



## John R. Fizer

April 17, 2025

John R Fizer, 59, passed away in his home from lung cancer April 17, 2025, in Portsmouth, VA. John was a member of DC Church in Deep Creek area of Chesapeake, VA. He retired from US Navy with 20 years. John was currently working with Huntington Ingalls as a Project Manager for the repair division for the last 20 years.

John is survived by his wife of 37 years, Gail Fizer of Portsmouth, daughter Amy Davis of Portsmouth, sons, Joseph Fizer, Jordan Fizer, both of Portsmouth & Shay Fizer of Spring Lake, NC; brother, Bill Jacobson (Kathy) of Slater, MO, sister, Lena Williams (Elvin) of Slater, brother, JR Raines (Joe) of San Diego, CA, brother Sam Fizer of Branson, MO; 3 grandchildren, Shane Davis of Portsmouth, Brianna Davis (Rasheem Agostino) of Newport News, & Mariah Davis (Dontarius Lucas) of Raleigh, NC; 3 great-grandchildren, Annora Agostino, Apollo Agostino, & Kaleesi Lucas. John was predeceased by his stepdaughter, Jennifer Lucas, 1974-1992, his mother, Doris O. Fizer of Missouri and a brother, Alvin Jacobson of Missouri.

John loved camping, his church family, & helping out family & friends.

John's final resting place will be at Horton Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, VA

Our family wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude to Amedisys Hospice for

the outstanding care not just to John, but also for the care you extended to our family during this most difficult time. Also, a special thanks to Loving Funeral Home for the compassion and kindness you showed to our family, last but not least to our church family for their love & support.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donation can be made to the Improvement Fund at DC Church, 250 Mill Creek Pkwy, Chesapeake, VA 23323 or the America Cancer Society @ P. O. Box 6704. Hagerstown, MD 21741, website: [donate.cancer.org](https://donate.cancer.org).

A memorial service with Full Military honors to celebrate his life will be held on June 7. 2025 at DC Church starting at 11am followed with visitation until 1pm.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Deep Creek Baptist Church  
250 Mill Creek Pkwy  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-2182

*With visitation to follow until 1 pm.*

# Tribute Wall

AD

“ Gail and family, John was a fantastic Christian gentleman who loved his Lord, his family, his friends and his church. He was a faithful member of our DC choir and always had a smile on his face and friendly greeting. We will always miss him and look forward to singing with him again in Heaven’s Choir. God bless you all in your great loss.

Love, Ava and Mike

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Ava and Mike Dunlow - June 04, 2025 at 02:11 PM

AD

“ My dad was an amazing person, he was always there for me and my children his grandchildren. My dad would always make sure we had everything we needed, and always there if we needed help with our cars. He loved my mother very much; he just didn’t show it.

We will miss him very much, one day doesn’t go by I don’t think about my dad and how much joy he brought us. I love you, dad, very much. You will always be in our hearts.



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amy davis - May 02, 2025 at 01:23 PM

CG

“ If I were challenged to find one word to define John Fizer, it would be "Legacy"! For me, John left a Legacy for all to try to live up to! Old or young, we could all learn from John. He was continually exemplifying what it meant to be a Stand Up human! He was always willing to help out where needed and go the extra mile to ensure that things were done right the first time ! I remember him always greeting me with a Smile on his face and a shake of the hand! I had the privilege to work with John when he got to HII and then do inspections for him not only in the Tidewater area, but also in San Diego when I was working out there with another crew. He would allow me to do my job without any kind of "influence" to try to get me to overlook things, or go easy on them! I was Extremely Shocked hearing about John. God surely needed help to call him up so soon! Thank You for allowing me to be your Friend!

Charlie Gorrlee - April 27, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ I remember my heart bursting when I was so young and you were off to the Navy. It never stopped, either. You were an amazing role model to so many. Now, you can rest painfully free. ❤️. I'll carry you forever in my heart, Uncle John.

Tracy Jacobson-McDaniel - April 24, 2025 at 08:34 PM

TC

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Taylor Coons - April 24, 2025 at 11:02 AM

TC

*Hard work honesty and leave it better then you found it. Core traits I learned from this man and I could never thank him enough. I give the success I have to him for taking the time to teach me and show me the way.*

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**Taylor Coons** - April 24, 2025 at 11:18 AM

GF

*John, my husband, would have been 38 yrs in June. John had been in the navy stationed in Alameda, CA when my girlfriend introduced us. We became friends and started dating Memorial Day weekend in 1987. We were married June 27, 1987, in our backyard in Modesto, CA. My family thought I was crazy to marry a man 13 yrs younger, especially when I had 3 children ages 8, 13 & 15. John was the only man in my life that my parents approved of. It wasn't too long after our marriage that the 3 children started calling John dad!.*

*John transferred to San Diego in June 1989 with us. We had our ups & downs just like every married couple, we always worked through them until May 1992, a parent's worst nightmare, when our daughter, Jennifer, was murdered leaving behind 2 small children, Jordan 19 mo & Shay 3 mo. John & I had a really hard time with losing a child, and now we were raising Jordan & Shay. John was up for another transfer in June 93, and he jumped at the chance to get us out of San Diego. We transferred to Pearl Harbor in February 1994. This was a healing time for both of us. John transferred us to Portland, Oregon in 1997, then to the East coast in July 2000, where we bought our 1st home in Portsmouth.*

*John was always doing things around the house, not too many times we had a repair person come in, if John didn't know how to do the job he checked U-Tube. We renovated our home, which was built in 1952, by ourselves.*

*If one of our vehicles needed work, John did the work, either for us, the kids, or the grandkids, again, if he wasn't quite sure how, U-TUBE!!*

*John started working for AMSEC, now HII Technical Solutions, part of Huntington Ingalls, which, is repairing of the already built ships, a short time after he retired from the Navy in 2003. John was away from home a lot repairing those ships wherever they may be, San Diego, Philippines, Japan, Bahrain, Mississippi, Portland, South Caroline, Texas, and I'm sure I missed one!*

*John worked his way up in the company, and when he passed away, he was Project Manager, responsible for about 28 men & women. He would tell his crew that if they were on time, they were Late. You need to be ready to start work @ 6:30, not walking in the door, or parking your car.*

*John wanted everyone to have the same work ethics as he did, never understood why they didn't. John took pride in all that he did and didn't expect anything less from his crew. He would never ask anyone to do anything that he himself wouldn't do. John was really set in his ways & if you didn't do it his way, it wasn't good enough.*

*We loved camping, well, Glamping! Whenever he could drag himself away from work for a week, we were gone with our trailer & 2 dogs. We loved the mountains and the quiet.*

*John loved me, the kids, grandkids & great grandkids more than he ever said, but the way he treated us & took care of us spoke volumes of that love.*

*John, you will always be in my heart & I miss you more than words can say!*

*I love you!*

*Gail*

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**Gail Fizer** - May 10, 2025 at 04:05 PM