



John Duggan Whiddon III

July 9, 1954 - April 20, 2022

John Duggan Whiddon III, Tallahassee native, passed away on April 20, 2022, at the age of 67. He was born on July 9, 1954, at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital to parents Betty and John “Duggan” Whiddon, Jr. John was a graduate of Rickards High School’s class of 1972 and later dedicated 24 years to the United States Coast Guard before retiring with the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

Although John always considered Tallahassee his home, he also resided in Key West, Florida where he was a founding member of the Key West Chief’s Mess at Sector Key West. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, reading, Florida State football and was an avid fan of classic rock. John is remembered for his hardworking nature and talent for storytelling.

Survivors include his mother, Betty Milligan (Robert); children, Daniel Whiddon and Virginia Whiddon; mother of his children Karen; siblings Bebe Clark (Irvin), Scottie Whiddon (Missy), Shawne Blair (Ken), Marybeth Revell (Rodney), Frankie Garrett (Patrick), Cary Milligan, and last but not least, his beloved dogs Petey and Lucky. John also leaves behind a host of extended family members and friends who will remember him fondly and miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by his father, John Duggan Whiddon, Jr.; aunts Mikie Beverly and Edna Earl Creed; uncles Andy Beverly, Larry Campbell, and Jim Gillis; and niece Sarah Cash.

Services will start with inurnment at Tallahassee National Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. with Military Honors. The family will then be receiving guests for a

visitation at Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee on Thursday, April 28, 2022, from the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to be immediately followed by a memorial service beginning at 12:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice. Jared Padgett of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com)

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

Inurnment

APR 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Visitation

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Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
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Memorial Service

APR 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of John Duggan Whiddon III*



Bevis Funeral Home - April 28, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *I knew John from our days on the Courageous. We shared the ship's office and John was always there for his shipmates! I'm glad to know that he knew Jesus as his Lord & savior. May God Bless Him!*

Norman Spencer - September 06, 2022 at 04:59 PM



“ *Blessings on the family Of John.....so sorry for you loss...*

Carol Burnett - June 05, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Duggan Whiddon III.*



April 27, 2022 at 10:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Duggan Whiddon III.*



April 26, 2022 at 10:54 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Duggan Whiddon III.*



April 25, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *I will never forget the time a car pulled out in front of you, and you hit the front fender, did a perfect flip off your honda 350 and landed on you feet without a scratch.
Sail on old friend,
Tom Wilson*

Tom Wilson - April 25, 2022 at 12:21 PM



“ *The Madden's and the Whiddon's were always together growing up. John I have many fond high school memories. "Rest in Peace" my friend. From all of the Maddens to all of the Whiddon's we send our sympathy and prayers. Denise*

Denise Madden - April 25, 2022 at 11:34 AM

RM

“ So sorry for your loss. I served with SKC Whiddon in Key West from 1997 to 2002. He was a mentor and someone I have always thought fondly of. He made such a positive impact to the Coast Guard and will be missed.

Renee McKinnon - April 25, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of John Duggan Whiddon III.



April 25, 2022 at 10:18 AM

LL

“ Betty,

I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and good memories.

Lori Lunkley

Lori lunkley - April 25, 2022 at 08:47 AM

LB

“ Love Monica and Lena Bertram purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John Duggan Whiddon III.



Love Monica and Lena Bertram - April 24, 2022 at 04:11 PM

LB

“ It’s hard for me to even know where to start when sharing about John so I’ll start with the fact that I went over the Whiddon’s house every single day after school while his kids and my daughter were small and attending Sigsbee Elementary school. I always loved seeing John, talking to John , just having John around. I am a teacher and from a teacher’s point of view you couldn’t find a better Dad ; he was amazing. He was also true blue as my friend. It went far beyond a parent teacher type of relationship because we all became family friends over the years. I remember John put a trampoline up in the backyard and all I could think is I wonder if he worries or not but darn the kids are having a lot of fun. I will close with this ; I am truly blessed to have had the years I had with John and the Whiddon family.

Lena R. Bertram - April 24, 2022 at 03:46 PM

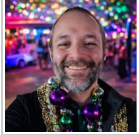
DI

“ I’m so sad to hear that John has passed. He and I would pass each other almost daily while walking our dogs. He always stopped to chat and I found him to be one of the most likable people I had ever met.

He was a kind and generous man. He gave of his time to anyone in need. He was a member of our neighborhood facebook page and whenever someone would post that they needed help with something, John was the first to respond and the first one there to help. I always admired him for that. There are few out there with that kind of spirit.

I have missed seeing him walking the neighborhood with his dogs but I’m sure his spirit will linger on with all of us here in Indian Head. Rest in peace, John.

Dianne - April 24, 2022 at 01:06 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



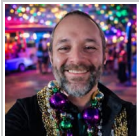
Daniel Whiddon - April 24, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Duggan Whiddon III.



April 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Daniel Whiddon - April 24, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Virginia Whiddon - April 24, 2022 at 10:43 AM



This photo is from when I took Dad to see Little River Band. Music always bonded us and I know will continue to.

Virginia Whiddon - April 24, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Duggan Whiddon III.*



April 24, 2022 at 08:58 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of John Duggan Whiddon III.*



April 23, 2022 at 06:01 PM



“ *Daniel, Virginia, Aunt Betty, and all...you are in my prayers. Sincere condolences for your loss.*

Kenneth Owens - April 23, 2022 at 05:59 PM

“ Johnny was like the big brother of the family when we were all growing up. He was the oldest and it seemed like he tried to be responsible for us all, but there were just too many of us and most were dare devils, except me, I was the scaredy cat of the bunch.

We would roam Aunt Betty's neighborhood in the summer time, a pack of cousins, playing at the parks, running through the green spaces and having adventures made up mostly from our imaginations, from early in the day until almost dark. Meanwhile the Aunts were usually drinking coffee or tea, smoking cigarettes and gossiping around Aunt Betty's kitchen table.

One of my favorite memories of Johnny is of him and my sister Mikie. Johnny got a bee bee gun, I think for his birthday, which was the same day as my Mom, July 9. He was showing off the gun to all of us younger cousins kind of teasing us that we weren't old enough to shoot one. My sister Mikie grabbed the gun and was aiming it at something in the yard. Johnny wouldn't overpower her to get it back, because he wasn't supposed to hit girls, or kids smaller than him, and she wouldn't give it back, so he put his finger over the barrel and said no you can't shoot it. I never knew for sure if it was an accident or not, but Mikie pulled the trigger. Poor Johnny howled and held out his finger with a bee bee imbedded in it. Johnny didn't strike out, he just yelled - you shot me, you shot me and held up his finger, with the bee bee stuck in it. Mikie looking a little shamefaced yelled back, I told you to move your finger. About that time, Aunt Betty and all the other Aunts came outside to check on the commotion. Poor Johnny, the shooting victim, was the one who got yelled at, for letting the younger kid "play with the gun", I think he was maybe 8 or 9, but back then, the oldest kid always got blamed if one of us younger kids did something we weren't supposed to do.

Johnny was my hero after that, because he acted like the true gentleman he was and always would be, no matter how much he was provoked, he wouldn't hit his cousin, cause she was a girl.

I love you and miss you and I am sorry about not seeing you recently.

See you in heaven

Your cousin, aka Tar Baby

charlotte Bull - April 23, 2022 at 03:51 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John Duggan Whiddon III.*



April 23, 2022 at 03:12 PM



“ *As my only brother (other than step brother Cary, who was a pain in the butt as a kid but grew up to be a great guy), I obviously have lots of fond memories. But of all the things I could say, and many would be all rated, I would say of my brother Johnnie, the same thing my uncle Andy comment about my father one time (probably after daddy had convinced him to loan him some money), “ your father has more charm in his little finger than most people have in their whole body“. Johnny was like that, I would watch him around other people, in any situation, he would strike up conversations with anyone and everyone and they would immediately take a liking to him. As my wife Missy says, he never knew a stranger. I love you brother and will miss you, although you, also, were often a pain in my butt.*

Scottie Whiddon - April 23, 2022 at 02:27 PM