



## John Philip Fenton

December 25, 1956 - November 9, 2025

John Philip Fenton, 68, died on November 9, 2025, of a brain tumor (glioblastoma). Born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, he was the son of George J. and Josephine M. (Barron) Fenton. He was a graduate of Bassick High School, Bridgeport, and Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, Connecticut. He worked for many years as a police/emergency dispatcher in Monroe, Connecticut. Upon retirement, he moved to Manassas, Virginia and worked during Covid as a classroom/student monitor at Liberty Middle School, Clifton, Virginia. For over fifty years he coached youth basketball in Connecticut and Virginia. In Northern Virginia he served as a coach at Centreville, Robinson, and Bishop O'Connell High Schools. He also coached in a variety of summer basketball camps, including camps organized by the New York Knickerbockers and the Los Angeles Lakers.

John was a parishioner of the All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas. He was a Third Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus Council 5332 in Manassas and a Fourth Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus Assembly 129 in Trumbull, Connecticut.

John is survived by his sister, Kathryn M. Fenton, his brother-in-law, William E. Kovacic, numerous cousins, and the many basketball players he mentored

and coaches he worked with.

Funeral Mass on Friday, December 5, 2025 at 1pm at the Chapel (rear of church) of All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Rd., Manassas, VA

Memorial Mass on Friday, December 12, 2025 at 10am at Christ the King Catholic Church, 4700 Madison Ave., Trumbull, CT

Burial St. Joseph's Cemetery, Forest City PA

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

DEC 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

*Mass will be in the Chapel. The entrance is in the back of the main church*

## Memorial Mass

DEC 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ The King Catholic Church  
4700 Madison Ave,  
Trumbull, CT

# Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with John for many years he was very passionate about his work. He was extremely intelligent and knew dispatching and computers like second nature. I just found out about his passing. I am so sorry. John always spoke very highly of Kathryn in Virginia

Sergeant Daniel Block (Ret) - December 27, 2025 at 01:38 PM

CR

“ Coach Fenton was an incredible mentor, coach, and person. We are all so lucky to have had him as a Coach at Centreville. He was funny and kind, and passed on his passion for the game to so many. We will miss him dearly. Thank you for everything, Coach!

Coree Reuter-McNamara - December 04, 2025 at 04:55 PM

BF

“ Thank you Coach Fenton for mentoring and coaching basketball last year at Centreville HS. Our son always spoke highly of you and was so appreciative of your support. Your kind words and positivity allowed him to build his confidence and skills. You will be missed and always remembered! Love... The Ball Family 💜🙏

Ball Family - November 29, 2025 at 04:59 PM

JM

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justin mendosa - November 12, 2025 at 10:46 PM

JM

“ Coach Fenton was a great coach. Always pushed us hard to strive and be better, while cracking his jokes and making the team laugh. He truly had an impact me. May his soul rest in peace. He will be extremely missed.

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**justin mendosa** - November 12, 2025 at 10:42 PM

MA

“ Rest in peace John. You are missed at 5:30 mass.

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**Mary** - November 11, 2025 at 08:38 PM

JS

“ Coach Fenton was an awesome coach who always brought a smile to my face and has helped me grow so much as a player and person. I really enjoyed playing with him as my coach at Centreville and I will miss him a lot.

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**Joe Salcedo** - November 11, 2025 at 01:38 PM

KL

“ Dear Fenton Family,

*I had the privilege and honor of being coached by Coach Fenton, along with my older brother, at Our Lady of the Assumption School in Fairfield, CT back in the 90's-early 2000's on the boys basketball team. His discipline, knowledge and love of the game was immeasurable and I will always remember our memories on the basketball team. I am a middle school basketball coach myself today and talked to him about our past seasons recently and will miss his insight and our conversations via Facebook messenger. We recently reconnected on Facebook and it was a great surprise to find him.*

*May you find comfort in your memories and may he rest easy. My heartfelt condolences and prayers for him and your family.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kevin Larkin*

*Our Lady of the Assumption School, Class of 2003*

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**Kevin Larkin** - November 11, 2025 at 08:59 AM

IO

*Dear Mr. Fenton. It was an honor to be in your presence at Our Lady of Assumption School as you coached our boys for many years. I coached our girls. I was impressed by how the boys listened to your directions. May you RIP. Sincerly, Josh and Irene Orosz*

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**irene j orosz** - November 11, 2025 at 12:42 PM

LP

“ *Such an awesome coach and even a better man. Coached me at centreville. Best coach I ever had.*

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**liam palacios** - November 10, 2025 at 05:41 PM