



CMSgt. John Wesley Anderson (Ret.)

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CMSgt. John W. Anderson (Ret.), 87, left his earthly body to enter eternity with the Lord in the comfort of his home, on October 5th, with loved ones by his side.

John was born on October 31, 1935 in the small coal mining town of Kimball, West Virginia, to Clarence William and Lora Mae Carlton Anderson. John attended Welch High School until joining the U.S. Air Force at age seventeen. He dedicated his life to serving the country, which he loved, in the U.S. Air Force, active duty, and reserves. He was originally trained as an aircraft maintenance technician and early in his career was stationed at various bases in the U.S. He also had tours in Morocco, Africa, as well as Sevilla and Madrid, Spain. Eventually his career brought him to Marietta, GA where he worked for a short time at Lockheed Martin, then Dobbins Air Force Base where he spent the remainder of his career. After 35 years of faithful service and continued advancements to his career, he retired from both U.S Air Force and U.S Civil Service on October 31, 1995, as Chief Master Sergeant.

John was a loving, devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and son. He loved to joke around and laugh. Though John never officially obtained a college degree he did complete two years of collegiate studies. He was an avid reader, and eloquent in the art of written word. Throughout his life he wrote many beautiful poems, political writings, and had many "letters to the editor" published in the Tallahassee Democrat. In his younger days, he was a car enthusiast and throughout his life enjoyed tinkering on his automobiles and completing home projects.

On July 15, 1999 John married the love of his life, his "Chiquita", Alba Lucia Gonzalez Anderson. They had twenty-four wonderfully, blessed years together. John and Alba lived in Marianna, FL before moving to Tallahassee in 2000.

In addition to his loving wife, Alba, John is survived by: his sister, Judith Mullins of Kennesaw, GA; daughter, Janeen Anderson of Acworth, GA; son by marriage, Carlos Moreno (and Catherine) of Tallahassee, FL; daughter-in-law, Missy Graves Anderson of West Lafayette, IN; his



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grandchildren, Jordan Anderson, Jake Anderson, Gabriel Moreno, Nicolas Moreno; as well as many nieces, nephews, and in-laws he loved dearly.

John was preceded in death by his parents, many extended family and friends, but he experienced great heartache when his beloved son, Craig W. Anderson, died on July 6, 2021 at the age of 44.

John will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

An honorary military service will be held at the Tallahassee National Cemetery on Friday, October 20, 2023 at 2:00 PM.



Events


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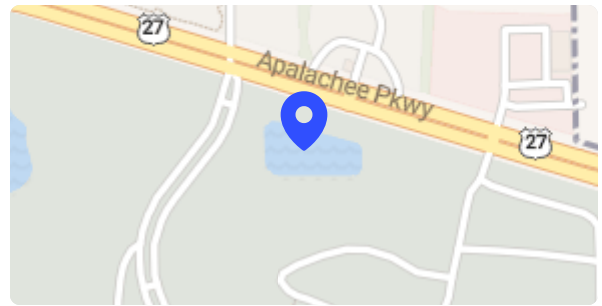
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Service

 **Friday**, October 20, 2023

 2:00 PM ET

 **Tallahassee National Cemetery**
5015 Apalachee Pkwy, Tallahassee FL 32311





Tribute Wall

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CM

Carlos Moreno lit a candle in honor of John.



October 18 at 6:08 PM

NJ

Natalia Jaramillo posted:

I will forever remember his kindness and big heart. I'll have to make his banana pudding recipe in his honor. Always in our hearts. Familia Jaramillo Castillo

October 16 at 11:51 AM

MA

Marcia posted:

It was a great joy having met John for the first time when he visited Cali many years ago. He fully integrated to the group of Colombian friends who had been summoned to meet our friend Alba Lucia's new husband she so very much and happily talked about. He was so patient listening to everybody speaking on top of each other, and I then supposed he was getting an eye-opener as to what he had gotten into when marrying into this vivacious and extroverted Latin culture. We got to meet a few more times and I have the best memories of him being always a gentleman, always a respectful listener, but mostly, as being the cause of our friend Alba Lucia's glowing smile and spirit. Always in our memories, may you rest in peace

October 11 at 4:38 AM

FV

Fabiola Vargas posted:

I have so much gratitude, respect, and love for John. He opened his house without asking questions and allowed me to learn English from him, to learn about his culture, and his history. He gave me all his support and love to succeed. I remember every morning seeing his happy face with a big smile and always fixing something with so much precision and perfection. I am so grateful for having the opportunity to learn from him when I was a teenager. To have his presence at my wedding and to spend some time with him during my first pregnancy. John was a great man, and he touched so many lives that I am so happy to be one of those people. Gracias John, te quiero mucho.

October 10 at 5:30 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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