



## Arthur Hooten

December 23, 1944 - November 16, 2019

Arthur "Wayne" Hooten, 74, of Bushnell passed away on Saturday, November 16 surrounded by his loving family.

Wayne was born in Wildwood, FL to Arthur Joe and Alice (Hurst) Hooten.

He attended local schools and served his country in the Coast Guard Reserve. He was a lifelong resident of Sumter County. He worked for the Sumter County Times, retired from Dick Jarrett Ford and then pursued his career in real estate at Tadlock Realty. Wayne was a Christian and held true his Christian values. Active in his community, he was a member of the SSSS Booster Club, Republican Club of Sumter County and the Sumter County Farmer's Market. He founded the South Sumter Bandits Football League and the Sumter Seminole Boosters. Wayne was an avid Florida State fan. He always enjoyed cooking for charitable organizations and fundraisers throughout the community. Wayne's hobbies included hunting, fishing, golfing and spending time with his family.

Wayne is survived by his wife Donna Hooten of Bushnell, sons Joey (Jennifer) Hooten of Bushnell and Timmy (Bridget) Hooten of Tarrytown, FL. He leaves grandchildren Brendan Hooten, Delaney (Justin) Howell and Leila Hooten and his sister Martha Ann Sparkman of Webster, FL. He was preceded in death by his parents Arthur Joe and Alice Hooten.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Purcell Chapel, 114 West Noble Ave. in Bushnell. A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 10:00 at the First Baptist Church in Webster with Pastor Ronny Hunt officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories in Webster.

Purcell Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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Joy Lynn - November 21, 2019 at 03:28 PM

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Joy Lynn - November 21, 2019 at 03:23 PM

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“ It has been a blessing to have known Wayne. He was a father who loved and cared for his boys, He delighted in his grandchildren, he loved his community, the Raiders and FSU. He will be missed by all.

Cindy Tompkins - November 21, 2019 at 07:08 AM

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“ Wayne and I would sit together on the ground in the front car row at Sumter Drive-In when we were very young. We were teammates on the South Sumter Rebel football team. I was lucky enough to interact to a small extent with him on FB. I know that he was respected by everyone who knew him and loved by many. My condolences to his family. He will be missed. His contributions and accomplishments in activities and projects that he cared about cannot be replaced. No doubt, an abundance of great memories will live on. God bless him.

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**Steve Kimbrough** - November 20, 2019 at 10:16 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to the Hooten family. We grew to know and love Wayne during his stay with us. What a kind and wonderful man who spread his love to his sons and their children. We will miss him.

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**Susan Levy** - November 19, 2019 at 05:39 PM

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“ Wayne is one of the kindness men I have ever know. He is vey family oriented, and I thought that was just One of things that made him special. He was very Passionate about the kids in the community. But most of all he is going to be missed so much.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family 🙏😊

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**Vicki** - November 19, 2019 at 01:54 PM