



John Beverly Garrett

December 14, 1931 - January 2, 2025

John Beverly Garrett, aged 93, passed away peacefully at Commonwealth Senior Living of Manassas (previously Caton Merchant House) at 8:20 am on January 2, 2025.

John was born in Alexandria, Virginia on December 14, 1931, to the late Earl Jackson Garrett and Catherine Elizabeth Williamson. He was only 20 when he married the love of his life Barbara Ann Grover on December 21, 1951. He was lucky to have her in his life for over 64 years until her passing in September of 2016. They raised their two daughters, Debby and Jo, in Alexandria before settling in Colonial Beach, Virginia.

John is survived by his daughters, Deborah Culp (Russell), and Beverly Jo Hicks (Phil), as well as five grandchildren, David Culp (Lori), Brian Culp (Janet), Steven J Walker (Jason), Candace Culp, and Kenneth J Hicks (Wess), and seven great grandchildren, Derek Culp, Katie Culp, Paige Culp, Stephanie Koffler, Kiersten Culp, Emily Culp and Jade French.

John worked hard throughout his life in the construction industry and retired as a Stone Mason. He had the ability to fix just about anything. His move to Colonial Beach allowed him to spend the warmer days on his boat either fishing or crabbing, a true passion. When he wasn't on the water, he had a 3-car garage with no vehicles inside. Two bays were filled with every imaginable

tool known to mankind and the third bay held a wood burning stove, a chair and a bathroom. After all, there was no reason to interrupt his tinkering to go inside the house. Even in retirement he used his construction skills to help build the Placid Bay Community Center. While living at the beach he was a member of the Colonial Beach Moose Club.

In 2016, when he moved into the condo with Jo, he missed having the abundance of tools. When he moved into the assisted living facility in 2023 after his health began to decline, he still kept a screwdriver and pair of pliers inside the seat of his walker. John made friends easily with others at Commonwealth Senior Living and he seemed to enjoy spending time with people his own age. Fortunately, he remained fairly healthy before a mass in his lungs and on his hand became too much a bit before Thanksgiving.

We are in the process of arranging a quiet graveside service at Mt. Comfort Cemetery in Alexandria where he will be next to his wife Barbara. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Capital Caring Hospice.

Tribute Wall

JN

“ Deborah and Jo, I am so sorry to hear this. I can remember so many times with John, from Aunt Dot house (back during the days when we all knew where everyone was on the weekends) on Saturday nights to sitting in the house in Colonial Beach and enjoying one of his Schlitz. Wonderful man and always enjoyed conversations with John. Couldn't understand why we all called him John, but your mom called him Beverly, until she told me. Wonderful man.

Jerry Nelson - January 11, 2025 at 08:01 AM

RJ

“ A heart of gold, forever remembered. His kindness touched everyone he met. A true gentleman, always there to lend a hand. We will carry his spirit and smile in our hearts always. Rest in Heaven sweet Uncle John.

RHONDA JARRETT - January 10, 2025 at 09:21 AM

WG

“ To know John was to love him! He was always kind and smiling! He loved his "Darling" Barbara (my sweet sister-in-law). He lived a good, long life, well lived and much deserved, after all his years of hard work! RIP brother-in-law, you will forever be in my heart and memories !

Wanda Grover - January 08, 2025 at 08:08 PM

WR

“ I am a Colonial Beach school bus driver. JO and I are cousins. After my bus run coming out of Placid Bay. I would see John in his yard his hand just waving. He would stop the bus. We would talk about the family. I have a very special place in my heart for him. RIEP Mr. John 📿💔💔📿



Wanda Reed - January 08, 2025 at 07:05 PM

CN

“ John was a part of my life as far back as I can remember. Him and my father were friends from childhood. They worked together, played together. They both ended up in Colonial Beach after retirement. John was the last of the Alexandria boys. John and Barbara and my Mom and Dad together once again. I love you all. 📿❤️📿

Cindy Nicholson - January 08, 2025 at 06:48 PM

PH

“ John was my father-in-law and we were fortunate to have him live with us for seven of his last eight years. Having my 48 year-old dad die when I was 16 made me appreciate the gift of John's longevity. He fought to make it to 93 to successfully set a record for his family. Jo was hoping he would make it to 100 so he could be “on the Smucker's jar,” but that wasn't to be. She rightfully took full advantage of the generous opportunity she was given though. After all, time spent with a loved one is the greatest gift of all.

Phil Hicks - January 08, 2025 at 03:03 PM

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Phil Hicks - January 08, 2025 at 03:02 PM