



John C. Bryant

March 25, 1949 - June 18, 2023

John S. Bryant, affectionately known as “Big John”, 74, of Branford, Florida passed away June 18, 2023.

John was born March 25, 1949, to the late Ernest and Alice Bryant in Savannah, GA, but had lived in the Branford area for over 15 years, after moving here from Jacksonville, FL. He worked for several years as a truck driver, before his retirement. John was very active as a Mason and Shriner. He was a Past Master of Hyde Park Lodge No.370 Free and Accepted Masons in Jacksonville, FL, a Past District Deputy Grand Master in the Jacksonville area, a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Valley of Jacksonville, a member and Shrine Club Coordinator with Morocco Shrine Center, a member and Past President of the West Jax Shrine Club, the Ballyhoo Buggy Parade Unit, and Branford Shrine Club. He was active in several Shrine Clubs in North Florida including the Lake City Shrine Club.

John graduated from Paxon High School, class of 1967 in Jacksonville. He always enjoyed his class reunions and catching up with his classmates.

John is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Liz Bryant of Venice, FL, Aunt Ethel Raulerson of Folkston, GA, Russell Burnett, III (Katherine), Brian Burnett all of Jacksonville, FL, Shelda Wilkerson of Ft.

White, FL and his Lady, Tracy Ogden of Lake City. There is a long list of people whom he loved like family: various Shriners, their Ladys', cousins, and close friends.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Bryant, and his Lady, Evelyn Johnson.

The most important thing in Big John's life was family and friends. He was known as a man who helped others. He is missed by so many.

A celebration of life, (party in his words), for Big John, will be Saturday, August 19, at 1:00 at the Lake City Shrine Club, located on Brown Road, Lake City, FL.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Patient Transportation Fund (PTF) at Morocco Shrine Center. The address is 560 Wells Road, Orange Park, FL 32073

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall



“ *John C. Bryant*

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *A big teddy bear. My first boyfriend. You are missed. RIP*

Sherry McKinnon - September 06, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ *Christine Goad lit a candle in memory of John Bryant*



Christine Goad - August 21, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ *He will be dearly missed. Did a lot for the Suwannee side of TREPO !!! Was a good man !!*

scotty K - July 25, 2023 at 01:54 PM

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“ Lonnie knew Big John since they were very young they lived in the same neighborhood so I would say he knew him for about 60 years. The first time I remember meeting Big John and Mary we when Lonnie was going through the sands. We were in their motor home and the Ballyhoo Buggy pulled up and they all got out and peed on their tires and he said you don't want Lonnie to get in that unit they are kind of wild. Next thing I know Lonnie comes home and said he wants to be in the Ballyhoo. About a year or two later Big John got in the Ballyhoo. I certainly am going to miss that big Teddy Bear and Lonnie will certainly miss his childhood friend. 💔

Juanita Green - July 10, 2023 at 04:28 PM



“ When I was newly a created Noble I first met Big John in the Temple kitchen doing his thing, He was bigger than life. Scary at first but just a huge teddy bear once he knew you. He was a great example of a Noble and a great role model.

Kurt Morauer Sr - July 09, 2023 at 09:21 PM