



John Francis Wright

April 15, 1936 - March 27, 2020

JOHN “Jack” WRIGHT

passed away on March 27, 2020 with his loving wife by his side. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Bernadette; son, Thomas; step daughter, Carrie Hughes; sister, Audrey; ten grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews. He was blessed with many lifelong friends.

Jack will best be remembered for his fun loving and outgoing personality. He always had a joke to tell. His love of the outdoors included fishing, camping, paddling and environmental issues. He loved floating in the cool waters of Blue Springs State Park.

He was a Veteran, a Tai Chi teacher, great dancer and he loved karaoke. He made friends wherever he went. His professional life was as a Mechanical Designer but his chosen career was making people feel loved.

A Memorial Committal Service with Military Honors will be held at 11:30 AM on Monday, July 19, 2021 at The South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth, Florida (lane #5).

Cemetery

South Florida National Cemetery
6501 South State Road #7
Lake Worth, FL, 33449

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“ And we did dance through life together.

Bernadette - June 05, 2020 at 02:00 PM



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“ And of course I said YES!

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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - May 22, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Jack's passing and my condolences to all who loved him so much. I will always remember his laughter and openness and how he made me feel so comfortable around him. We both enjoyed fishing and it was the topic of conversation. I will miss Jack.

Kate Bair - May 21, 2020 at 07:37 AM



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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - May 16, 2020 at 08:36 AM



“ My favorite picture of us. We were so happy. Comissioned an artist to make a painting of this lovely photo.

Bernadette - May 16, 2020 at 09:55 PM



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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - April 20, 2020 at 09:21 AM



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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - April 18, 2020 at 09:08 AM



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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - April 17, 2020 at 08:30 AM



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everett ogilvie - April 16, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ Camping with good buddies

Bernadette - April 17, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ Jack was a fun person to be with. Sharon and I enjoyed the many camping trip we were on. Those were best of times when we were young. We also enjoyed the time at all the state parks. we went swimming and canoeing and what fun Jack was to be with. We spent a lot of time with Bernadette and Jack and we all became great friends. Jack had so much energy and personality, everyone was blessed to know jack. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Sharon and Everett

everett ogilvie - April 16, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ I remember many trips to Blue Springs State Park. Sites 13&14. We always had fun camping with Everett and Sharon.

Bernadette - April 18, 2020 at 08:38 AM



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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - April 13, 2020 at 10:13 AM



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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - April 10, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ Such a happy and loving couple.

Bernadette - April 10, 2020 at 03:52 PM



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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - April 09, 2020 at 01:44 PM



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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - April 06, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ Oh my! He'd be so pleased. Thanks

Bernadette - April 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Bernadette, so sorry of Jacks passing. I am so happy that he spent a week in New Jersey to visit his brother George. They had some good laughs together. Love Etta sister in law and Karen favorite niece of East Rutherford.

Etta - April 05, 2020 at 11:31 PM



“ Thanks. He really had a wonderful visit with your family.

Bernadette - April 06, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ I have known Jack and Bernadette for around 7 years now and from the moment Tim (his grandson and my boyfriend) introduced me I knew he was something special. We shared many memories together at one of his favorite places, Blue Springs, and a few memories at his home. I feel blessed to have known Grandpa Jack and loved every joke and story he would tell. Every time he'd call Tim I'd know I'd be hearing a good story later that night. He was so influential to Tim and many people he reached during his life and he never knew a stranger. I was always treated as part of the family and Tim and I will miss Grandpa Jack dearly.

Olivia Jaze - April 04, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ Thanks dear " granddaughter". We always loved when you and Tim camped with us at Blue Springs.

Bernadette - April 06, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ Bernadette,
Know that Jack will be missed as someone I always had the pleasure to meet with and talk too. I regret we never got to "Blue Springs" for one of his camp outs! We appreciate all you meant to him and trust you are well! Harry & Roz Borders

Harry Borders - April 12, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ Beautiful Bernadette The farewell journey is not an easy one when we send off our beloved partners to their next adventure. My heart is hugging yours, I know many angels of love and comfort are surrounding you and supporting you as you ride the waves of tears and smiles

Deena Elmore - April 03, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ I was always amazed and envious at how Jack would go up to complete strangers and start a conversation or tell them a joke. I will surely miss him .



Michael Raiman - April 03, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ There was never a stranger who didn't become a friend.

Bernadette - April 06, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ Sad to hear this news. Jack was a kind and gentle soul. As a fellow Tai Chi Instructor, I enjoyed many conversations with him about a subject we both loved - the philosophy and art of Tai Chi. He will be missed.
Dorothy Rettay

Dorothy Rettay - April 03, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ We will miss hanging out with Jack at the bookstore. He was always interested in life, and also, loved sugary apple desserts. Most importantly, Jack was a good friend.
Ed and Diana Tedtmann

Diana - April 02, 2020 at 10:02 PM



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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - April 02, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ These past months have been very difficult for both Jack and myself. We always assumed he would return home and we could continue our lives together. We had plans for another Viking Cruise in the fall and a trip to our beloved Blue Springs. Sadly, I watched him slip away slowly. It was difficult to notice that he was no longer smiling and cracking jokes. Our friends have been with us through this difficult journey. They have supported me with phone calls and Jack with visits. Jack would be very pleased at the support and love shown to me at this most difficult and sad time.

Thank you dear friends. Bernadette

Bernadette - April 01, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ Good to see Jack kissing the Blarney Stone. I thought he built it. He was a huge asset to the senior community of Boynton Beach at the senior center where he participated, and he was my “root guru” as a teacher of the ancient art of tai chi. I thank him for that; and for his unfailing enthusiasm for tai chi, and everything else he encountered.

Rose Berliner - April 02, 2020 at 11:04 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss.

Deborah Ringler Smith - April 02, 2020 at 11:16 PM



“ Dearest Bernadette I do not pretend to understand how you feel, yet some part of me feels the distancing of Jack's spirit. However I must say that Jack will never leave me because I have the pleasure of knowing his wonderful smile how kind he was, his humor, his warm loving hands on Sunday mornings, his sense of humor, and how he was with you. I wish you peace and stillness during this difficult time and please know that I am here for you if you need me with much love Ahimsa.

Ahimsa Teabout - April 03, 2020 at 02:35 AM



“ What brings to my mind are memories of the Unity Hospitality clean-up sessions when Jack would pop in to help with the dishes. I did not mind that chore whenever Jack was around; he had such great stories and insights. For a long time afterwards I would often seek his company. Jack would really light up when he talked about music...kinda spread that light around. May his spirit feel the love being projected towards him now.

Carrie Leoni - April 03, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ Each time I met Jack at our “Jazz” dinners over the years I found him personable and fun, and it was apparent how he loved you. I know how difficult his illness was for you, may time bring your peace. With deepest sorrow for Jack's passing. Much love, Pat

pat bram - April 03, 2020 at 08:09 PM



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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - April 01, 2020 at 10:05 AM



“ I will miss you “JW”. We always had good conversations and you were always uplifting in your comments. I loved your bright smile and robust laugh.

Christine Nagy - March 31, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ It's been a long and difficult 6 months watching my vibrant & fun loving husband slip away. I chose to make the obituary reflect his out going and loving nature. I also close the pictures I posted to reflect his many friends and his love for me. We had a wonderful life together. I miss him every day. Thank goodness for the many wonderful friends who have supported me throughout the months and especially now. I know Jack appreciates your care for and of me.

Bernadette - March 31, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ It's been a very difficult few months watching my vibrant husband slip away. He was always lively and happy and I tried to reflect that aspect of him in both the obituary and pictures I chose to post. Notice that he's smiling in most and surrounded by good friends. We had a great life together and I miss him dearly. Love you Jack

Bernadette - March 31, 2020 at 03:24 PM



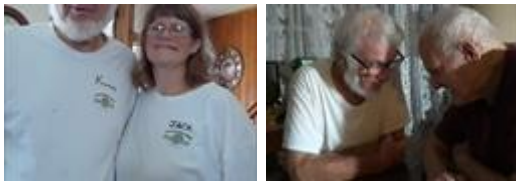
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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - March 31, 2020 at 02:52 PM



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karen wright - March 30, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ Steve and I send our heartfelt condolences to Bernadette and the Wright Family. Jack was always a fun guy to have at the campfire, and a deeply committed outdoorsman and environmentalist. He will be missed by us and the other members of his Pack & Paddle Club family. So very sorry...
With Sympathy,
Renee & Steve Carpenter



Renee Carpenter - March 30, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ Sincere condolences and loving memories of a gentle and loving man. His memory shall be a blessing.

Marcia Neiman - April 02, 2020 at 11:35 PM



“ Thank you. He surely was loved by many and never met a stranger who didn't become a friend

Bernadette - April 06, 2020 at 02:48 PM



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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - March 30, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ I have known Jack and Bernadette as two of the most fun loving people anywhere. His smile and jovial personality will be so missed by so many. My heartfelt sympathy to Bernadette and the entire Wright family. Rest in peace, my friend.

Barbara McLeod - March 30, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ Dear BFF couldn't have survived these many sad months without your support.

Bernadette - April 06, 2020 at 02:50 PM



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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - March 30, 2020 at 08:29 AM



“ Best friends, sweethearts

Bernadette - March 30, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ Always smiling. Always happy

Bernadette - March 30, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ Love these pictures and know that my heart is with you. Jackie

Jackie Brant - April 02, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ Jack, what a wonderful man. I am blessed to have known him. He was a great dancer and jokester. He always made me feel special. I will truly miss him.

christie geltz - March 29, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ I loved the way you two interacted. Always knew you were special friends

Bernadette - April 06, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ Jack was a committed environmentalist. I loved speaking with him about Florida conservation of natural resources . He was well informed and did his research. I loved that about him.

Lynn Ottimer - March 29, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ You made a very tough day in my life a little easier. Thanks for helping me plan for Jack. I will always appreciate your help and love.

Bernadette - April 06, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ My deepest condolences, sympathy and sorrow for you, Bernadette and the entire Wright family.

I will miss Jack alot. I think I speak for everyone at the Boynton Beach Senior Center and the Lunch Program that we most certainly lost a beloved member of our "FAMILY."

I will forever hear his voice singing...."Ghost Riders In The Sky.....!"

Gil Kaplan

GIL KAPLAN - March 29, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ He loved the Senior Center. Loved planning what songs he was going to sing on Friday.

Bernadette - April 06, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ Jack, Bernadette, my husband Jack and I shared many good times together from July 4th to dinning out. One memory of Jack is of his like for eating dessert before his entree.

May he rest in peace.

Julia Hart - March 29, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ Glad you remembered about dessert first. That certainly was Jack
Bernadette - April 06, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ So very sorry to hear about Jack. He was such a kind, friendly man, and will be missed, especially by the Book Club . Condolences to his family and friends.

Elizabeth Smith - March 29, 2020 at 04:02 PM



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Ruth Wright - March 29, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ Jack in the army
Bernadette - March 30, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ I'd like to say "Thank you" to Uncle Jack for being like a dad to me. My heart goes out to Tom Wright.

I will always have nothing but great memories of Unc.

In a special way Unc brought a few cousins together, Diane, Tom, Lawrence, Karen, Ruthann, Tracy and myself even if for a short time. I will always be grateful for that and hope the relationships between us will grow.

Uncle Jack I pray you rest in peace, I will miss you a great deal. I'm grateful I got to see you, hug you and tell you in person how much I love you.

Bye Uncle Jack

Robin Carlock - March 29, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ I was never close to my uncle however, the memories I do have, I always held close to my heart. Uncle Jack was a wonderful person. I know how devastating it was for him to lose his son Timmy and daughter Theresa. My heart goes out to Robin his niece, who was very close to him, and did what she could for him. Tommy it's not easy loosening a parent, but we all know how much you loved him, and how much you did for him. May you find peace, and remember the strength you hold is a gift your father passed down to you.

Dawn English - March 29, 2020 at 11:42 AM



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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - March 29, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ I am very sorry to hear this. Every time I saw Jack at the senior center he was always so friendly and had interesting things to say. I liked seeing him in his safari hat.

Gail meyer - March 29, 2020 at 11:42 AM

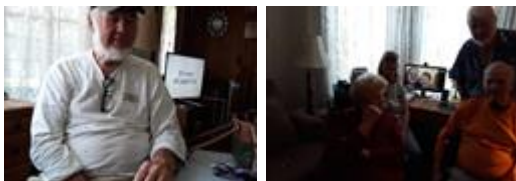


“ Jack did have a great sense of humor and a very keen mind. He was a font of knowledge; I remember when he gave a comprehensive and very interesting talk at the Unity church men's group on the importance of our water systems in Florida. I had no idea, until Jack unfolded his wealth of information on the complexity and importance of our intricate system of water ways statewide. I said he should write a book on this subject so that students could learn what he shared that night! Jack was always making a difference by helping that same men's groups holiday food drive for a local elementary school each year! And I miss the poker games he hosted at his home for some of the men's group. I will miss my friend a lot! He left a big imprint on our community!

Paul Barber - March 29, 2020 at 05:31 PM



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Robin Carlock - March 29, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ Sending you so much love Bernadette, and holding you in prayers of Light, Love and Comfort as you move through the days ahead.



Trish Yancey - March 29, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ Thanks. So hard not to hear his silly jokes or see his smile .

Bernadette - April 06, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ Jack, a loving, kind, compassionate and fun person. Never a bad word from him and always a great joke teller. I have known Jack for over 40 years and will always have him and his wit in my heart. He will be greatly missed at our breakfast get togethers and will always miss him.

Rest in peace my friend. Try not to raise too much rukus in heaven.

Mike La Tour

MICHAEL LATOUR - March 28, 2020 at 11:22 PM



“ Wouldn't be our Jack if he wasn't raising a rukus!

Bernadette - April 06, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ I remember working at Unity on Thursdays and sometimes Jack would drop by. He always had a joke to tell me! Or if Bernadette had a birthday coming up, he'd remind me to tell the Book Club girls to celebrate with her. Always thinking of others. You will be so missed, Jack! Pat Barnes

Pat Barnes - March 28, 2020 at 11:22 PM



“ LaVerna lit a candle in memory of John Francis Wright



LaVerna - March 28, 2020 at 11:05 PM



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Ruth Wright - March 28, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ We enjoyed an"extra" book club member whenever the group rotated to Bernadette's home. Jack loved to share ideas, catch up with each member, and converse on the topics of the day. I thank Jack and Bernadette for introducing me to the Symphonic Band last year and I requested season seats behind them this season. I'll miss Jack's big smile and friendly manner. I know that he touched many lives.

With love,
Sandra Green
Ladies Dessert and Book Club

sandra green - March 28, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ Jack taught me breathing exercises to help with my pulmonary issues. He always had a story or joke to share. Just a great guy; I will miss him. My sincere sympathy to Bernadette and his family.
Fran Saunders

Frances Saunders - March 28, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear this very sad news.
Gail meyer
Gail meyer - March 29, 2020 at 03:05 PM



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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - March 28, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ Loved the cool waters of Blue Springs. Sometimes a manatee would float with us down the run.
Bernadette - April 06, 2020 at 03:01 PM



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Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral - March 28, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ Notice how, no matter what, he was always smiling.
Bernadette - April 06, 2020 at 02:59 PM