



John Wilbur Vickery

February 2, 1936 - August 5, 2016

John Wilbur Vickery, 80, of Wauchula, died on Friday, August 5, 2016 in St. Cloud, Florida, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Willacoochee, Georgia on February 2, 1936. He moved to Wauchula in 1939 at the age of three and lived here throughout his life.

He was lovingly referred to as Wilbur and Big Papa. Wilbur served in Law Enforcement in Wauchula 1970-76, Bowling Green 1979-80, and served as Police Chief for Zolfo Springs 1976-79 and again 1980-89. In 1989 he went to work for the City of Wauchula Water and Sewer Distribution. He retired in 2002 and returned as a Consultant in 2003. He had been a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1955.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Florence Vickery, sisters, Mary Frances Vickery and Ethell Moncrief, brother, Walter Vickery, wife of 35 years, Mary Lucille, and grandson, Ryan Rawlson.

Wilbur is survived by his wife of 24 years, Jean Vickery; son, John Vickery of Wauchula; daughter, Helen Scott of Sebring; son, Randy Vickery and wife Marie of Wauchula; son, Lester Vickery and wife Jama of Wauchula, son, David Williams and wife Jennifer of Inverness; and daughter, Cathy Hiers and husband David of St. Cloud; 17 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and numerous other family members.

Visitation will be held on Monday, August 8, 2016 from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm at Robarts Garden Chapel. Funeral services are at 10:00 am Tuesday at Robarts Garden Chapel with Mr. Duck Smith officiating. Honors will be provided by Law Enforcement. Interment is in Wauchula Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Wauchula Cemetery

Wauchula, FL 33873

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Robarts Garden Chapel
529 West Main Street
Wauchula, FL 33873
(863) 773-9773
robartsfuneralhome@gmail.com
<http://www.robartsfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Mr. Wilber for about 10 years at the City of Wauchula . He was a great boss and a good friend. Rest in peace my old friend.

Trevor Napier - August 10, 2016 at 06:00 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Wilbur Vickery.



August 09, 2016 at 01:47 PM

JW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Wilbur was a great Chief of Police in Zolfo. I only have good memories of him.

Jacqueline Walker - August 08, 2016 at 09:50 PM

GS

“ Sorry to hear of Wilbur's passing, Wilbur was a good friend and a great Law enforcement officer. Honest as the day is long. I enjoyed working with Wilbur. He never held against me for taking his motorcycle and hiding it in the book in room at the Sheriff's office. We all had a great time.
Gordon Stephens



Gordon Stephens - August 08, 2016 at 05:56 PM

JU

“ *I only knew Wilbur the three years that I Worked for the City of Wauchula. During this time I got to know the good man that he was and will miss him terribly. Judy Elbertson.*

Judy - August 08, 2016 at 05:10 PM

BW

“ *Butch and Cindi Webster purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Wilbur Vickery.*



Butch and Cindi Webster - August 08, 2016 at 01:35 PM