



## Jackson Welch "Pepper" Penturff Jr.

September 18, 1957 - September 2, 2022

Jackson Welch Penturff, Jr, "Pepper", 64 a longtime resident of Florida, passed away peacefully at his home in Leesburg, FL on September 2, 2022. Pepper was born on September 18, 1957, in West Virginia to parents Jack and Janet Penturff. The family moved to Florida in 1963. Pepper graduated from Leesburg High School in 1975. He then attended Lake Sumter Community College and was a graduate of University of Central Florida. He loved the Lord, family, friends, animals and enjoyed traveling. One of his greatest loves, though, was music. He received his first drum set at the age of five and was hooked. He went on to play in many bands and would eventually open Leesburg Music. He never missed an opportunity to play a gig, even if it meant his only payment, was a free meal! He explored many avenues and opportunities when it came to his professional life. In the 1980's, he worked for the communications company ATC. That job would eventually lead to a relocation to Texas for a short time. Upon his return to Florida in the late 90's, he opened and operated Pepper's Cellular in Leesburg. He was also a bouncer at several local bars and restaurants. He enjoyed playing the drums in the band at the Fathers House for many years. In 2006, he accepted the role as his father's caretaker, and began exploring options to work from home. He became interested in real estate and began buying and flipping houses. He dedicated those latter years working from home and caring for his father before his passing in 2019. Pepper was eternally optimistic and always saw the good side of things. He never met a stranger and would do anything for

anyone. He was loved by everyone that knew him and will be greatly missed by all. He is survived by his sister, Julie and husband Jay Gelb of Leesburg, nephew Jason Smith, Leesburg and nieces Jacquelyn Smith, her fiancé David Pruitt of Leesburg and Erin Brumbaugh and her husband Jimmy, Astatula, FL Great niece and nephew, Jasmine McClain and Bradley Brumbaugh. Uncle Robert Penturff, of Melbourne, FL, and several cousins. He is preceded in death by his father Jack, Sr and mother Janet Bourne. A Celebration of Life will be held at 10am on October 8th at The Fathers House, 2301 South St. Leesburg, FL. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Lake County. Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory Leesburg. 352-787-4343

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Fathers House  
2301 South St.  
Leesburg, FL

# Tribute Wall

EF

“ I just now read about Pepper’s passing. I’m so sorry! We spent many days playing with Hot Wheels during our pre-teen years. He was a great friend whom I will always remember fondly.

Edmund “Eddie” Fairley - September 29, 2024 at 06:35 PM

DP

“ I am sorry to hear of Peppers passing. I went to high school with Pepper.  
He was a friend and would do anything for anyone. He has gone home to Heaven. Our loss is Heavens gain.

Debra Poe - October 05, 2022 at 10:09 PM

KT

“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family as we all mourn the loss of Pepper. Pepper was a great friend to Jeff and I. He will be missed by all, but Always Remembered!



Kay and Jeff Tomczak - September 25, 2022 at 10:43 PM

MW

“ Pepper was a part of our family for a long time. We loved him like family. He was always a joy to be around. A special tender hearted person.  
My sympathies to hi family.

Mary Ann Wettstein-Stoothoff - September 17, 2022 at 01:36 PM

SR

“ Pepper was so very kind and generous. My heart is with everyone who knew and loved him. ❤️

shannon rivero - September 17, 2022 at 10:40 AM

RS

“ Beginning in the first grade and Beverly Shores I have so many memories of life with and next to Pepper it didn't matter where we were we would always stay in touch within a few weeks sometimes we would only speak briefly his loss has hurt my heart but I know I will see him again and I know I have so many fun memories of my friend JW

Roger Smith - September 17, 2022 at 06:24 AM

JF

“ I have so many wonderful memories of time spent with Pepper but one that really stands out was our missions trip to Honduras. To say Pepper was out of his comfort zone is an understatement but that trip really impacted his life as well as the lives he touched while there. His tender heart was on full display and even though he didn't speak their language, he connected with those precious people on a deeper level. He truly was a “gentle giant” loved by all who were fortunate enough to know him. I picture him playing drums with our dear friend David Greene playing base guitar in God's Heavenly Band. You are missed, Pep, but will never be forgotten! Love, Judy and Jeff

Judy Foret - September 14, 2022 at 04:30 PM

JB

Pepper and I use to work together at the holiday inn back in the days really great person

jack biting - September 14, 2022 at 05:58 PM

CG

*I have many fond memories of my time hanging out with Pepper, whether at work at the Holdiay Inn, or cutting grass at Mid-Florida Lakes Mobile Home Community. Pepper, you will be greatly missed, RIP my friend.*

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**calvin goldsmith** - September 16, 2022 at 03:05 PM