



John Lee Chapin

February 23, 1946 - April 19, 2019

John Lee Chapin, 73, of Tallahassee, passed away on April 19, 2019, at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare.

He was born February 23, 1946, in Daytona Beach, Florida to the late Dr. Ned Raymond Chapin and late Mary Consuela Geen Chapin. He was a graduate of Manatee High School (1964) and Florida State University (1973). Lee was a veteran; a Free Mason, Jackson Lodge No 1 F & AM; a former member of the Appalachia Bay Yacht Club; and an active member of the Shell Point Sailboard Club.

He is survived by his wife, Leah LeBlanc Chapin; his brother Paul Chapin (Penny), Bradenton, FL; his three daughters, Kelly Kormanec (Doug), Sebastian, FL; Jennifer Chapin McNeill (Stevie), Franklin, TN; Jonnelle Chapin Baskette (Andy), Lakeville, MN; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Lee was preceded in death by his son, Jason Lee Chapin, Tallahassee, FL.

A celebration of Lee's life will be held from 2:00PM until 4:00PM on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at Wakulla Springs Lodge. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or Shriners Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Chapin family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wakulla Springs State Park & Lodge
Dogwood Room
Highway 61 & 267
Crawfordville, FL

Tribute Wall

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“ It was sad to learn of Lee’s untimely passing. I have lots of fond memories of working with Lee on the NWLON and Tampa Bay PORTS. He was talented and resourceful when installing and maintaining oceanographic instrumentation. Lee fit the mold of MacGyver, often coming up with innovative and common-sense solutions. Joan and I also enjoyed working with Lee and Leah who helped with the IEEE Current Measurement Technology conference in St. Pete in 1995. Of course, anyone who has spent time with Lee had opportunities to experience some great foods. Whether an upscale restaurant or hole-in-the-wall, Lee always steered me to amazing meals. Our thought and prayers go out to Leah and the family.

Tom and Joan Mero - May 03, 2019 at 02:38 PM

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“ Leah, Paul and family: Lee and our boyhood in Bradenton was a wonderful experience that shaped us small town boys to become eventual adults- sometimes! Best of friends from elementary school we played baseball, fished in the Manatee river after school, and got in to our share of childhood troubles like waking up Doctor Shivley one night while we were fishing on the river outside his house , yelling for him to come operate to extract a hook from the mouth of an unwilling catfish! Lee's mother made him write notes of apology to the Doctor and his neighbors, while I only had to sign the cards that Lee had written. I felt like Tom Sawyer getting somebody else to paint the fence! Both Lee and Paul had great ability when it came to motors. Long before we were old enough to have driver's licenses Lee drove all over Bradenton streets in their motorized Go-cart while I was still peddling my bicycle!.As long as we live Lee will be with us as we remember the wonderful times that we had together. Lee's life was a gift for us all who were lucky to have shared so many good times together. With fond memories and love to you all. Kerry

Kerry Kirschner - April 25, 2019 at 01:19 PM

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“ Leah, Jennifer, and Jonnelle,

This is truly sad news about J Lee and It is way too soon. There should have been many more days of sailing, bugging, and scalloping with his family, relatives, and friends, which were his primary joys in life. Family, relatives, friends, and water were the things J Lee valued most. In addition to, work, hunting and a little skiing, which is where I was fortunate enough to do all of the above with J Lee. We spent over 25 years working around the water putting in tide stations in Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Bahamas, Jamaica, Belize, Greece, Eastern Caribbean, and Central and South America, in the water hunting ducks and Geese in Maryland, and on frozen water skiing in Canada, Colorado, and Utah. We had many adventures and misadventures over those 25 plus years and many miles that I will cherish forever.

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Doug Martin - April 24, 2019 at 05:29 PM

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“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Lee, it is hard to choose just one. He endured my tent inspections, late night knock and runs, amateur fishing expeditions, trash runs, morning tea intrusions, hydrolighting abilities and various attempts at comedy. He was a genuine, kind, giving, intelligent, humble man. I will miss him greatly.*



Leah, I am so very sorry for your loss as well as the loss the rest of the family is experiencing.

Chris Hill

Chris - April 23, 2019 at 02:58 PM