



John Robert Peele Jr.

October 14, 1944 - February 21, 2026

John Robert Peele, Jr., of Alexandria, Virginia passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at the age of 81. John was the son of the late John Robert Peele, Sr., and Ethel Peele.

John was born in Washington, DC on October 14, 1944, and resided in Alexandria, Virginia his entire life.

He met a young girl in 8th grade who would later become his wife of 62 years on July 12, 1963 while he was a student at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill.

John spent 57 years working at the Naval Research Lab in Washington, DC, thoroughly enjoying his work and building lifelong friendships with his co-workers. He also took every opportunity to share his love of work and science with his grandchildren. John enjoyed music, camping, sailing, kayaking, photography, skiing, biking and hiking. He loved sharing these passions with his grandchildren. His family meant the world to him, and he will truly be missed by all.

John is predeceased by his parents John Robert Peele, Sr., and Ethel Peele and his grandson, Conner Worosz (17).

He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years Diane L. Peele; son, David G.

Peele (Shawna); daughter, Melinda Dawn Worosz (Thomas); Sister, Carol P. Sampson; four grandchildren - Robyn Schuler, Bailie Dabb (Greg), Jake Peele, Jack Worosz; and three great-grandchildren – August Dabb, Jude Dabb, and Graham Dabb.

Relatives and friends are invited to pay their respects at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, Virginia on Friday, February 27, 2026, from 4PM to 8PM. Funeral services will be held the following day, Saturday, at 11AM in the chapel at Jefferson Funeral Home. A graveside burial service at Mount Comfort Cemetery, Alexandria, Virginia to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to ConnerStrong Foundation (www.connerstrongfoundation.org). ConnerStrong Foundation is a youth mental health & suicide prevention non – profit in Alexandria, VA. that John was a founding board member of. It was formed in memory of his grandson, Conner.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **27**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Funeral Service

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Dr
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516
(703) 971-7400

Graveside Service

FEB **28**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Mount Comfort Cemetery
6600 S Kings Hwy
Alexandria, VA 22306
(703) 765-3800

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Robert Peele Jr..*



February 26 at 09:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Robert Peele Jr..*



February 23 at 04:29 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Robert Peele Jr..*

February 22 at 06:40 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John Robert Peele Jr..*



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“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John Robert Peele Jr..* ”



February 22 at 06:34 PM