



John Leroy Leininger

February 11, 1953 - August 8, 2019

John Leroy Leininger, Sr., 66, passed away peacefully on August 8, 2019 at his home in Tavares, Florida surrounded by his wife and children. Born on February 11, 1953 in Clermont, Florida, John grew up on Pine Island Lake where he loved to fish with his Grandpa Roy. John graduated from Groveland High School in 1971. While attending Lake-Sumter Community College, he met his wife Patty.

From a very young age John was involved in the citrus industry. Through the years he worked in citrus, construction, mechanics and was always raising a steer in the back pasture along with other livestock. For 20 years, John taught Hunters Education programs for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. His efforts helped to continue the heritage of hunting in Florida by developing safe, responsible and knowledgeable hunters.

John is preceded in death by his parents Bobby and Lorene Leininger and grandparents Roy and Ruby Leininger. He is survived by his wife of 47 years Patricia, daughters Jennifer Collins (Sean) and Erin Renae, son Lee and grandson Michael John Collins. Sister Marjorie Berry (Rick), brothers Chester (Kerri) and Henry along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of John's life will be held at the Wildwood Church of Christ, 114 Cleveland Ave, Wildwood, FL 34785 on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 11 a.m. with a reception immediately following in the church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Groveland Church of Christ, 530 Howey Rd, Groveland, FL 34736, Cub Scout Pack 1540 Fairfax, VA (www.pack1540).

com) or a Boy Scout Troop of your choosing.
Arrangements are being handled by Beyers.

Tribute Wall

TS

“ John was the first friend I made when we arrived in Florida almost 40 years ago. He was someone you could call in the middle of the night and he'd say on my way, didn't matter what you needed. We fished, hunted, camped and celebrated holidays together. To many memories to list but one was playing Pepper at Stavropol waiting for our pizza.

Our families were very close until time and life drifted us apart. I feel as if I have lost a brother. Our prayers to the family.

I'm sure his first word when he entered God's kingdom was " Howdy " .

Tom & Betty-Lou

Tom Seager - August 17, 2019 at 08:27 AM

GW

“ My heart is heavy as I fight back the tears, but my thoughts are full of all the magnificent memories of how passionate John was teaching others about the outdoors. I miss you buddy and thanks for the memories. *Greg Workman*

Greg Workman - August 14, 2019 at 09:07 AM

LH

“ Leroy and I were with a group turkey hunting over 30 years ago. He was a volunteer for our Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Hunter Safety Program since 1991 and our FWC Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Workshops (BOW) since 2000. Among lots of other things he did at BOW I remember he would bring a trailer and give the women rides through the Ocala National Forest as part of the evening activities. They loved that and would fight over who would get to go on the trailer. He gave my son a solar hot dog cooker that I think he made in scouts. Leroy almost always had a smile on his face. He loved to teach and was very good at it. He touched the lives of so many people and lives on through them. Isaiah 43:1 Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. You will be missed, brother.

Lynne Hawk - August 09, 2019 at 12:15 PM

CC

“ I was blessed to have John Leininger come into my life when his daughter, Jennifer, married our son Sean. Several years later John, Pat, Mike and I sat outside a hospital room in VA and heard our grandsons first cries-the beginning of a bonding of families that has continued throughout the years. John taught me about salt water fishing and from then on we spent many glorious hours on the water or the beach and he would share memories of his family growing up. Those times will never be forgotten and my fishing buddy will have a place in my heart forever. Thank you John for those memories. May your soul rest in peace.

Carolee "Corky" Collins - August 09, 2019 at 01:10 AM

BN

“ My heart aches for you all with the passing of Mr Leininger... I can't bring myself to call him John... as he was always Mr Leininger to me... I think about all the wonderful times we've had together and great memories. He gave me my first sting from the electric fence by grabbing my hand and then the fence... how he laughed when it zapped me... I also remember a card he drew of our side by side toilets in our new house... 40 years ago... heaven gained a great man and I'm so glad he's not in any pain or sick any longer.. but my heart aches over his loss and I know he leaves a huge hole in your heart... I love you all... praying for you as you all do your best to continue on and be happy as he wished you would...

Barbra-Sue Nelson - August 08, 2019 at 08:53 PM

JU

“ At this sorrowful period in your life, please accept my sincerest condolences for the death of your loved one. Reflecting on the divine promises found in the Bible will give you hope and strength to keep going until all of God's promises are fulfilled. (Romans 15:13; John 5:28, 29)

Juanita - August 08, 2019 at 04:41 PM

FB

“ My condolences on your loss Jennifer. I know this is a very trying time for you and your family and know that we are here to support you. Farah

FS Bridges - August 08, 2019 at 04:37 PM

CJ

“ Jennifer,

Losing your father I know is extremely difficult because you are losing a source of strength, stability and consistency in your life. May God put him in a special place in heaven where he will be watching over you, Michael John and all of your family who loved and cherished him. I am praying for your healing, comfort, moments of peace and memories of joy during this very difficult time. I am so glad that you were able to be with him during his final days, truly a blessing. Sending my sincerest sympathy with lots of hugs and love to you and your entire family. Love, Cheryl

Cheryl Johnson - August 08, 2019 at 03:29 PM