



# John Henry Rhodes

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**J**ohn Henry Rhodes, of Lewes, Delaware passed away Sunday June 13, 2021 at the age of 91 at the Delaware Hospice Center located in Milford, Delaware. John was born to the late Harry Bernard Rhodes and Helen Louise Ross on Thursday September 5, 1929 at home on the family farm located in Centreville, Maryland. He was the third of eight children.

He attended Queen Anne County schools and graduated from Church Hill High School in 1946. Upon graduation, he went to work for the Maryland Department of Highways for many years during which, he worked on the construction on the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel.

He entered the United States Army in the spring of 1953 as a Medic serving in Germany. He was honorably discharged in late 1955. Upon discharge he returned to Maryland's Eastern Shore and went to work selling Wholesale Plumbing and Heating goods for the James Haupt Company in Chestertown, Maryland.

In August of 1957, he married the love of his life, Virginia Moore Brice of Rock Hall Maryland and they made their home in Church Hill, Maryland until moving to Lewes, Delaware in the summer of 1964.

John worked as a Salesman for Hajoca from 1964 thru 1979, selling Wholesale Plumbing and Heating Supplies throughout the Eastern Shores of Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia until they were bought out by Shore Distributors Inc. of Salisbury, Maryland. John continued his career as a Salesman and became the Branch Manager for Shore Distributors in their Lewes location until retiring in 1995.

While he and his wife were raising their family he was busy giving tirelessly of his time and talent to his community. He was very involved in Lewes Little League serving in numerous roles and serving as President for many years.



## Obituary

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John ran for and was elected to the Lewes City Council and was sworn in on May 12, 1975. He ran for and was elected to 9 consecutive 2 year terms, serving on behalf of the residents and the city of Lewes for 18 years. During his tenure, he worked with various organizations and groups within the city and throughout Sussex County.

John was a long time parishioner at Saint Edmonds/Saint Jude's Roman Catholic Church until due to population growth they divided the area into two separate parishes. He was a weekly usher and served on the Parish Council for several years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 7297.

He is survived by his daughter Lisa Kay Rhodes George of Ocean Pines, his son John David Rhodes and wife Anita S, of Blackstone, Virginia, his grandson and namesake, Michaelson John Capuano of Washington, DC and Ocean Pines. His brother Joseph Rhodes (Loretta) of Towson, and his sister Helen Milley of Wilmington. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Virginia Moore Brice and his grandson Jameson Ward George.

Friends may call on Sunday, June 20, 2021, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Home & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway Lewes, Delaware

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 21, 2021 at St. Jude the Apostle Roman Catholic Church located at 152 Tulip Drive Lewes, Delaware.

Interment will be at 2:30 PM at Chesterfield Cemetery, located in Centreville Maryland.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions in John's name be sent to Meals on Wheels of Lewes-Rehoboth located at 32409 Lewes Georgetown Hwy. Lewes, DE 19958 or Delaware Hospice Center located on Patriots Way Milford, DE 19963

Please sign Mr. Rhodes guest book at this site.



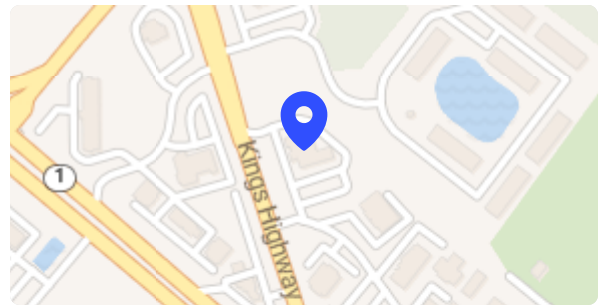
### Flowers to be delivered by:

**Sunday**, June 20, 2021

12:00 PM ET

**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



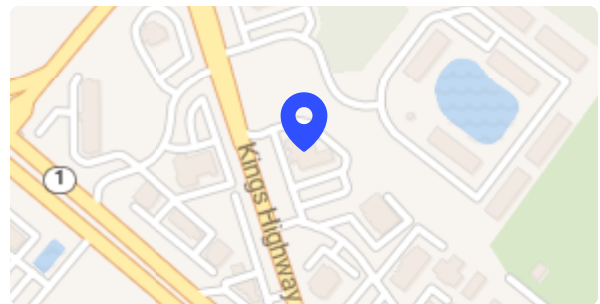
### Viewing

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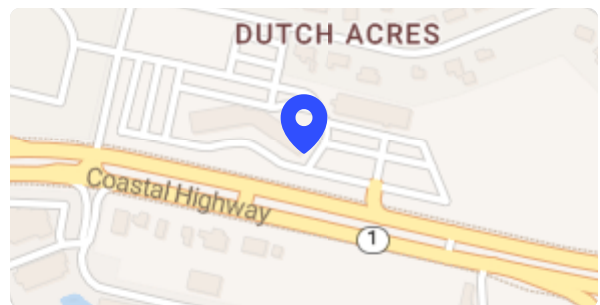
### Mass of Christian Burial

**Monday**, June 21, 2021

10:00 AM ET

**St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church**

152 Tulip Drive, Lewes DE 19958



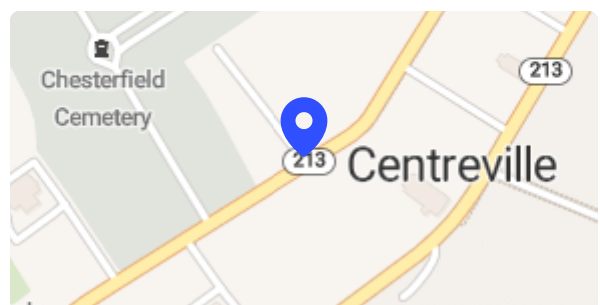
### Interment with military honors

**Monday**, June 21, 2021

2:30 PM ET

**Chesterfield Cemetery**

South Liberty Street, Centreville MD 21617





## Events

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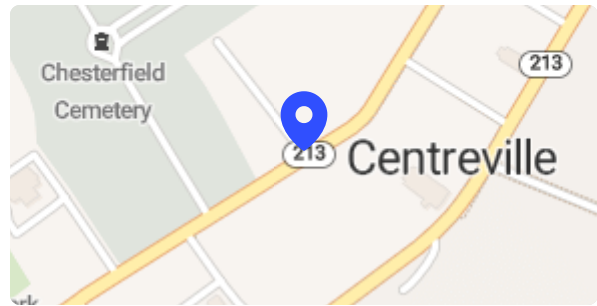
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### Cemetery Details



**Chesterfield Cemetery**

South Liberty Street, Centreville MD 21617





# Tribute Wall

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**Ruth And Allen McIlvain** lit a candle in honor of John Henry.

I met John many years ago when he was working at Hajoca's in Lewes and like others have commented about his smile, he still had it right to the very end. We always looked forward to seeing him at the local McDonalds. Allen & Ruth McIlvain

June 22 at 5:23 PM



**Lesley Kroon** posted:

Our family has known Mr. Rhodes for some time. I will miss seeing him after church. He always asked me if I "caught 'em yet" (he knew I was a runner). -- "keep going!" He always asked after my dad also. He was such a nice man and will be greatly missed. I offer my prayers and sympathy to his family. Lesley Kroon

June 21 at 4:48 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Rhodes family.

June 17 at 5:29 PM



**Jennifer Holston** posted:

John Rhodes will definitely be missed from everyone at McDonald's in Rehoboth. He was one of our greatest customers we looked forward to seeing his smile everyday and hearing his stories of his beautiful family. We are truly sorry for your lost

June 17 at 2:29 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Rhodes family.

June 17 at 9:23 AM





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AN

**Angela** lit a candle in honor of John Henry.

Loved Mr. Rhodes he will be greatly missed at the M&T Bank in Lewes

June 17 at 7:22 AM



TW

**Terry Warrington** posted:

John David, Lisa and families, I am so saddened for your loss. There has never been a time that I can remember seeing your father without that smile and his excitement to say hello to everyone! He always waved from his porch when you would ride through town. I know you will miss him terribly. I send you thoughts of strength and prayers for peace in your hearts. I know you have many beautiful memories to carry you forward. Thinking of you. Terry (Brandner) Warrington

June 17 at 3:43 AM

Jl

**Jim Ippolito** posted:

John was an outstanding person. He served his community honorably as a City Councilman, generously donating his time to the betterment of its citizens. He always had time to help his neighbors with a smile on his face. Lewes has lost a great man with his passing. Rest In Peace John, you were a great man.

June 17 at 3:31 AM

AM

**Ann Maher** posted:

To the Rhodes family..I'm so very sorry to hear of your father's passing. We lived across the street for about a year and he was always smiling and waving. He'll be so missed

June 16 at 3:34 PM

EM

**Ethel Maull** posted:

Prayers to his family he was always smiling God bless

June 16 at 2:20 PM



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**Deb, Franny Babe And Lore** sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Rhodes family.



June 16 at 8:06 AM



**Frances Rea** posted:

The Rhodes family has been part of our lives since the 60's! So many great, happy memories. Mr Rhodes will be so missed. Sending love to Lisa and John David.

June 15 at 3:41 PM



**Donna Yarrusso** June 16 at 4:45 AM

Sending Love and healing energy to My Beautiful friend Lisa 🙏 and her Family 🌻🌸🌺🦋



**Trish Rickards-Dickerson** posted:

Mr. Rhodes was an amazing man to my family and I and he and his wife were my son's godparents. Many, many memories along with many laughs shared. Much love to Lisa and John David during this difficult time.

June 15 at 12:16 PM



**John W. Dean li** posted:

John David, I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. He was always a vibrant personality, always glad to see whomever he was greeting - regardless of who they were, and never forgot a face. He will truly be missed. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. John W. Dean II Milton, Delaware USA

June 15 at 11:27 AM



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**Deborah Rea Dalbora** lit a candle in honor of John Henry.



June 15 at 11:10 AM



**Pat Donovan** June 18 at 9:49 AM

Lisa and John David so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. As you know we go back a long way with many memories. I will miss his unannounced visits on Hoorncill Ave and sharing many stories. He will be missed for sure and especially his big smile whenever he greeted you. Love to you both ...Pat Donovan and family.



**Gary David Wray** June 18 at 6:57 AM

John was a wonderful guy with a million dollar smile and a great laugh! I first met him in the late 1970's and I had his kids in school in Lewes. Both John and his wonderful wife (who also worked in the school district) would come to all the school functions and he was a guy who one could always count on to get the job done. My best friend ("Butch") also knew John and every time John and I would meet he would ask me about "Butch." John was a people person and really cared about others. Later in life I would talk to him at breakfast in McDonald's or blow my car horn at him sitting on his porch on King's Hgway. He was just a really nice guy who was a joy to be around. Dr, Gary D. Wray



**J. Robert Woods** June 17 at 2:15 PM

I met and knew John from seeing him at St. Judes Church but mostly at McDonald's on Route 24. I always looked forward to a brief conversation when we ran into each other. I could tell that he was a very caring man with concerns for everyone he came in contact with. The obituary picture absolutely depicts him -always smiling. God bless John and his family and I will remember him in my prayers.



**Frances Rea** June 15 at 2:55 PM

Mr Rhodes was part of our family's life since we were children. So many great and happy memories. Sending love to Lisa and John David.



**Deborah Rea Dalbora** June 15 at 11:13 AM

He will be missed. He always put a smile on my face with his wit! Loved him dearly!



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John Henry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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