



## Jerry W Bishop

February 1, 1944 - June 20, 2021

Jerry Warren "Dewayne" Bishop, lovingly known as the unofficial mayor of West Beach, passed away peacefully on June 20th in Gulf Shores, AL surrounded by family and friends. He was born on February 1, 1944 in Ballplay, Alabama. He attended Hokes Bluff High School and went on to serve in the Army National Guard. He worked at LTB Steel for 35 years and made lifelong friends. He is survived by his daughter, Hylan Bishop Richey, grandson, Reid Elliott Richey, sister, Jo Autman, brother, Larry Bishop, niece, Fran Morgan and grandnieces and grandnephews Andrew, Bethany and Hannah.

He married Patsy Bishop in 1964 and they had one daughter together, Hylan. He and his second wife Cynthia Johnson moved to west beach together in 2001 to enjoy Jerry's favorite view of the "big pond".

He was a resident handyman, construction and lawn expert to west beach residents. He loved to fish, drink Bud Light, host yard sales and eat at his favorite restaurant, DeSoto's. He loved sitting on his porch and taking care of his many plants. He loved Alabama football more than anyone and had a shrine to the Tide in his dining room.

Special thank you is extended to the nurses and doctors at South Baldwin Hospital who treated like family and to Phillip "Bo" Bowen - his longtime friend

who took great care of him in the weeks leading up to his passing.

A beachside island memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 26 at 11am to celebrate the life of Jerry. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made via venmo at [hylanrichey@mayorofwestbeach](mailto:hylanrichey@mayorofwestbeach) to be split up between Jerry's favorite causes.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Enjoyed saying hello and talking to snooter over the years as he lived down the street Prayers to the family Will miss seeing him around Gulf Shores Possum* ”

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