



John Downey

May 14, 1938 - April 21, 2026

Aynor..... John David Downey, age 87, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

Mr. Downey was born in Washington, DC, a son of the late John Ernest and Helen Daisy Brumel Downey. John attended Greenbelt High School and later joined the United

States National Guard. He served his country for 3 years and drove for the captain of his squad. John was a fantastic shooter at the gun range and enjoyed camping, taking care of his cars and playing cards with friends, especially the game hand and foot. He was a history fanatic and loved watching westerns starring John Wayne, George "Gabby" Hayes, Roy Rogers and Hopalong Cassidy. He married the love of his life; Linda J. Casey in November of 1970 and they have been inseparable ever since. After being honorable discharged from the National Guard, John worked as an electrician for Hawkins Electric Company for 23 years before retiring from the University of Maryland in 1994.

Surviving is: his wife, Linda Casey Downey as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

A funeral and burial will be held in Port Republic, Maryland at a later date, handled by Rausch Funeral Home, 8325 Mt. Harmony Road, Owings, Maryland 20736. (410) 257-6181.

Memorials may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 North Michigan Ave. Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or to the Dementia Society of America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Chesapeake Highlands Memorial Gardens

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall



“ *Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May fond memories and earnest prayer bring comfort for family and friends at this time*
Psalm 94:19

Kathryn - April 28 at 02:15 PM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Downey.*

April 25 at 07:32 AM

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“ Never have I known or respected a person that I could talk with on the subject of politics as I could with Dave. he was also connected and influencing with local politicians. When Blackmoor wanted a traffic light installed at Longwood and RT> 707 dave used his influence and got it approved after they had turned it down. We are for ever thankful for this.

As RVers we were constatly faced with mechanical problems. Dave was very knowedgable and helpful. I never knew anyone that took better care of his own equipment. His truck was his pride and joy. It was as clean under fenders as it was on outer surfaces.. He had researched and found various cleaning materials that most of us never knew of. We also learned to play and enjoy " Hand and Foot" card game. He loved to win and made playing very interesting. Dave set high standards andtalked the talk and walked the walk. I will always remember him for his strenghts

Jim Paullin

james paullin - April 24 at 09:17 AM