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John Holbrook Ayer, age 67, of St. Augustine, passed away on February 20, 2017. He was born in Miami, Florida to Holbrook and Margaret (Howland) Ayer, Jr. John grew up working in his father's store, Suniland Hardware in Miami and continued to value and appreciate tools and fine craftsmanship throughout his life. At a young age his father taught him to sail. He continued his love of sailing and went on to teach children and many others to sail, as sailing was one of his greatest passions. John's love of history and story telling was known by all he met. He will be missed by all that knew and loved him. John is survived by his girlfriend, Nicolette Nordan and her family; his two step sons Joshua Sampiero, Captain Daniel Sampiero, and their family. The memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, February 25, 2017 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home in Saint Augustine with Father Mike Snider officiating. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the American Heart Association, <https://donatenow.heart.org>, or the United States Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association in honor of Captain Holbrook E. Ayer, Jr. in accordance with John's wishes, www.usmmaaf.com

Tribute Wall

BN

“ I'm praying for you and the family. John was a great guy and will be greatly missed.

Betsy Nicholson - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We'll always have fond memories of our good time together (growing up). Fair seas and may the wind be always at your back.7193579751

Bill & Bel Stack - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ It was my honor to be your fraternity brother of so many years ago John, and I know we will reunite in the years to come. May you have a party with those brothers who proceeded you. LYM

John Fetterly - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ John taught me to sail many moons ago....a lifetime treasure he shared with me! thanks brother= keep the wind at your back

David Helmick - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Brother John will always be remembered by the brotherhood of Sigma Tau Kappa fraternity from Miami Dade Community College, of which he was a revered member for the past 50 years.

John Wilton - February 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ *Happy sailing to a Brother and Gentleman*

Gary Thomas - February 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Nicolette, know that John truly loved you and these last years with you were his happiest. We will all miss his wit and history lessons, but don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened. May all your happy memories bring you peace.*

Molly Fisher - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM