



Jeffery "Jeff" Roy Merritt

February 22, 1964 - October 30, 2024

Jeffery "Jeff" Roy Merritt of Monticello, Florida, passed away peacefully October 30, 2024, with family by his side. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Tracy Andersen Merritt, mother Katie Burns of Havana, Florida, brother Wesley Merritt and wife Alison of Havana, Florida, brother Andy Merritt and partner Jenny Stokes of Lakeland, Florida, niece Kelsie Marsh and husband Jack of Fort Bragg (Liberty), North Carolina, uncle Ron Merritt and wife Cheryl of Summerfield, South Carolina, aunt Janice McCranie and husband Ray of Tallahassee, Florida, and several beloved cousins. He is preceded in death by his father Lee Roy Merritt, uncle Ralph Merritt, uncle David Merritt, uncle Wayne Merritt, aunt Caroline Rudd, and uncle Billy Dyer.

Jeff was born February 22, 1964 in Quincy, Florida and grew up in Liberty and Gadsden counties.

He attended Gadsden Christian Academy before moving to Tallahassee in 1976 where

he attended Raa Middle School, and Lincoln High School, then pursued

commercial art at Lively Vocational Technical School. He was exceptionally bright and talented, excelling in academics and sports, including football and baseball while in school, and was an avid fisherman, spending much time in St. Marks, Carrabelle, and on Lake Talquin where his father and uncle lost their lives in 1970.

As a young man he worked in the nursery business and was employed by Super Lube for many years before moving on to other endeavors. He also worked several years at the Jefferson County Road Department. His true passion was fishing and being in the great outdoors. He had a strong faith and was a free spirit that looked forward to the day when he could be with his father and loved ones that had passed on before him. He will be greatly missed.

A private family memorial service will be held at the coast at a day and time to be determined.

Those wishing to make a contribution in his honor may give to their charity of choice in fighting lung cancer or their local hospice.

Dayne Parker of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Merritt family with their arrangements.