



## Nicholas Donald Robbins

August 16, 1953 - March 26, 2024

Nicholas Donald Robbins, 70 of Ocala, FL passed away on Tuesday, March 26th, 2024 due to complications from coronary artery disease.

Nick was born in Louisville, KY to Charlotte Lorraine Robbins and Thomas Lewis Robbins on August 16th, 1953. His family moved to Pinellas County in 1955. The family moved to Crystal River when his dad took a position at the Crystal River State Archaeological Site as it's first park manager. Nick graduated from Crystal River High School in 1971. There he met, and later married, his high school sweetheart Cindy Sue Upton (Robbins).

Nick worked in Crystal River in his early years at Phillips Tire, but returned to the park service as his kids got older. Nick started off as a Park Ranger but moved up through the ranks, retiring as the Park Manager of the Crystal River Archaeological Site in 2015 after 38 years of service.

Nick was an avid sailor, having sailed on one ocean or another from a very early age. He was in fact the son of a sailor. He loved music and was an accomplished drummer. You could always catch him listening to Jimmy Buffet working out in his shop making something out of wood or fixing something for a sailboat. Nick was a self-taught artist working mostly in pen and ink. He created beautiful, delicate pieces of scrimshaw and large, captivating wall murals always with a tropical motif. He passed on his artistic talents to his

children and grandchildren.

Nick is survived by his wife of 49 years Cindy, daughter Beth Cooper (Jon), son Dr. Joseph Robbins (Erica) and eight grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Frank and sister Anne (Dick). He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Tom.

A Celebration of Nick's life will be held on Sunday, April 14th, 2024 at 2pm at Roberts Of Ocala West Chapel, 6241 SW State Road 200, Ocala, FL 34476. Heather Vandagejuchte will be officiating.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Empath Hospice of Marion County <https://hospiceofmarion.org/>

# Previous Events

## Celebration

APR **14**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala West Chapel  
6241 SW SR 200  
Ocala, FL 34476

# Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Nicholas Donald Robbins* ”



**Roberts**

Downtown Chapel

*With Gratitude and Compassion*

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**Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - April 14, 2024 at 01:41 PM**