



John Milton Wearmouth

January 7, 1924 - May 20, 2016

John Milton Wearmouth of Port Tobacco passed away Friday May 20, 2016 at the age of 92.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Grace Owen and John William Wearmouth, and siblings, Alice Pirrone and Robert.

John is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Roberta Clark; sister, Elizabeth Slack; children, Peter and Ann; and grandchildren, Justin, Abigail and Paige.

He was born in Allegan, Michigan in 1924. He served in Italy as a radio operator for the Army Air Corps during WWII. He earned his undergraduate degree from Michigan State College in 1949 and his Master's Degree at Georgetown University in 1952. John began work at the Marine Corps Headquarters where he co-authored the history of Tinian and Iwo Jima. He worked at the Pentagon in the Office of the Air Force Chief-of-Staff and retired in 1977 as Chief Editor at the Department of Commerce. He had resided in Charles County since 1958 where he wrote extensively about local history, publishing six books on the subject. He was president of the Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco and supervised the excavation of the 1820 court house site. He wrote a series of articles for the Maryland Independent in 1985 as part of a salute to Maryland's 350th anniversary. His 30 years of oral histories of local teachers, watermen, farmers and veterans have been

preserved at the College of Southern Maryland. He most recently contributed oral histories to the Veteran's History Project at the Library of Congress. John enjoyed travel in the U.S. and abroad as well as restoring antiques, landscape painting, gardening, and the outdoors. Most of all he enjoyed being with his family. He will be remembered as a kind, funny and loving husband, father and grandpa.

A viewing will be held on Friday, May 27, 2016 from 1PM until Memorial Service at 3PM at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum, PO Box 2123, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service
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Service

MAY 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Milton Wearmouth*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *John Milton Wearmouth*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *My Condolences to each of you. Very sorry to hear of Jack's Passing.*

Lynne Mitchell

Lynne Mitchell - May 27, 2016 at 01:57 PM



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Lynne Mitchell - May 27, 2016 at 01:54 PM



*Hi Lynn, Thank you for sharing this beautiful photo, when was it taken?
Teresa & Pete*

Teresa - June 06, 2016 at 07:14 PM

BB

“ I am very sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Wearmouth. I always enjoyed the times I shared with this family at their home in LaPlata. My condolences to the entire family.
Brenda Bates

Brenda Bates - May 27, 2016 at 04:30 AM

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“ Your friends at NRG purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of John Milton Wearmouth.



Your friends at NRG - May 25, 2016 at 06:23 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Milton Wearmouth.



May 25, 2016 at 06:03 PM

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Teresa and Pete - May 24, 2016 at 06:00 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to Roberta and the family. I have many wonderful antiques I purchased with the help and advice of John Wearmouth. He was always so interesting to talk to, so full of history and stories! He will be very much missed by his friends in Charles County, MD.

Carol Donohue

Carol Donohue - May 23, 2016 at 08:57 PM



Cathy Thompson

Mr. Wearmouth left a significant and lasting legacy of work in the Port Tobacco Historic District and will be remembered for his many achievements. Those include pioneering work on the restoration of the Port Tobacco courthouse, popular archaeology, and building an extensive research collection.

I knew him primarily from the work he left behind, but it is obvious he was both knowledgeable and passionate about Port Tobacco and Charles County history. He clearly saw the potential of Port Tobacco as an important historic site to be shared with many.

Cathy Thompson

Cathy Thompson - May 25, 2016 at 11:52 AM