



John Emerson Laurenson, Jr.

September 29, 1941 - May 1, 2024

John Emerson Laurenson Jr., 82, of Brady, Texas passed away on May 1, 2024, at Hendrick Continue Care Hospital in Abilene, Texas. He was born in Ithaca, New York to John Emerson Laurenson Sr., and Florence Elizabeth Penney on September 29, 1941. He married Yvonne Marie Kimmel on May 21, 1998, in Pearl River, Louisiana.

John graduated from Rockford High School in Rockford, Illinois and shortly after joined the United States Air Force. He served as an aircraft mechanic and upon discharge he attended A & P School in Janesville, Wisconsin to become a licensed aircraft mechanic. He worked for PHI (Petroleum Helicopters Inc.) for many years, spending some time maintaining helicopters in the jungle of Columbia. He then worked for Chevron for 21 years helping to maintain the gulf fleet of helicopters at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport before retiring in 1998.

On February 1, 2000, John and Yvonne left from Slidell, Louisiana on their sailboat Emerald Eyes for the adventure of a lifetime. They spent two years exploring the Caribbean and spent eight months in Trinidad before returning to the United States. They spent the next several years exploring and working along the East Coast from North Carolina to Florida, John as a sales associate with West Marine and Yvonne as a travel nurse.

John is preceded in death by his parents, infant brother Donald, his first wife Laureen, daughters Charlene and Johnna.

John is survived by his wife Yvonne Laurenson, daughter Jeanna Laurenson (Anthony Holden), sister Joy Garrett, grandsons Nathan (Michelle) Laurenson, John (Adriana) Waltman, Ryan (Nola) Hood, granddaughter Destiny Holden, and great - granddaughter Caitlin Laurenson, and many other valued family members and lifelong friends.

There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date, and his cremains will be interred at the family plot at St. Joseph's Cemetery near Diamondhead, Mississippi.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Heritage Funeral Home of Brady.

Please view Mr. Laurenson's online obituary at www.heritagefuneraltx.com

Cemetery Details

Heritage Crematory

401 North Key
Lampasas, TX 76550