



## John I. "Papa Jack" Morris, Sr.

May 27, 1933 - July 30, 2016

DELMAR- John I. Morris, Sr., "Papa Jack", 83, died Saturday, July 30, 2016 at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital in Seaford.

He was born May 27, 1933 in Willards, a son of the late Lee Morris and Ruth Penuel Morris Hastings. He lived in Delmar, DE. Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Walker Morris, son, Kevin Morris and brother, Robert Morris.

Jack and Shirley were married on April 3, 1953 by Reverend J.W. Townsend. He is survived by his children, Jack and Debbie Morris, Garry and Linda Morris of Delmar, DE and Becky and Walt Barb of Mathias, West Virginia; 11 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren, aunts and several nieces and nephews.

Jack loved to visit and fish the Outer Banks of North Carolina, visit his daughter and family in Mathias, West Virginia and take trips to the Amish Country in Pennsylvania. He proudly loved to watch his grandchildren play sports. He loved to join his "Hardees Breakfast Club" group and solve all the world's problems.

Jack was a lifetime member with 51 years of service with the Delmar Fire Department, where he served as president, engineer, chief driver, and still active on numerous committees. He was also a member of the Wicomico County Fire Police Association. Jack was past president of the Wicomico County Fireman's Association, served on the board of directors of the Wicomico County Fireman's Association and was a past member of the

Sharptown Fire Department. He loved to attend to the Maryland and Delaware Fireman's Conventions and taking old #3 -1948 Mack fire engine to the parades throughout the Delmarva region.

Jack proudly served his country in the U.S. Army from 1953- 1955 in the 101st Airborne unit. He retired from Henson Aviation and after retirement worked as a security guard at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital and parts delivery with Federated Auto Parts. He enjoyed sitting in the back row at Melson's United Methodist Church and loved to sing the hymns.

A fireman's funeral will be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, where a visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00. Interment will follow at St. Stephen's Cemetery in Delmar.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Delmar Fire Department, P O Box 143, Delmar, DE 19940 or Melson's United Methodist Church, 32705 Melson Road, Delmar MD 21875.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Stephen's Cemetery

State Street  
Delmar, DE 19940

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 3. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home  
13 East Grove Street  
Delmar, DE 19940  
(302) 846-2525  
info@shortfh.com

## Service

AUG 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John I. "Papa Jack" Morris, Sr.*



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**Short Funeral Home** - August 03, 2016 at 08:57 AM

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“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with all of the family.  
May we smile as we picture Jack in Heaven,  
listening to Boxcar Willie in person.  
He was a very special man, loved by so  
many, and will be greatly missed,  
Edgar & Bettyann Nichols*



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**Edgar & Bettyann Nichols** - August 03, 2016 at 08:58 PM

BB

“ *Sending sympathy to family and friends from Burt Bunting,  
Parsonsburg Fire Company.*

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**Burt Buntingg** - August 03, 2016 at 02:25 PM

DK

“ So sorry to hear about Jack. He will surely be missed and our thoughts and prayers go to the family.

*Dale & Jerita Kenney*



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**Dale Kenney** - August 02, 2016 at 07:33 PM



“ 66 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Short Funeral Home** - August 02, 2016 at 12:31 PM



“ Always a smile on his face when working at Nanticoke. Was a wonderful person and very nice to everyone. Lots of good memories. Prayers to the family. May he rest in peace. Pat Gregg

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**Patricia Gregg** - August 01, 2016 at 04:05 PM

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“ I remember I hadn't been in DFD very long when Pop asked me to take the President job for the Wicomico County Fireman's Association. I was terrified and didn't want any parts of it. His persistence paid off and I agreed to do it. In retrospect, I was glad I did. We were able to get the life insurance policy program started for the County volunteers. I think we can certainly attribute that partially to Papa Jack!! He will be sorely missed in Delmar and my thoughts and prayers go out to all the family.

Mark Naugle

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Mark Naugle - August 01, 2016 at 07:19 AM

LB

Jack and Shirley were cause for joyful anticipation of each return visit to Delmar through many years of being away. Re-living the many fun-filled experiences with Jack, and then with the both of them after their first meeting on the street, in front of Nick's Restaurant (which ultimately led to their long marriage) always gave us a sense of youthful vigor for a while. After receiving the news from my brother Bill, of Jack's transfer to the Master's Heavenly Choir; a chorus of a song came to mind: It says; "Well the old pals are always the best you see, New friends you can find every day, but they can't fill the places, or ever be, like the old pals of yesterday." No; no one can take Jack's place in our hearts, but by faith, we are promised another joyful reunion. Jack would want us all -- family and friends-- to let the memories he left, and the anticipation of that reunion, to overcome the temporal sadness of his passing over before us. God bless all of you children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, be proud of who you are. The posterity and wealth of a good and wonderful man. Pa Pa Jack.

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Louis Brittingham - August 01, 2016 at 10:26 PM