

### JOHN J. OWENS



John Owens, 63, of Hilliard, passed away unexpectedly Monday, January 14 in Jacksonville. John was born on July 1, 1955 in San Pablo, California to the late John and JoAnn Owens. John was known by all as a God-fearing, selfless, family man who made it his life's mission to make sure the "babies" (grandchildren and great grandchildren) were happy. He adored all of them and he lives on through them. John was a hardworking man who, at any given moment you could find outdoors hunting, fishing, or fixing something, if not for himself, for his children (more his children than himself). John was also the "chef" of the family, always in the kitchen coming up with some concoction. Above all, he was loved and admired for the man he was.

John is survived by his best friend and soul mate of 25 years, Kimberly Darnell; his three sons John Roy (Jenny), Joshua (Tracey) Owens and Shaun (Aimee) Roddenberry; two daughters Amanda (Mike) Emery, and Patricia (Stephen) Brandt; 17 grandchildren Caleb Neiswonger, Jayden and Abigayle Owens, Tristen, Wyatt and Layton Roddenberry, Dustin, Devin and Dalton Emery and Hailee Harvey, McKenzie, Ryan, Brayden and Peyton Garrett, Sophia, Hutson and Sawyer Brandt; six great-grandchildren Bentley, Serenity, Kaysen, Harper and Evelyn Emery and Cooper Emery; two brothers Jerry (Cheryl) Owens and Joel (Lydia) Owens; and three sisters Jeannie (Mike) Greene, Jeannett (Herman) Greene and Jennifer (Tommy) Bullington.

The family will receive friends Friday, January 18 from 1-3 p.m. with a memorial service at 3 p.m. with Bruce Lamar officiating at Shepherd-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.