



John Albert Ennis

September 1, 1941 - April 26, 2025

John Albert Ennis, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the age of 83, after a brief stay at Aurora Senior Living of Manokin in Princess Anne. He was born on September 1, 1941, in Delmar, Maryland, a son of the late Rev. Elwyn Ennis and Anna Madeline (Downes) Ennis. He spent most of his life in the close-knit Melsons community, where he will be deeply missed.

A proud graduate of Wicomico High School, class of 1960, John Albert excelled in both baseball and gymnastics, demonstrating early on his passion for sports and competition. Throughout his life, he was a dedicated athlete, playing many years in the Eastern Shore Baseball League and the Maryland Fastpitch Softball League where he was affectionately called "King of the Hill." In 1999, he was honored with induction into the Maryland Fastpitch Softball Hall of Fame, a testament to his skill and love for the game.

In his early days he worked several years at Campbell Soup in Salisbury. From 1982 to 2010, John Albert owned and operated Ennis Garage Door Systems, where his commitment to quality and service earned him the respect and loyalty of many customers in the community. In retirement, he worked part-time at Yoder Overhead Door in Delmar, bringing his career to a close. He was a jack of all trades, known for his ability to fix anything and his unwavering willingness to lend a helping hand to family, friends, and especially the elderly. For many years John Albert was an active member at Zion Methodist Church in Salisbury, where he was always willing to help

wherever needed.

Above all, John Albert's greatest joy came from his family. He cherished his role as a husband, father and grandfather and took immense pride in supporting his family, especially his grandchildren, in their sporting and school endeavors.

John Albert had a deep appreciation for the outdoors, finding tranquility in nature as he ran his hunting dogs and pursued quail in the fields he loved. His adventurous spirit and warm heart left an indelible mark on all who knew him. John Albert is survived by his wife of almost 64 years, Beverly R. (Bergeron) Ennis, who he married on September 8, 1961; his children, Richie D. Ennis and wife Tammy and Lisa Michelle Stafford and husband Tom; his grandchildren, Ryan and Reagan Ennis, Trey Stafford and wife Mandy, Tayt Stafford and Tanna Stafford; and his sisters, Mary Louise Kerley and Carolyn Campbell. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Sarah Della Moore; brothers-in-law, Maurice Campbell and Kenneth Kerley; and nephew, Jay Kerley.

Funeral services for John Albert Ennis will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Family and friends are invited to gather for a visitation from 12:00 to 1:00. Interment will follow in Melsons Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Delmar Little League, P.O. Box 518, Delmar, DE 19940 to support youth baseball and softball programs, reflecting his lifelong dedication to the development of young athletes.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Melson's Cemetery

Melson's Road
Delmar, MD 21875

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove St
Delmar, DE

Funeral Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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13 East Grove St
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Tribute Wall

FB

“ I had the privilege to play with and against John Albert in fast pitch softball with Jack’s Sanitation. His sportsmanship and sense of fair play were to be admired. John was bigger than life to me as I always looked up to him. Prayers go up to Bev and the family. Rest in peace John.

Frank Berry - May 04, 2025 at 06:08 AM

JC

“ James "Tink" Carey and Heather Carey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Albert Ennis.



James "Tink" Carey and Heather Carey - April 30, 2025 at 12:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Albert Ennis.



April 29, 2025 at 08:28 PM

JM

“ I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a good man, husband, father and grandfather. He was an honest hardworking gentleman who was straightforward and pulled no punches. As a teenager who loved baseball and fast pitch softball, I couldn't wait to see John pitch at Harmon Field. Later on, I had the privilege to play against the team he managed, Payne's Logging and his son Ritchie. To his wife and family I pray for God's strength, peace and comfort during this time of grief. (Jim Muir)

Jim Muir - April 29, 2025 at 09:58 AM

PH

“ John Albert my heart goes out to your family. I use to love to watch you fast pitch with my uncle Kenneth Kerley and I loved to play against your sons,

Phil - April 28, 2025 at 02:54 PM

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“ Laura Blazejak Hill (Enski) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Albert Ennis.



Laura Blazejak Hill (Enski) - April 28, 2025 at 01:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Albert Ennis.





April 28, 2025 at 01:13 PM

AC

“ Abbigale C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Albert Ennis.

Abbigale C. - April 28, 2025 at 11:29 AM

HR

“ John is my cousin he will be miss by his family and me and Todd  

Hazel Russell - April 28, 2025 at 10:54 AM

JM

“ Bev and all the family my heart and prayers are with you all. June Moore

June lee moore - April 28, 2025 at 09:43 AM

GD

“ John was a good brother- in- law & I enjoyed working for him at Ennis Garage Doors for 20 years. He loved his family..□

Gayle Dixon - April 28, 2025 at 08:38 AM