



Fred Simpson Watford

December 21, 1937 - November 24, 2023

Fred Simpson Watford, 85, passed away from mesothelioma, November 24, 2023, at his home in Tallahassee, FL. Fred was born in Jackson County, FL on December 21, 1937, to Nelson and Ida Watford. Fred graduated from Graceville High School when he was 16 years old and then with the permission of his parents, he enlisted in the United States Navy. After leaving the military, he became an automobile mechanic and after more than 33 years of service he retired from Courtesy Cars in Tallahassee.

Fred leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Annette Watford, a daughter, Debra Watford and his two sons, Fred Jr and Craig Watford and two stepsons, Robert and Kenneth Presnell, 12 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and other loving family members. He is preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers and 2 sisters, and 2 step-grandsons.

The family will receive friends, Tuesday, November 28, 2023, from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM, at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Rd, Tallahassee, FL. The funeral service will follow at 2:00 PM and the burial will be at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Chattahoochee, FL. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Fred's name to the charity of your choice. The family would also like to let everyone know that casual dress is certainly appropriate. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com).

Cemetery Details

Mount Pleasant Cemetery

6412 Memorial Blue Star Hwy
Chattahoochee, FL 32324

Previous Events

The Family Will Receive Friends

NOV 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Service

NOV 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We were all blessed to have Peepaw in our lives, he was the strongest , kindest and sweetest man I have ever known. He was not my blood father but He was a father to me. In the last few months he has shown us all just how strong he was. He taught all of us work ethic, god knows he never slowed down.

We love you and will miss you.

Lisa

Lisa Land - November 28, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Fred Simpson Watford.



November 27, 2023 at 10:42 AM

MS

“ Fred was a one of a kind. My late husband bought a boat even though he could not swim knowing Fred would pick out the safest boat and even take our daughters skiing. When my husband was terminally ill Fred offered to come and stay with him if I needed to run an errand. Fred was a man who always told the truth; a honest compassionate man who this family is privileged to have known. Our deepest sympathy to you Annette who he loved most.

Mrs. Sam Shovlain - November 27, 2023 at 06:28 AM

RB

I first met Fred in August of 1986 when I got a job as a line technician trainee at Courtesy Cars , I was only 25 and my wife and I had just had our first daughter, Fred took to her immediately. Have so many great memories of Fred. When we moved from Tallahassee to woodville, Fred was the first person to come forward and volunteer, we used his flatbed stake body truck. He drove it of course!

Randy Boykin - November 28, 2023 at 10:16 PM