



Mr. John Short

September 21, 1940 - July 20, 2025

Mr. John McKay Short, of Bowdon, Georgia, passed away on July 20, 2025. He was 84.

John was born on September 21, 1940 in Tallassee, Alabama to the late John Terry and Debbie Bazzell Short. He was a 1959 graduate of Tallassee High School and had recently attended his 66 year reunion on July 19, 2025. John retired after having worked many years as a builder. He was a member of Bowdon Baptist church. John was a loyal member of the Boy Scouts of American for 72 years. Starting his scouting journey at age 12, he worked to become an Eagle Scout and was a member of the Order of the Arrow. He was active in Native American History and, as long as his health allowed, he enjoyed putting up his tipi and sharing his knowledge and artifacts with local schools. Until recently, he could be seen every morning at the Southern Lady where he shared coffee and conversation with many friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Wallace Harrison.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Rooks Short; his children and their spouses, John Tiomi Short of Bowdon, Nona and Rick Holland of Gainesville, Georgia, Kim and Marc Smith of Cedartown, Georgia, Kyle Short and Lynn Spratlin of Woodland, Alabama, Sam and Courtney Short of Bowdon, and Staci and Brian Rogers of Pensacola, Florida; his grandchildren, Nikki and Darrell Watkins, Alli and James Janney, Jake Smith, Shane and Samanth Smith, Trey Short, Jase Short, Rhett Short, Chase Rogers and fiancée, Grace

Driscoll, Cali Rogers, and Frank Rogers; step-grandchildren, Zack and Peyton Smith and Hank Wardlaw; his great-grandchildren, Tristan Watkins, Annistyn Watkins, Addyson Janney, Brooklyn Janney, Crew Smith, Bodhi Smith, and a baby boy Smith who is due in November 2025; his siblings and their spouses, Terry and Elaine Short, Tricia and H.L. Casey, and Judy and Erroll Shaw, all of Tallassee, Alabama. He is also survived by a number of nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 from 4:00 till 7:00 p.m. No formal funeral service is planned. In accordance with his wishes, his body was cremated.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Judy Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Short*



Judy Dixon - July 31, 2025 at 04:38 PM

AW

“ *Amanda Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Short*



Amanda Whitaker - July 24, 2025 at 11:15 AM

GB

“ *He was a very special man and I know he will be missed by many. ❤️*



Glenda Brock - July 24, 2025 at 07:31 AM

KD

“ *Dennis & Karen Downs lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Short*



Karen Downs - July 24, 2025 at 12:52 AM

KD

“ *Dennis & Karen Downs*



Karen Downs - July 24, 2025 at 12:34 AM

RS

“ *Robin And Julian Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Short*



Robin and Julian Smith - July 23, 2025 at 09:28 PM

HB

“ *Heather & Guy Baddley lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Short*



Heather & Guy Baddley - July 23, 2025 at 04:55 PM



“ 61 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rainwater Funeral Home - July 23, 2025 at 12:41 PM



“ Howard & Debra Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Short



Howard & Debra Morris - July 23, 2025 at 09:49 AM



Rest in peace John I spent many an evening with you at Scout camp outs sharing your cowboy coffee. Thanks for the memories

Tim Hardegree - July 28, 2025 at 07:02 PM



“ Mike&Jan Stitche lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Short



Mike&Jan Stitche - July 23, 2025 at 09:48 AM

GP

“ *Glenn And Patricia Prince lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Short*



Glenn and Patricia Prince - July 23, 2025 at 09:36 AM

LV

“ *Lisa Vise lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Short*



Lisa Vise - July 23, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ *Jean Spruill lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Short*



Jean Spruill - July 22, 2025 at 10:10 PM

JM

“ *Janie R. Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Short*



Janie R. Meadows - July 22, 2025 at 06:15 PM

DH

“ We are so very sorry to hear of John's passing. Our prayers are with the family and friends.



Donnie, Teresa Hyatt - July 22, 2025 at 03:10 PM

MS

“ Mike&Jan Stitche lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Short



Mike&Jan Stitche - July 22, 2025 at 02:50 PM

SM

“ Sherrie Musick lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Short



Sherrie Musick - July 22, 2025 at 01:54 PM

BL

“ Bart Loftin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Short



Bart Loftin - July 22, 2025 at 01:30 PM

MS

“ Mike&Jan Stitche lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Short



Mike&Jan Stitche - July 22, 2025 at 12:06 PM

GS

“ Y'all are in my prayers. May Jesus bring peace and comfort. I had known John for many years. He had a wealth of knowledge, especially about scouts, early American history and native American Indians. John could always tell stories that held your interest. Love, hugs and prayers, Gita Spratlin



Gita E. Spratlin - July 22, 2025 at 11:45 AM

TC

“ Tommy&Judy Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Short



Tommy&Judy Cantrell - July 22, 2025 at 10:20 AM