



## John Henry Wensley

July 31, 1959 - February 2, 2025

John H. Wensley, 65, of Oak Island, NC passed away on Sunday, February 2, 2025. He was born on July 31, 1959 to the late John W. and Dorothy (Merkel) Wensley, in Oceanside, NY where he spend his youth. He later moved to Freeport, NY where he raised his family and led a life of constant service, compassion and dedication to his community.

John served 23 years in the Freeport Police Department and 45+ years as a member of Wide Awake Engine Company #1 in the Freeport Fire Department, where he rose to the rank of Chief. He was a first responder to the aftermath of the World Trade Center following the attacks on September 11, 2001.

Upon retiring from the police department, he moved to Clayton, NC where he worked as head of security for Johnston Medical Center. He retired from that role and moved to Oak Island to enjoy family and friends at the beach. He joined the Elks and continued to give back to his community.

John always focused on helping others. He loved being with his family and spending time with his Fire Department brothers and friends. He will be missed dearly by all who knew him and may God rest his soul.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in eternal life by his sister, Frances McClintock, and brother-in-laws, Patrick Drew and Brian Kilduff.

He is survived by his wife, Maureen Kilduff Wensley; three children, Lauren (Shawn Regan), Sean, and Kevin; sisters, Dorothy Drew, Carolyn (Vincent) Ingerson, Marilyn Merenda and Patricia (Thomas) Kane; brother-in-laws, Paul McClintock, James (Juliet) Kilduff, Michael Kilduff, Thomas (Kathleen) Kilduff, and John (Jennifer) Kilduff; a host of nieces, nephews & cousins.

Local services for John will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at Oak Island Elks Lodge #2769, 106 E. Dolphin Drive beginning at 1 PM.

A subsequent service will be held on Long Island at Hungerford & Clark Funeral Home in the town of Freeport on Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 2-4 PM & 7-9 PM.

The family requests that donations or memorial contributions be made in John's name to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and/or the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAR 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Hungerford & Clark Funeral Home  
110 Pine St.  
Freeport, NY 11520

## Memorial Gathering

MAR 8. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hungerford & Clark Funeral Home  
110 Pine St.  
Freeport, NY 11520

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Larry and Maureen Stratton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Henry Wensley.



Larry and Maureen Stratton - March 07, 2025 at 11:41 AM

FF

“ From the Merkel Family, purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Henry Wensley.



From the Merkel Family, - March 03, 2025 at 05:12 PM

SH

“ I lived in Freeport 86 to 2002. I worked part time Bartending in Town - “Johnny’s Dockside” 6 yrs, and one shift at Sportsman’s. I was in Town close to 15 years. I saw John’s picture come up just now on Facebook, sadly Posted by Jimmy Kraeling. I was overcome by sadness myself. I did not know John well, but I KNEW him to be a person of GREATNESS. Someone you felt Blessed to be acquainted with, someone who was a CARETAKER. My deepest Condolences to his Family. Anyone who had the fortune to cross paths with him.

“Carry On” John,  
Sue Holmes

Sue Holmes - February 17, 2025 at 09:01 PM