

## JOHN CARLTON EDDY



John C. Eddy, 69, passed away November 2, 2021 in Fernandina Beach. He was born on April 17, 1952 to Lemuel Joseph (Joe) Brinson and Elsbeth Marie Gnuég in Washington, D.C. Elsbeth later remarried to Leonard John Eddy and Leonard adopted John in 1958. John



married Sharon E. Thompson on September 11, 1971.

John was a kindhearted man always giving of himself. As a child he was in the Boy Scouts and obtained Eagle Scout. During the Vietnam War he joined the US Coast Guard straight out of high school. In boot camp, he was selected to join the elite Honor Guard. The U S Coast Guard Honor Guard not only serves our Presidents but has the respected honor of lying to rest our brave military soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. He also flew helicopters in the Guard and eventually got his private pilot's license.

From there he became a Firefighter/Paramedic and joined the Maryland Army National Guard as a 1st Lieutenant. After falling through the floor of a burning building, severely injuring his leg, he was retired on a disability. But that didn't stop him, he became a Deputy Sheriff until he was shot in his other leg. When healed, he decided to join the U S Merchant Marines. He became a Captain and commanded Supply Ships to Cruise Liners. When he was unable to go out to sea full time, he taught men and women to become Mariners.

John was a mechanical engineer graduating from Northwestern College, capable of building and or fixing anything. He was a motorcycle rider, one of the founders of Legion Riders of the American Legion Post in St. Augustine. John and Sherri owned a horse drawn carriage company outside of Washington, DC. They also ran a Boat and Breakfast on the Chesapeake Bay. He was a world traveler.

In John's spare time, he was a Civil War Reenactor and was in many prominent civil war movies like "Glory." He was a scuba dive instructor, certified rescue diver and an accomplished cave diver. John was a gifted guitarist and was honored to have played with Carlos Santana prior to his rise to fame.

And John was a phenomenal storyteller. If you got him going, you were trapped! You were going to hear about ALL THE THINGS... He was an encyclopedia of knowledge. But you always came away enlightened and lighter in heart. Vikings/Norsemen became his passion after tracing back his roots. John's laugh was contagious. You could hear it from across the room and laugh without even knowing why you were laughing. But most of all, he was a friend to many and touched so many lives.

John was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer in August of 2021. He put up a valiant, amazing fight for almost three months, but the cancer was swift and took him much too soon.

John leaves behind his loving wife of 50 years, Sherri; children Christopher John Eddy and Karla Marie Eddy Barger; three grandchildren Ainslee, Flynn and Lochlan; three siblings Bruce C. Eddy, Lisa Eddy Mrongowuis and Robin Rinearson; three nephews, two nieces and many cousins and friends.

Celebration of John's Life was held March 19, 2022, at their home in Callahan. John's inurnment was held November 23, 2022 at Arlington National Cemetery at 2 p.m. with Military Honors.