



John David Haigler

November 27, 2023

Mr. John David Haigler, lovingly known as John , Jack and JD passed away peacefully on Monday night , November 27, 2023 in Covenant Care in The Sacred Heart Medical Center after a long battle with Brain Cancer. For seven months John was a witness to us all as he continued to fight his cancer with a positive, kind and uplifting attitude.He was able to remain at home in his beloved Ceilo residence in Lillian AL until Thanksgiving day when he was rushed to Sacred Heart Medical Center with new cancer complications. John was then placed in Covenant Care until the Lord ended his suffering and took him home to Heaven. He had just turned 83 years old two weeks before he passed away. On his birthday he was able to enjoy a wonderful party and fun visit with his family that will always be remembered and cherished. John was born on November 14, 1940 to John Harold and Orrie Lou Haigler in Shreveport , Louisiana. He also lived for many years in Greensboro , North Carolina and then finished out his retirement on the gulf coast in Lillian, Alabama.

John was proud to serve his country in the United States Air Force for four years during the Vietnam War. Following his military service John enjoyed a rewarding career with AT&T in both Louisiana and North Carolina . He retired from AT&T and continued to work in a new career with The North Carolina Department of Transportation . After his retirement from the NCDOT John enjoyed entrepreneurship with a lucrative Deck business that he enjoyed for many years.

John David was active in his local church wherever his location. He Loved ALL people and strived to be busy in mission work and bible study. He went all over the globe on numerous mission trips and enjoyed traveling with his family and friends. John was easy going, happy and kind . He was a humble and unassuming man. He always gave others the benefit of the doubt and loved to pray for others. He wanted to laugh and be happy and have fun. His eyes and smile were always bright . He loved to share stories with his family and friends . He was a good listener and a wise man. He was always content with what he had and did not complain. John was always in the mood for a sweet dessert and ate dark chocolate by the pound!

John also enjoyed cars and any kind of racing . His garage was his pride and joy. He loved to work on any engine and tinkering all day on his classic cars was his passion. He was a talented mechanic as well. He was involved in many car shows and swap meets. He

loved to collect car memorabilia and read every car magazine. Toward the end of his retirement John also loved to work in his large yard. He was an avid bird enthusiast and had fun with his many bird feeders and feathered friends. His last and treasured accomplishment was to become a member of the Lillian Masons Lodge 925 . He was active in the Lodge until the end and loved his mason brothers. His passing will leave a hole in the heart of his loved ones, family, friends and community. Anyone who spent time with John was blessed . He is survived by his loving wife Creslyn Smerznak Haigler, his son John Micheal Haigler and his wife Theresa Haigler. His son Justin E Haigler and his wife Angie Haigler. He was also a beloved "Grandpops" to his five grandchildren : Lauren Clawson and her husband Carter Clawson , Ashley Grubbs and her husband Jacob Grubbs, Hannah Haigler, Ian Haigler and Emma Haigler. He was also a Precious "Pop Pop" to his extended children and grandchildren: Austin and Emma G Barnes and Dwight and Emma K Hilton with their children Nathan Daniel and Cassidy Marie Hilton and he was a special friend to Father in Law , John Robert Smerznak. He also leaves behind his dear sister Jill Holtzclaw and beloved nephew Jeff David Bailey both of Louisiana. He will leave behind many friends , his treasured church community and lodge

brothers.

John was preceded in death by his mother and father . As well as his twin brother Joseph

Haigler.

This Celebration of John David Haigler's life will be held at 10:00am , Friday December 1st

,2023 ,at the ALABAMA STATE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY in Spanish Fort ,

Alabama

In Lieu of flowers please donate in Memory of John to the Disabled American Veterans.

<https://www.dav.org>. Search ways to give.

Previous Events

Military Graveside Service

DEC 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort
34904 AL-225
Spanish Fort, AL 36577
(251) 625-1338

Tribute Wall

JT

“ John and I met after he transferred to AT&T in Greensboro NC.in 1995. We ate a lot of fish. He told me I needed to learn to dance to meet women. I followed his advice. Am still single but have enjoyed perhaps thousands of dances. Both of us worried about getting a pot belie. I joined the Y in Kernersville, NC. He however got in an exercise class taught by Crestlyn. The rest is history. He was as good a friend as I will ever have. I took him sailing on the Pamlico River in my Olympic 470. He went with me to car shows in Charlotte at the World 600 racetrack. I taught him about Fords but helped him restore his '70 Chevelle. We prayed a lot for our different circumstances. He worked with the singles group here at Pinedale Christian Church and went on a number of mission trips to the NC coast, Jamaica, and Alaska. He would always want you to get out and make memories. His love language had to be quality time. John Tripp, Winston-Salem, NC

John Tripp - December 01, 2023 at 12:32 PM

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“ Just a few memories of our past visits together which were never dull as they included cars, horses, old churches, back roads looking, food, fun and lots of laughter. Memories live on forever -- Wayne & Debbie



Wayne & Debbie Medlin - November 30, 2023 at 06:31 PM

DM

“Creslyn, John Michael and Justin, your husband and father was a really unique man. When I married my husband Wayne, I inherited a great friend named John David Haigler. He was a hard worker, religious and loved anything to do with old cars and trucks. These photos were taken at our last adventure together at Cruisin the Coast in October 2023. We met in Biloxi, MS and talked about cars and trucks and laughed at the many "sites" going up and down the street. My cousin has a saying for herself and everyone who has lived their life here on this earth: Life's journey is no to arrive safely at the grave in a well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally worn out, and shouting "Holy Cow.....What a Ride!"
Memories will never be forgotten--Debbie Medlin



Debbie Medlin - November 30, 2023 at 06:17 PM

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“ I, Wayne Medlin, knew my friend for decades as John while we spent many years working together in the telephone manufacturing business. But later in life, he asked that I call him J.D. but never said what caused the name change. Although when I was young, I was known by everyone as Floyd and in middle school I became Wayne. I guess we both had some personal identity issues-LOL. J.D. aka John and I had some really enjoyable times together and I will always remember the estate sales, car shows, swap meets, wrecking yards and both of our love of doing anything involved with Classic cars. I remember he was with me when I purchased an ALLSTATE Automobile which was actually sold by SEARS in Shreveport we found in Doylene, LA that was very rare. When I told him I sold it he said you did WHAT!!! I can remember he and I working on our cars of choice under carports and even in the yard when time was short. Later, J.D. collected and sold auto literature at various swap meets and car shows as he loved sharing his knowledge gleaned from his constant reading of most of his collection. I think we both stopped using any car or truck made after the mid 1970's for anything other than simple convenience to get from point A to point B. He and his friendship will be dearly missed but know I will see you later Alligator!! Wayne

Wayne medlin - November 30, 2023 at 05:39 PM

AR

“ It has been over 35 years since I last saw and talked with John in the Quality Assurance department at AT&T in Shreveport. I always enjoyed John as we always laughed together at work issues. He had a fun laugh. Please accept my condolences. Arif Rehman.

Arif Rehman - November 30, 2023 at 07:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John David Haigler.



November 29, 2023 at 07:51 AM