

JOHN WAYNE NELSON



John Wayne Nelson, 62, of Callahan, passed away unexpectedly November 1, 2024. John, affectionately called John Wayne, was born December 28, 1961, in Greenville, South Carolina to the late Olin Nelson and Martha Ferguson Nelson. His love story began in South



Carolina, where he met his wife, Lori. John Wayne and Lori shared 17 beautiful years of marriage and eventually moved to Florida to be closer to family, demonstrating John Wayne's dedication to his family.

He was an avid lover of antique cars, was known for his big heart and profound love for his family. John Wayne proudly served his country in the United States Army. His dedication to his community was evident through his active membership in the Masonic Lodge #32 where he served as a Past Master in 2023, the Widow Sons Riding Association, as well as, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

John Wayne was also a cherished member of North Jax Baptist Church, where he practiced his faith. His legacy is carried on by those who knew him as a compassionate individual with a zest for life and a passion for the open road and the rumble of an antique engine. John Wayne's presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother Joseph Dee Nelson.

John Wayne leaves behind his loving wife, Lori; children Mindy Nelson, Nicholas A. Bailey and Ben E. Kunkel; uncle Walt (Judy) Ferguson; and grandson Colt Bailey.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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