



John Melvin Dyals

December 19, 1943 - December 6, 2025

John Melvin Dyals, age 81, of Old Town, Florida, passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 6, 2025. He was born on December 19, 1943, to J.D. and Lovie Dyals.

John spent most of his life as a commercial fisherman and loved teaching others about the trade. He was a great mentor and friend. He carried himself with integrity and was of Christian faith. When he wasn't on the water, he enjoyed hunting and running dogs, but most of all he loved being with his family who were his pride and joy.

John is survived by his wife of 64 years, Linda Mae Dyals, of Old Town; daughters, Dixie Wright (Leon) of Cross City, Sissy Dyals of Old Town, Vicky Dyals (Gary) of Old Town; son Merlon Dyals (Julie) of Old Town; his brother Dan Dyals (Judy) of Old Town; 17 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren as well as other extended family members. He is preceded in death by his daughters Karen Young and Linda Gail Dyals (Rickey) of Old Town.

Funeral services for John will be held 11:00 AM Friday, December 12, 2025, at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with Pastor Dwayne Kight officiating. Interment will follow in Cross City Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of 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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City
16984 SE Hwy 19
Cross City, FL 32628
(352) 498-5400

Funeral Service

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of John Melvin Dyals



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - December 12, 2025 at 10:23 AM

AC

“ Angela C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Melvin Dyals.

Angela C. - December 12, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of John Melvin Dyals.



December 11, 2025 at 12:31 PM

LZ

“ Linda Brock and Michael Zavalick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Melvin Dyals.

Linda Brock and Michael Zavalick - December 11, 2025 at 12:31 PM

FK

“ *Fabian, Sylvia, and Kevin purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of John Melvin Dyals.*



Fabian, Sylvia, and Kevin - December 10, 2025 at 09:57 AM