

### JEFFERY THOMAS HOWARD



Jeffery “Jeff” Thomas Howard, 54, of Hilliard, passed away peacefully December 3, 2023 at his home with his loving family by his side. He was born June 22, 1969 to the late Ned Porter Howard and Barbara Joyce Howard in Jacksonville. Jeff has been a resident of Hilliard for the past 30 years and was proud to call it home. Jeff and his soul mate, Brandy, wed in February of 1993, and were happily married for 19 years. They shared two children together, Faith and Corey. When Brandy passed away in 2012, it left Jeff broken. Many tried to get Jeff to move on, but he always said that Brandy was the only one for him and no would ever compare to her.

Jeff worked for Riverstone Construction for about 15 years. He was dedicated to his job and took pride in his work. Jeff’s favorite pastimes were collecting guns and knives, shooting, and racing go carts and wing outlaws. He enjoyed vacationing to the mountains in the Carolinas and going out to eat. When Jeff received good service at a restaurant, he would take care of his waitresses by always leaving a hefty tip. There were even times when Jeff would let the waitress determine the amount of the tip! More than anything, Jeff loved his family and spending time with them. He was a loving father, grandfather, uncle, and friend that will be missed dearly. Jeff was preceded in death by his parents; wife Brandy Emerson Howard; and brothers JP Howard and Mickey Howard.

Jeff leaves behind his loving children Faith (James, III) Flynn and Corey (Arielle) Howard; grandchildren Sanaya, Avery, Zion, Elaina and Talen; and nieces Jessica (Wesley) Johnson and Lynsy Howard (Phil Zaborowski).

Pallbearers were Corey Howard, James Flynn, III, David Hicken, Lloyd Roberts, Doug McGough, Wesley Johnson, Kenneth Caves and Kelly Musgrove. Honorary pallbearers were Dwaine Miller and Robert Wilcox.

A celebration of Jeff’s life will be held Thursday, December 7 at 1 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home with Brian Mansfield officiating. A private family interment will follow at Jones Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

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

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