



John Robert Shoemaker

January 6, 1942 - November 29, 2021

John Robert Shoemaker, 79, was born 1/6/42 in Statesville, NC to James and Thelma Shoemaker and died 11/29/21 in Lady Lake, FL. He is survived by his wife Margaret Shoemaker of Lady Lake, FL, his daughter Tanya Anderson (Mitch) of Leesburg, FL., 3 grandchildren - Joshua Anderson (Jessica), Christina Eury (Joshua), Heather Baxley and 7 great-grandchildren - Abigail, Ethan, Braden, McKenzie, Jeremy, Kasen and Callie. He is also survived by his brother Kenneth Shoemaker (Linda), and several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

John served in the Navy 1957-1961 and he was stationed in Cuba and then was stationed on the USS Essex, an aircraft carrier, and later on the USS Pinnacle, a minesweeper. Once he left the Navy he became a professional pilot and flight instructor. His license included single engine, multi-engine, commercial and airline transport ratings as well as his instructor certification. John also served as a Police Officer in Oregon and also worked for the Georgia Bureau of Investigations. He also enjoyed working as a private investigator and in his retirement he kept busy with multiple Security Officer Positions.

A man of many talents and interests, he was also a professional musician and played bass and trumpet. He sang as part of his band and they had several records released. His band had the opportunity to play at Caesars Las Vegas

and to perform as the back-up band for Dick Clark's All American Road Show. As such he got to play with several well-known artists such as Chubby Checker, The Tops, The Diamonds, and BJ Thomas. John also enjoyed woodworking and won several awards for his craftsmanship in many of the shows he entered.

His viewing will be Wednesday, December 8, 2021 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am followed by the funeral at 11:00 am at Beyers Funeral Home in Lady Lake, FL. Interment to follow at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Lady Lake, Florida.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Robert Shoemaker*



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“ *I remember singing to the radio one day and Uncle John overheard me. He told me I sounded pretty and wanted me to come sing with him at the Tate Mansion. I was too shy and didn't think I was good enough to sing in front of a crowd, even though he said I was and told me he would learn any song I wanted to sing with him. I wanted to so badly, but I was just too scared. I wish I would have had the courage to go on stage with him. He had a big heart and was trying to make the shy, new girl in town feel welcome. I loved him for that.*

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“ *Wish we could be there with all of you. Sending hugs, prayers and all our love your way.*

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