06:32 PM