



## John Wayne Carmichael

August 8, 1941 - April 9, 2026

John Wayne Carmichael, 84, of Graceville, Florida, passed away on April 9, 2026, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. He was born on August 8, 1941, in Cottonwood, Alabama, to John and Wilma Carmichael.

John attended Graceville High School and joined the Air Force within a year after graduation. John honorably served for 20 years in the United States Air Force, where he worked as a ground equipment technician and rose to the rank of Master Sergeant before retiring in 1980. He was stationed at Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire, White Sands, and Da Nang Air Force Base, Vietnam, during the Vietnam War.

He often told stories about being a lifelong resident of Graceville and remembered being baptized in Holmes Creek as a young man.

John was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Earl; one sister, Janice; his beloved son Johnathan.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Carmichael; son Mark Carmichael; brothers Lamar, Lavon, Wendell, and Bobby. He was also loved and cared for by Karen Braxton as caregiver.

A memorial service, with full military honors, will be held at 1:00 p.m. (CST),

on Friday, May 1, 2026, in the chapel of James & Lipford Funeral Home, 5390 Cotton Street, Graceville, FL. A gathering for family and friends will follow at his home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

James & Lipford Funeral Home  
5390 Cotton Street  
Graceville, FL 32440  
(850) 263-3238  
<https://www.jamesandlipford.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ One of my favorite people who I didn't get to know until we, both, retired and came back to Graceville. He was a year ahead in school and we enjoyed talking about those days. Please know that he was a fine man and I am saddened by his death.

*Jane Campbell Hayes*

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**Jane Hayes** - April 28 at 03:03 PM



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“ John Wayne was a former classmate in 1959 and friend. I was the left end and he was the left tackle on the high school football team. I never let him forget that he was caught holding on a play in Chipley that cost me a touchdown. John Wayne shared with me that he joined the Air Force after being encouraged by a friend and after flipping a coin to decide stay-put or join. He became a talented plane mechanic. He later used his military skills in the private sector and helped develop a devise used in the oil field extraction process.

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**Austin D Wall** - April 28 at 10:01 AM

