



## John Bradford

May 7, 1953 - September 21, 2014

### Obituary of John Bradford

John Paul Bradford, 61, of The Villages, FL passed away at home on Sunday, September 21, 2014. He was born on May 7, 1953 in Pleasanton, CA to Laura and William Bradford. After graduating high school he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served as a Sergeant Weapons Mechanic. After leaving the Air Force, he attended Santa Rosa Junior College earning certificates in forestry and civil engineering. He went on to a career as a welding inspector and supervisor. John moved to Florida in 1996 and to The Villages in 2000. He was married to his high school sweetheart and best friend Cheryl (Cherie) for 41 years. Together they have two sons, Paul and David.

He is survived by his wife, Cherie, sons, Paul (and his partner Scott Mather) of Dunedin, FL and David (and his wife Amanda) of Leesburg; grandson Kevin, and his brother's Tom and Greg of Mesa, AZ.

Nature and the outdoors were always home for John. He loved being outside and working in his garden, tending to the plants and bringing fresh blooms to Cherie. He was an avid reader and took great pride in the accomplishments of

his family.

A celebration of John's life will be held at the Saddlebrook Recreation Center, 3010 Saddlebrook Lane, The Villages, FL on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 4 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Sumter County. After the Life Celebration, the family will privately scatter his ashes at sea so John will be free and part of the great outdoors which he loved so much.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our deepest sympathy for your loss...but we know he lives with his Lord for evermore and will have a garden for his lovely Cheryl*

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**Alice Russ and Renee Carbaugh** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM