

## John W. Eberlein

August 14, 1932 - May 11, 2021

Deacon John William Eberlein passed away peacefully in his sleep on the evening of May 10th at his home. He was born on August 14, 1932 to William “John” Eberlein and Margaret Prizinsky in Erie, Pa.

John served four years honorably in the U.S. Air Force from 1952-1956 during the Korean conflict. After his discharge from Military service, he pursued further education at Gannon University where he graduated with his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. He married the love of his life, Shirley Ann Nareau on February 11, 1956 and they enjoyed 51 years of marriage up until her passing.

He was Ordained a Catholic Deacon on March 11, 1974 and spent the next 47 years spreading the word of the Lord to his congregants, friends, family and even strangers; He would always tell people “How great our Lord is”! He was a humble man with an unwavering devotion to his faith and family. He found great fulfillment in devoting much of his time to the community and his church, enjoying his sports teams, The Washington Capitals, Redskins and Nationals, watching the horse races, as well as enjoying his movies. Oh, how he loved his musicals!

Most of the people he met, at some point probably heard a story from him relating to some of his most loved movies and how they related to life. He loved life and loved engaging with people, talking about God, sports or life in general. He never met a person he couldn't strike up a conversation with and never had a bad word to say about anyone.

As time went by and he grew older and wearier, knowing his time on earth could be limited, and someone would ask him how he was doing, he would say "My bags are packed", and that he was ready when our Heavenly Father called him up. I can see God telling him now, "My precious son, it's time for you to unpack your bags, you're home now".

John was predeceased by his spouse Shirley Eberlein, sister Kathryn Mckenrick, niece Katy Anke, nephew Gary King, nephew Steven McKenrick, and grandson Michael Eberlein. He is survived by his five children; Paul Eberlein of Manassas, Va., Marcella Bradshaw and husband Jim of Moyock, N.C., Vincent Eberlein and wife Mari of Winterhaven, Fl., Gerard Eberlein and wife Pam of Fredericksburg, Va., And Valerie Corliss of Manassas, Va., seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren, his siblings Bill Eberlein and wife Barbara, Thomas Eberlein and wife Lucille, Sally Kolbas and husband Mike, Joanie Peterson and husband Jerry and Diane Anke and husband Jack and numerous nieces and nephews.

Deacon Eberlein's family will receive visitors at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 9609 Center St., Manassas, VA on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 from 5:00-8:00 PM.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Rd., Manassas, VA. Interment to follow at Fairfax Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers the family suggest donations be made to a Catholic Church Pro Life Organization.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairfax Memorial Park

9900 Braddock Road  
Fairfax, VA 22032  
(703) 323-5202  
info@fmpark.com  
<http://www.fmpark.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 19.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

**MAY 20.** 11:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
9300 Stonewall Rd  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 368-4500

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ *My brother, John, will be sadly missed and will always be remembered for his kindness and love. May you, dear brother, rest in peace and know the love of God for all eternity.*  
*I know you will see your beloved wife, Shirley, your parents (John and Margaret), your sister Kathy, and niece and nephews, Gary, Katy and Steven. Let them know how much we miss them. Joan and Jerry*

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**Joan Peterson** - May 21, 2021 at 08:08 PM

JM

“ *John McAdon lit a candle in memory of John W. Eberlein*



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**John McAdon** - May 19, 2021 at 12:49 PM

JM

*Such a caring and loving man of God. We'll miss you Deacon John.*

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**John McAdon** - May 19, 2021 at 12:51 PM

DM

“ *We are honored and grateful to have had Deacon Eberlein as a close friend for many years...he has blessed our lives immeasurably and we will miss him immensely! We extend our love and condolences to Valerie and her children, Marcela, Paul, Vincent, Gerard, and ALL of the rest of the family. Love & Blessings, Dennis and Leigh*

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**Dennis and Leigh Maslanka** - May 19, 2021 at 10:58 AM

JP

*Dennis and Leigh, thank you for standing by our side and John's side during these difficult days. Joan and Deacon Jerry Peterson*

**Joan Peterson** - May 21, 2021 at 08:09 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of John W. Eberlein.*



May 19, 2021 at 10:53 AM

MA

“ *I had the privilege of being an altar boy and doing many masses with Deacon Eberlein as well as being friends with his son Vince. He was a great man and will be missed.*

**Matt** - May 14, 2021 at 06:58 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John W. Eberlein.*



May 14, 2021 at 03:38 PM

DJ

“ Vincent and family,

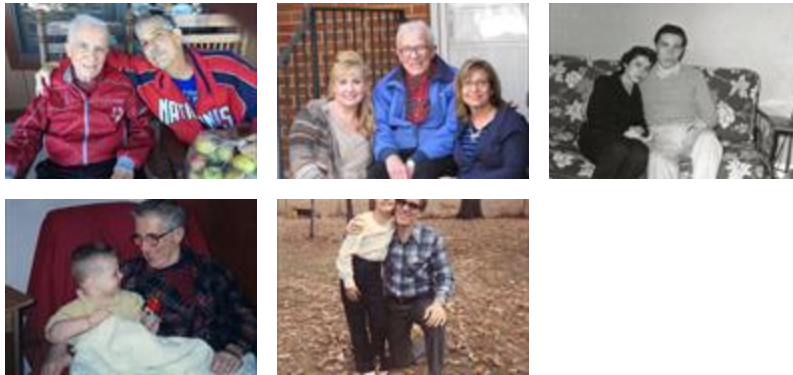
*What a beautiful obituary...a fitting tribute to a wonderful, kind man. I was always amazed that your dad remembered my name throughout the years. I think he remembered me from my days of teaching CCD to preschoolers, when your sister was in my class. He had a genuine love for, and interest in people. I feel very blessed to have known him. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this very sad and difficult time.*

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Dale (Potts) Jepson - May 14, 2021 at 10:51 AM

VC

“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



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Valerie J Corliss - May 14, 2021 at 10:39 AM