



John William Lunsford

January 12, 1941 - July 6, 2025

John William Lunsford
84 (1/12/1941 – 7/6/2025)
Manassas, VA

Naval Air November 9, 1960 through November 8, 1963. After discharge from the Navy John worked for Pepco before joining Xerox. John worked for Xerox for 35 years, until retirement in 2000. Xerox took him many places, like Germany, Mexico, Hawaii, and San Diego, then back to Virginia, Cora always traveled with him.

John passed away at home July 6, 2025. He told just about everyone he came in contact with that he had “passed his expiration date”, but that he wanted to live past his wife, Cora. He lived 60 days without Cora beside him.

John was born and raised in Washington, D.C. He graduated from Archbishop Carroll High School and used to spend summers down at Camp Calvert, where he swam across the Potomac River. (This was just north of Point Lookout where Cora spent summers working and visiting.) Cora and John love camping, canoeing, and crabbing, at Point Lookout State Park. John met Cora while playing Golf with Cora’s cousin, Pat Malone. He had invited her to come along, three months later, they eloped.

John played golf but spent much of his free time at home taking care of his home and teaching his children how to do this and that. He was a no-nonsense father. Jimmy and Liz knew that when he said “clean your room” he would be coming back with a trash bag to pick up anything left on the floor. Jimmy and Liz are very grateful to have learned so much from their parents. John was a proud Legionaire at American Legion, Post 10, in Manassas, VA. He could be seen there every Wednesday night playing BINGO, Friday’s Seafood Night, and weekdays for Lunch. John was at a disadvantage in life with his loss of hearing, but he loved going to the American Legion!

John and Cora raised two children, James C. and Elizabeth A. Then came the Grandchildren, Caroline, Mary, John, & Sarah. From the Grandchildren came two Great=Grandchildren, Colson and Sophie.

There will be a “Celebration of Life” at the American Legion, Post 10, located at 9950 Cockrell Rd, Manassas, VA 20110, in the Hall, Thursday, July 31st @ 4:00.

Internment Friday, August 1st, 1:00, at Culpeper National Cemetery, 305 U.S. Ave, Culpeper, VA 22701.

Survivors: Nephew- Michael Council

Son – James C. Lunsford & wife Susie Lunsford

Daughter – Elizabeth A. Higgins & husband Randy Higgins

Grandchildren – Caroline Lunsford Schultz, Mary Waybright, John Lunsford, & Sarah Counts

Great Grandchildren – Colson Waybright and Sophie Waybright

Pre-deceased, James and Catherine Lunsford, his parents

Patricia Lunsford Erno and Kate Lunsford, his sisters

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Church of Jesus Christ, Herndon Branch, 800 Eldon Street, Herndon, VA 20170. Every Sunday John would take Cora to

Church. After Cora's passing, he would ask Jimmy and Liz, "are we going to Church on Sunday?"

Cemetery Details

Culpeper National Cemetery

305 U.S. Ave
Culpeper, VA 22701

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

American Legion Post #10
9950 Cockrell Road
Manassas, VA 20110