



John O Fortier

May 3, 2023

A private memorial service, to be announced at a later date, will be held in Memphis, TN, to celebrate the life of John Olin Fortier, who passed away peacefully after a brief illness on May 3, 2023, at the age of 63.

John was born on December 3, 1959, in Waterbury, Connecticut, to John A. and Bettye C. Fortier. At a young age, John's parents moved their family to Greenville, MS, where he grew up playing sports, hunting, and fishing. He loved to read, and was an honor student. He attended the St. Joseph Catholic School System in Greenville, where he graduated with honors in 1977. He went on to attend Delta State University, where he graduated with a BS in Criminology in 1981. In 1982, John married Paula Waddle. Together they made a life for their family in Memphis, TN. For over four decades, John was an insurance adjuster and consultant, retiring in 2021. After retirement, John enjoyed home renovations, playing golf, cooking, and going to the beach with family and friends. John will always be remembered as a man who never met a stranger, always fun-loving and easy to be around. To know John, was to love John. He was that kind of a man.

John is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Paula Fortier; their two daughters, Jenee (Andrew) Fortier of Memphis, TN and Alicia Sellers (Steven) of Nashville, TN; his parents John A. and Bettye C. Fortier of Hernando; brothers James (Frankie) Fortier of Grenada, MS, and Jerry Fortier of Callahan, FL; sister Liz Schile (Jerry) of Vermont; nephews Jamie (Cristen) Fortier of Brandon, MS, and John Franklin (Megan) Fortier of Grenada, MS; great nieces and nephew Aubrey, Sadie, and Thomas Fortier; and a host of close friends.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Memphis Area Prevention Coalition (MAPC) at www.memphisprevention.org/donate

Tribute Wall

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“ Robert and Peggy Yount purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John O Fortier.



Robert and Peggy Yount - May 21, 2023 at 05:21 PM

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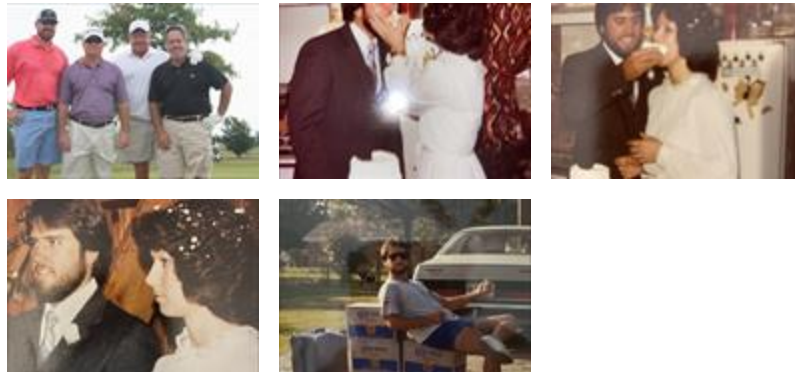
“ M/V Charles Southern Crew purchased the Loving Grace for the family of John O Fortier.



M/V Charles Southern Crew - May 21, 2023 at 05:21 PM

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“ 27 files added to the album Tribute



Paula Fortier - May 15, 2023 at 07:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John O Fortier.*



May 08, 2023 at 09:04 PM



“ *Gonna miss this good 'ol boy! Had great times with John and Paula back in the college days and glad I spent time with these great people. Not a day goes by I still think about the days when... I remember their wedding day as if it was a short time ago. He took care of me and remember spending a few weekends hunting on the river, breaking into the old gym at DSU on Sundays to play hoop, going to a Bluegrass fest (starring BB King) somewhere in the middle of a field, partying at Rosedale park on many weekends, going to a great barbecue rib shack in Greenville (or Greenvul) and many more great times. Will miss you dearly John (RIP)!*

Ron Dixon - May 07, 2023 at 10:37 PM



“ *John was my best friend in college. We had so many good times as well as crazy times. Sharing concert experiences as well as attending a few together. RIP my good friend*

Robert Lawson - May 07, 2023 at 04:14 PM

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“ As a child in Greenville John lived down the street a few houses. We all had such great times. We moved away but years later I was so surprised to move into my dorm at Delta State and John was down the hall. Such a great person always smiling and there for his friends. Prayers for the family

Bubba Mullen - May 07, 2023 at 10:41 AM

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“ John give Grandma a huge hug for me. Rest in Peace Cousin. ❤️

Raymond Connors - May 06, 2023 at 04:59 PM