



## John W. Kerce

February 7, 1947 - June 24, 2021

John William Kerce (74), better known as Pops, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, June 24, 2021. Born February 7, 1947, in Tallahassee, FL, he graduated from Leon High School and soon after joined the United States Marine Corps headed to Vietnam from '67-'68 where he became a Corporal and Expert Rifleman. Upon his return, he founded First Impression Painting Contractors, Inc., painting residential and commercial properties in the Big Bend area for more than 30 years.

In his retirement, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and visiting with his neighbors. His green thumb made his backyard a paradise and he found joy in raising the many butterflies his garden attracted. Pops never met a stranger. He was kind and generous, but the quality he will most be remembered for was his ability to make you laugh.

Pops is survived by his bride of 36 years, Dona and his three children: John Thomas, Gini (Matt), Sam (Alice), and his two grandchildren, Harrison and Eloise.

The family will hold a memorial service at Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee on Friday, July 30, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. We all know he was not a dress-up kind of guy, so please come comfortable. An intimate family ceremony will be held at the National Cemetery at another time.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks friends and family to please donate to the Capital City Kiwanis Club in Pops' honor. <https://CCKCTallahassee.portalbuzz.com/memorial>

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com))

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32311

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 30. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

## Reception

JUL 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of John W. Kerce*



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**Bevis Funeral Home** - July 29, 2021 at 11:19 AM

MG

*Thank you for sharing this so we could participate virtually. We miss Pops very much and it was wonderful to hear all the lovely memories shared. Sending love to you all. Megan and Peter.*

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**Megan Gottemoeller** - July 30, 2021 at 02:33 PM

KB

“ *I loved all of stories Dona would bring to the office - he loved his family and his animals and friends and their friends - full of humor. His star is shining brightly in the sky.*

*Kathie*

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**Kathie McKenzie Bennett** - July 30, 2021 at 02:05 PM

BZ

“ *Dona, Fond memories from years ago. Our sincerest condolences. Lee and Bill Zuna*

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**Bill Z.** - July 25, 2021 at 09:37 AM

DG

“ I love Pops!! We clicked as friends! Dona shared him with me as a hunting buddy! He took me on my first (well only) quail and dove hunts! He knew I liked getting outdoors and shooting! We went skeet shooting at Dog Pond (Bella's puppy college). He loved FSU baseball too, listening to all the games on the back porch. He had the best and sickest sense of humor too. I always knew he would make me laugh when I went over there. I will miss him, and I'm so happy he is no longer suffering in his body that failed him. He's up there watching everyone, making snide remarks all in love! It made me happy to see how much he loved Dona and his kids and His Bella. Love you , you dirty old man !! 🥰🥰  
Love,  
Doris



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Doris Geohagan - July 25, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John W. Kerce.



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July 23, 2021 at 09:00 AM

CG

“ *John was a neighborhood guy who was always willing to enjoy an adventure of some kind or another. I enjoyed participating in baseball and other activities with him very much.*

*Rest in peace John, hopefully we can work up another game in Heaven one day ...*

*Chet Grimsley*

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**Chet Grimsley** - July 04, 2021 at 08:39 AM