



John Ferguson Hunsberger

March 7, 1923 - October 7, 2020

A member of “the greatest generation”, John F Hunsberger (age 97) passed away peacefully on October 7, 2020. Survived by his loving brother Arthur Hunsberger; loving children: Karen Hunsberger Moore Johnson, John F. Hunsberger II, and Stephen J. Hunsberger; his five grandchildren: Ashley Hunsberger Clark, Jeanette Hunsberger Jones, Scott Ferguson Hunsberger Moore, Kellen Hunsberger, and Veronica Hunsberger Kepler; and by his six great grandchildren, as well as many loving nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his devoted wife Veronica Miko Hunsberger, two children, Francis Hunsberger and Jerome Hunsberger, and by siblings Manual, Harold, Austin, Lawrence, Emerson, and Elizabeth Virginia Hunsberger Brown. He was predeceased by Evelyn Moore Hunsberger his second wife following the death of Veronica.

John was the second youngest of eight children. Born in Clifton Virginia he was raised on a farm by his parents Amos Wharton Hunsberger and Lucy Keene Hunsberger. He enjoyed his younger years on the farm helping with chores, hunting, and fishing in Bull Run. They were a self-sufficient group during the Depression, and when asked how he remembered his young life, John said: “With pleasure.” In high school he was a gifted machinist and was recruited by Glenn L. Martin/Lockheed of Baltimore to build aircraft for the World War II effort. John decided that in addition to building planes he would learn to fly them in service to his country. He enlisted in the Navy and was a flight engineer on anti-submarine warfare aircraft, the PVY5 Catalina. In the battle for the Atlantic, his combat squadron, “the Screaming Eagles,” patrolled for German submarines. After the war he continued to serve for thirty years in the U.S. Navy Reserves, flying the P -2(V) Neptune, patrolling the Mediterranean during the Berlin crisis and patrolling the south Atlantic during the Cuban missile crisis.

After the war he married Veronica Miko and they lived in Arlington & Falls Church, VA. John worked for the US Postal Service in vehicle maintenance for 25 years. During that time he progressed to management and became the supervisor of vehicle maintenance for all of Northern Virginia. An exemplary father, he and his wife, Veronica, worked hard to raise and put all four of their children through college. He was active with the children in teaching them to hunt, fish, and be skillful in scouting, sports. He supported all their events, and took the family camping for vacations in New England and Canada. John

enjoyed hunting with his sons, brothers, nephews, and friends. He was a skilled woodworker and machinist. He made his own bullets and helped all the neighbors with their car difficulties. He was also active in the Catholic Church participating in charity events with his wife. A faithful husband for 33 years John saw his wife through a two-year battle with cancer when she passed away in 1987. Several years later John married Evelyn Moore of New Braunfels, Texas and resided there with her for over 20 years. At that time he was able to spend time with his daughter Karen Hunsberger Moore and grandson Scott who were in nearby Austin, Texas. Friends with Evelyn's four grown children and extended family, John was also active in new Braunfels as a hospital volunteer and continued to enjoy hunting.

In 2017, wife, Evelyn passed away. John decided to return to Manassas near his birthplace of Centerville, VA to "come full circle" and return to his roots. In his last year's he resided at Arbor Terrace Sudley Manor Retirement Home and enjoyed being close to his brother Art, three sons, grandchildren and great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. John's children remember their father as a man of great character, with an impressive work ethic, quiet dignity, humility, and courtesy of the heart. He was someone who aged gracefully, in good spirits, and he expressed gratitude and a positive viewpoint of life. He had a quick intelligence and wit, shared gentle empathy with others, was loving, generous, and gracious to the day of his death. Though he has passed, our father continues to raise us with his shared wisdom. The way he conducted his life was a great example to us, advising us to "do the best that we can, for as long as we can." We shall miss his presence every day.

A viewing will be held at Pierce Funeral home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas VA 20110, on November 6 from 6:00 – 8:00pm, funeral services on November 7 at 2:00pm. Interment will be at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery with military honors.

Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA, 22211

Events

NOV **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Pierce Funeral Home

9609 Center St., Manassas, VA, US, 20110

NOV **Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Pierce Funeral Home - November 07, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Ferguson Hunsberger.



November 05, 2020 at 10:20 PM



“ John at his Granddaughter, Jeanette's graduation



Jeanette Hunsberger - November 05, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Ferguson Hunsberger.



November 05, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ Purity and Peace Casket Spray was purchased for the family of John Ferguson Hunsberger.



November 05, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ Sue & Mike purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Ferguson Hunsberger.



Sue & Mike - November 05, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ Where lives pass, memories carry on forever. My sincere condolences. Catalina Bonaparte.

Catalina Bonaparte - November 04, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ My condolences to John's Family. He was a fine man and father.

Ernie Arnold

Ernie Arnold - November 04, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ Dennis & Kelli Hunsberger & Joan & Kenny Poole purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Ferguson Hunsberger.



Dennis & Kelli Hunsberger & Joan & Kenny Poole - November 02, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ John with son Jerry, grandson Scott, son Steve, daughter Karen, and son-in-law Val Johnson



Karen Johnson - October 27, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ John with his children Karen, John, Steve, and Jerry



Karen Johnson - October 27, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ John Hunsberger with his four grandchildren



Karen Hunsberger Johnson - October 27, 2020 at 12:12 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of John Ferguson Hunsberger.



October 26, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ Val Ross Johnson, Karen Hunsberger-Johnson & Scott Ferguson Moore purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Ferguson Hunsberger.



Val Ross Johnson, Karen Hunsberger-Johnson & Scott Ferguson Moore - October 26, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ I will always remember my Grandfather as being a kind man with a positive attitude. He taught me how to hunt and shared the stories of his life with me. He will live on in the hearts and minds of our family.



Scott Moore - October 25, 2020 at 10:54 PM



“ I became a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Hunsberger's son Steve in 1976. when going thru Middle School together. Mr. Hunsberger showed me what a real father should be. Always being there for his children and both of them taking me on a trip with Steve to Pittsburgh to see Steve's favorite Bucs play, that I would never had been able to go to. Steve's Mom and Dad took me to the first Caps hockey game.

Steve, John, Karen and the extended family, I am so sorry for your loss. Just remember the INCREDIBLE memories that you will ALWAYS have. One's that lasted for so many years due to the length of your fathers life. What a blessed family that you are, even though it's hard to see that rainbow right now. I have no words to say how sorry I am for you all, especially how I know how much my friend Steve idolized and loved his Dad.....and rightly so.

Steve,I will always be thinking of you.

Your friend,

Brian Saffell

Brian D Saffell - October 23, 2020 at 03:30 PM