



## John Francis Nelson

February 10, 1953 - April 7, 2018

John Francis Nelson Jr died on April 7th.

John was born in Norfolk, Virginia and proudly worked for 35 years as a government employee for the Department of Defense, at both Portsmouth VA Naval Shipyard and NADEP Norfolk. John developed innovative weld repairs for the TF30 engine while at NADEP. He later became Certifying Official for the Navys Aeronautical Welding Program until his retirement from Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

John was the dedicated father of two children, John III, living in Washington DC, and Julia Marie, a senior at the University of Florida. John was married for 36 years to Robin, whom he met while both were working on the USS Eisenhower in Norfolk, VA.

John was passionate about nature, and was a member of the Sierra Club. He was a highly knowledgeable outdoorsman who loved camping, shooting and hiking. Among Johns other interests were military history, metalwork, aviation, and locomotives. John had a soft heart for animals, and will be missed by his five rescue dogs.

John will be mourned by his friends and his family, including his sister, Jackie Darden and spouse Paul, of Sun City Center, in Florida. He leaves his

nephew, David Mayer and Bettina, who reside in Sarasota with their son, Carter. John also leaves his special niece, Shawn Edmonds, and her family husband Dan, and children Maddie and Clark who live in Texarkana, TX.

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Robin, today and always may loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength to you and the children. We are so sorry for your loss.

Lorraine Knight; Dublin Coca-Cola; Walter Scain.. - April 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ A THE COLOR OF MEMORIES TABLE ARRANGEMENT was sent on April 12, 2018 John it was an honor to have known and worked with you. Your family has our deepest sympathies. L.E. White and Thomas Finnigan families.

Expression of Sympathy - April 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ A TABLE MEMORIAL WITH TRINITY OF CANDLES was ordered on April 12, 2018

Expression of Sympathy - April 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Robin, I am so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you and your family in the devastating time.

Shirley Tanton - April 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Johnny, we love you...we cannot think of a better dedicated father and husband. Love from your sister Jackie Nelson Darden, Paul Darden, David, Batina and Carter Mayer.

Paul and Jackie Darden - April 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Robin, We are extremely sorry for your loss. Your entire family as well as Johns are in our prayers. May you find comfort from all those around you during this time.

Karen & Mike Glass - April 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ An INDOOR GARDEN BASKET was ordered on April 11, 2018

Expression of Sympathy - April 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Hey Robin and family, may your faith get you through the hurt of losing John. He is celebrating his life now in heaven. God Bless you, Rick and Shellie Terrell

Rick and Shellie Terrell - April 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ A GRANDMA'S GARDEN TABLE BASKET was sent on April 11, 2018 May God bless and comfort you and your family. Mary Jones-Stokes & Family

Expression of Sympathy - April 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ A BASKET GARDEN was sent on April 11, 2018 Sending you and the kids love, hugs and prayers during this very difficult time. With deepest sympathy and love, Kathy Hainey

Expression of Sympathy - April 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *A DIGNITY IN WHITE PEDESTAL ARRANGEMENT was ordered on April 11, 2018*

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**Expression of Sympathy** - April 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Robin, I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family in this tough time.*

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**Dustin McDaniel** - April 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Robin, my heart is saddened to learn of John's illness and death. I remember him well during his time with the Materials Engineering Lab at NADEP Norfolk. Competent and adept in his welding skills, John was also a warm and kind man, who was well regarded by those of us who worked with him. May you and your family be surrounded by God's infinite love; may He comfort you in your grief; and may He fill your hearts with peace.*

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**Ms. Dayle Conrad Dierks** - April 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *God Bless you Robin, you are being prayed for often. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8*

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**Jeff Stevens** - April 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Sorry for your loss, If you need any please just ask. Dan Barnes*

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**Dan Barnes** - April 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Im sorry to hear about your loss. I will be praying for you.* ”

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**David Hall** - April 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM