



Mr John Russell Westberry

August 3, 1943 - January 16, 2022

John Russell Westberry passed on from his earthly home on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022.

He was 78 years old.

John was born to Richard M. Westberry and Annie Lou Russell on Aug. 3, 1943, in Taylor County.

He graduated from Taylor County High School in 1962. After high school, he attended community college.

John worked various jobs throughout his life, including as a trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), pipe fitter, welder and heavy equipment operator. He was a very talented man and succeeded in all his endeavors.

He lived most of his life in Tallahassee, and then, in retirement, bought land in Grady County and lived out the rest of his life.

John had a great love for the outdoors. That is where you could find him most of the time – from hunting and fishing, to working on his (and others) land.

He always enjoyed taking his grandchildren hunting and took great joy in all of their accomplishments. He was also an excellent marksman and shooter. His little buddy to the end was his dog, Gator.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Westberry and Annie Russell.

He is survived by: his brother, Richard (Laraine) Westberry of Gainesville; his four children, Shanon (Lisa) Westberry of Perry; Melissa (Warren) Whittaker of Tallahassee; Christy (Ric) Keahey of Birmingham, Ala.; and JP (Nick) McCary

of Brooklyn, N.Y.

John was blessed with six grandchildren: JT (Adreanna) Westberry of Cabot, Arkansas.; Shane Westberry of Perry; Trey Whittaker of Tallahassee; Ansley Whittaker of Tallahassee; Taylor (Kaley) Corbitt of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Luke Yarmac-McCary of Brooklyn, N.Y.

He was also blessed with one great-granddaughter, Savanna Westberry of Rockledge, Fla.

Visitation will be held at the Perry chapel of Beggs Funeral Home, 201 W. Main Street, on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 2-4 p.m.

Friends and family are encouraged to come share stories and memories of John.

The family is requesting in lieu of flowers, to please make donations in John's memory to the following charities: Tall Timbers, 13093 Henry Beadel Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32312, www.talltimbers.org; or the First Hunt Foundation, 2965 Hwy 162, Kamiah, ID 83536, Firsthuntfoundation.org.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Cathy Mann lit a candle in memory of Mr John Russell Westberry*



Cathy Mann - February 02, 2022 at 01:55 PM

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“ *Last Saturday what a nice Memorial Service for my former Brother In Law, JOHN R. WESTBERRY. The video of him was amazing - numerous pictures of 1940's, 1950's, etc. He was a unique "big country boy" with lots of interesting hobbies. To everyone in the family (especially my precious Daughter) just know that many Prayers are being said for you. Sending HUGS to Johnny's children and grand children !*

Cathy Mann - February 02, 2022 at 01:55 PM

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“ *Our most sincere condolences to the family on John's passing. Venetia and Martin Croy.*



Venetia Croy - January 26, 2022 at 04:59 PM