



## John- Rice Collins French

July 24, 1982 - April 2, 2026

It is with heavy hearts we share that John-Rice Collins French, from Cherry Lake, Fla., passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at the age of 43. John-Rice was born in Valdosta, Ga., on July 24, 1982, to Michael E. and Sharon Bland French. He enjoyed his youth growing up in the Cherry Lake area with his brothers, Josh and Jeremy. John-Rice loved being outside. He liked to go hunting, but his favorite pastime was to go fishing. John-Rice loved everything about fishing. He would go fishing anytime and anyplace, whenever he had the opportunity.

After graduating from Madison County High School, he began to study to be a certified electrician. He earned the highest level you are able to achieve in that field and became a Journeyman Electrician. For several years, John-Rice lived in Sarasota, Fla., before he decided to return home to Cherry Lake two years ago. John-Rice was known by many people for his skills to be able to repair anything. He had a business known as Frenchys Handyman Services.

John-Rice is survived by his three beautiful children: Haylie-Rice, Atlas and his stepson, Slade. He always found so much joy and happiness in his children. He was very proud of each of them and loved them dearly. They were truly the light of his life. John-Rice is also survived by his beloved mother, Sharon French and brothers, Josh and Jeremy (Missy). He had a very close and special relationship with his nieces and nephew, Addison, Amos

and Carson French. They always kept him entertained and he loved spending time with them. John-Rice was preceded in death by his father, Michael E. French.

John-Rice always had a smile on his face and he never met a stranger. If John-Rice was your friend, you had a friend for life. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his spirit will live on by those he touched.

A celebration of Life service will take place on Friday, April 17, at 11 a.m., at King's Mill Cabin, located at 288 NW Whispering Pines Loop, in Madison, Fla. As we gather to celebrate the life of John-Rice and because we will be outside, the family has asked that everyone dress casually and comfortably just as John-Rice would prefer. In lieu of flowers, please consider giving to the outdoor education program for youth by donating to the Fish and Wildlife Foundation of Florida, P.O. Box 11010, Tallahassee, Fla. 32302.

You can share memories and condolences at [beggsfuneral.com](http://beggsfuneral.com) or by calling (850) 973-2258.

# Cemetery Details

## Cherry Lake Baptist Church Cemetery

Cherry Lake, Florida, FL

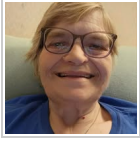
# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (est)

King's Mill Cabin  
288 NW Whispering Pines Loop  
Madison, FL 32340

# Tribute Wall



“ *I hate to hear this.. I have known, John-Rice, since the day that he was born..I even got to babysit him and his brothers, when they were little... John Rice was a good man and will be greatly missed.. Prayers for his sweet Momma and Brothers.. R.I.P. John Rice.. Until we meet again..*

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**Dianna Harry** - May 05 at 09:17 AM

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“ I have known John Rice and the French/Bland families throughout my life.

*Had the pleasure to work with John Rice on his brother's home that was seriously damaged by hurricane Idalia over three years ago.*

*John Rice I love me into his life as the old man who would love him and teach him what little I do about Construction, life, and living. The workplace with our construction partner, Tom Jones became an ongoing Bible study and worship center with daily prayer, followed by spiritual discussions of our Christian beliefs.*

*John Rice introduced me to some powerful Christian music by contemporary musicians. His favorite song and now one of mine is Lio of Judah by Elevation Worship. It is now on my playlist. I drove to teach John Rice. He also taught me things about addiction, love, life, and living through his incredibly compassionate heart.*

*John Ralph did not have much but he had more than most because he loved his Lord and favor, Jesus Jesus Christ and lived for him daily.*

*He and his intended Angelina Curtis open their home to a young couple who are down on their luck, gave the man work in the community to help him in the midst of his struggle. This action strengthen my commitment and resolved to combat personal addiction in Madison County through our counseling ministry at St. John's missionary Baptist Church*

*God bless you, John Rice French and Angelina Curtis. Ed Sheeran Bland French and the entire French Bland clan.*

*Rest in peace, my dear friend, son, and brother. I will join you when my time is up at the throne of our Savior.*

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Mike mchague - April 17 at 07:16 AM

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“ If you knew anything about John Rice, you knew he wanted to fish anywhere anytime and for anything he could. Though he had a love for bass and snook, that could rival anyone. And hands-down, he was the best fisherman around, and if you caught the first fish, you better know he’s coming up fast. The fish are not gonna know what to do without you John Rice. Love you, baby.



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**Angelina** - April 16 at 08:46 PM