



## Chester Jon "Joe" Bradshaw

June 17, 1944 - December 3, 2023

Chester Jon "Joe" Bradshaw received his wings on December 3rd, 2023. Chester was born to Mary Lucille Cox Bradshaw and Thomas M. Bradshaw on June 17, 1944 in Pasco County, Florida.

He was a Christian who followed his faith in his words and actions, always volunteering to help anyone and everyone. He had been a Deacon at Trilby Baptist Church and now a member at Wahoo Baptist Church.

Chester was an avid outdoors-man all his life enjoying fishing, hunting, and spending time in the beautiful Florida swamps. Affectionately called by his wife, Myrna, "The Swamp Box". He was a skilled tradesman who loved working with his hands, building and creating new tools and most of all, being on a his tractor and front end loader.

He retired from Tampa Electric and was able to follow his passion for protecting Florida's water by becoming an outspoken "Volunteer Environmentalist for Historical Restoration". His goal was to restore the "Green Swamp" in central Florida to the "Water tank at the top of the Hill". Chester is survived by his wife: Myrna Bradshaw; step-son: Brian/Sandi Schuman and family; brother: Leo/Carol Bradshaw and family; daughter: Jackie/Rick Stairs and family and his daughter: Carol Bradshaw and family.

He was pre-deceased by his parents: Mary and Thomas Bradshaw and brothers: Tommy Bradshaw and Jimmy Bradshaw.

Per Chester's wishes, there will be a small service at the Beyers Funeral Home in Purcell Chapel in Bushnell, Florida on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 11 AM (visitation from 10-11 AM), with Pastor Larry Hartman officiating, for his many friends who wish to pay their respects. A private interment with family will be at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Dade City, Florida.

If you wish to make a donation in his name, your choice of an Environmental Preservation cause would be appreciated.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Purcell Chapel  
114 W Noble Ave  
Bushnell, FL 33513  
(352) 793-4531

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My heart hurts for the loss of a great man. Chet was dedicated to restoration and preservation of Florida's' wild habitats. He was extremely generous with his time and resources to help Audubon of Floridas Ahhochee Hill Sanctuary. He helped restore a wetland area, mowed the fields and made my vision of a wildlife stream become real. He helped and watched out for me like a big brother and I'll miss his advice. May his memories be a blessing to his family.*

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**Christie Anderberg** - December 04, 2023 at 08:04 PM

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“ *Myrna, so sad to hear of Chester's passing. My sympathy to you and all his family for your loss.*

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**James Guy Simmons** - December 04, 2023 at 07:23 PM