



John Thomas Dixon

March 12, 1945 - March 28, 2026

John Thomas Dixon was born in Leesburg, Florida on March 12, 1945 to John and Sarah Dixon. John passed away peacefully on March 28 at 81 years of age.

Preceded in death by his parents John and Sarah and his brother Michael, John is survived by his brother Wiley, his wife of 58 years Carol, daughter Jennifer Trousdale (Dave), son Ryan Dixon (Jessica), granddaughter Lydia Trousdale, and grandsons Dalton and Asher Dixon. In addition, John is survived by brother-in-law Wiley Rickerson his nephew Morgan Rickerson and sister-in-law Donna Bradley.

John graduated from South Sumter High School in excelling in football, basketball, and baseball at SSSHS, John was selected to the first team all area football team by the Ocala Star Banner in his senior year. John graduated from Florida State University and received a MA degree from Western Carolina University. John spent his career with Sumter County schools as an outstanding teacher, principal, and administrator. He was selected as Teacher of the Year for the Sumter District and had a positive impact on many young people. John was a member of Lake Panasoffkee United Methodist Church, spending many hours in his younger years maintaining the buildings and grounds. An artisan woodworker, John left many carvings for friends and family. He enjoyed many years of camping in his RV with his family and loved spending time with Carol at their North Carolina cabin.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 10am-11am

with the service to begin at 11am at Lake Panasoffkee United Methodist Church. All are invited to celebrate the wonderful life of John Dixon, with lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall. In honor of John, the family is asking for donations to Lake Panasoffkee United Methodist Church Food Ministries. Condolences may be sent to the family at <https://www.beyersfuneralhome.com/> Arrangements have been entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home- Purcell Chapel, Bushnell, Florida.

Previous Events

Service

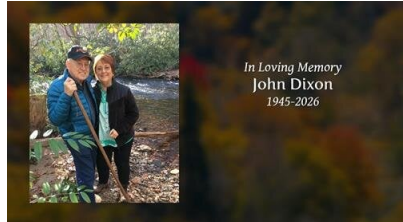
APR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

United Methodist Church
: 589 County Rd 470
Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Thomas Dixon*



Beyers Funeral Home - April 08 at 02:17 PM

SK

“ *Johnny was a classmate and wonderful teammate. Later, I discovered he was a distant cousin. Had I learned that earlier, perhaps I could have been an unofficial part of the enviable Center Hill gang. I learned much about him today at his funeral and I am not surprised of his impact on others. I have great memories of him, but most of all, I admired his determination. It is no wonder that his success continued throughout his life.*

Steve Kimbrough - April 11 at 03:10 PM

JL

“ *Jeanne Lively lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Dixon*



Jeanne Lively - April 07 at 12:49 PM

BW

“ I would like to send my condolences to Carol, Jennifer, Ryan, and Wiley Dixon on behalf of the Welch family. We have known Johnny and Carol and their family for many many years and they are great and special people. We will keep Johnny and his family in our hearts and prayers.

Brian Welch - April 02 at 12:21 AM

CJ

“ Charlotte Judy lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Dixon



Charlotte Judy - March 31 at 08:20 PM

FL

So sorry to hear about john

flo lamb - April 01 at 01:18 PM