



## John Ray Mankey

August 3, 1962 - July 10, 2020

John Ray Mankey was welcomed home by his Lord and Savior on July 10, 2020 at the age of 57, after a courageous battle with cancer. John was born on August 3, 1962 to John Junior "Bud" and Janice (Frederick) Mankey in Lima, Ohio. John grew up on a farm in Ada, Ohio with his two older brothers and an older sister. He spent most of his time in the woods on the farm with his friends. As children, he and his siblings enjoyed time camping with their parent's and family friends at Higgins Lake in Michigan. John was deemed "Frog" as a nickname by his brother-in-law, John Allen. "Frog" stuck with him throughout his life. In grade school, John won the Ada "Punt, Pass, and Kick" competition. All through life he enjoyed attending and watching football games, especially when the Ohio State Buckeyes played. As a teenager John enjoyed working on cars and car stereos. After John graduated from Ada High School in 1980, he worked as a mechanic at Brim's Imports in Kenton, Ohio as well as other service stations. On December 20, 1980 John married his first wife, Anna Lisa Dilts. They had two children, Jonathan Ray Mankey and Krystin King Mankey. He made the most important decision in his life when he accepted Jesus into his heart, guided by Billy Chase, his nephew, on December 1, 1983. On March 4, 1986, John married his second wife, Rebecca Jeanne Cowan. John and Rebecca moved to Saint Augustine, Florida in April 1987. He worked at Old Ponte Vedra Beach, Quail Hollow and Marsh Creek Country Club where he enjoyed landscaping, irrigation installation, and pool maintenance. He created beautiful gardens both at work

and at home. John and Rebecca enjoyed spending time with the Cowan family in Brevard, North Carolina. He loved miniature dachshunds and walked with them everywhere – on the beach or hiking in the mountains. The two of them loved watching the sun and moon rises on the beach. His family knew this, as he often texted beautiful pictures of these moments. One of his proudest moments happened in 1997 when his son Jonathan, moved from Ohio to Florida to live with him. John was a member of Crescent Beach Baptist Church and was baptized by Pastor David Beauchamp on March 27, 2016 at Crescent Beach during the annual Easter Sunrise Service. John Ray Mankey was preceded in death by his parents, John (Pat Mankey) Allen, Billy Chase, Char (Steve) Mankey, Charles DeHart Cowan, Ph.D. and Barbara Cowan. Those left to cherish his memory are Rebecca Jeanne Cowan, son Jonathan (Brandi) Mankey and their daughters, Layna Rae and Makenna Rose; daughter Krystin King Mankey, and her sons, Ryan Ray Irwin and Alexander King; brothers Steve Mankey and Michael (Dr. Richanne) Mankey; sister Pat Mankey Allen; sister-in-law Deborah (Daniel) Davenport; Erica Mankey (Rob) DeMuch; Rachael Mankey Smith; Breeanna Mankey Becker; Natalie (Maegan Campos) Mankey; Kari Allen Reed; Miranda Rae (Matt) Wickman; Rachel Oksana (Caleb) Hoag; Electra Jean Towles; nephews Joel Michael (Rachael) Davenport and Stephen Leonid Davenport as well as many great nieces and nephews along with many friends who he treated like family. John's Memorial Service will be held July 24, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Crescent Beach Baptist Church in Saint Augustine, Florida. It will be officiated by Stephen L. Davenport and David Beauchamp. Prior to the service from 4:00 - 6:00 PM the church will be providing food and fellowship. Artwork by his brother, Michael Mankey.

# Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Ray Mankey*



**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - July 16, 2020 at 02:52 PM

SF

*I was getting treatment also at the same place John was. He was always upbeat and in good spirits which made me feel better about being there. He was a good guy and I'm glad our paths crossed. Prayers for his family.*

**Scott Foshee** - July 17, 2020 at 05:48 PM

MM

*Amazing tribute he was like a little brother to me and I can't believe he's gone we lost touch when he moved to Florida but my friend Patty his sister kept me updated fly hi John you was a good man and will be missed 💔😞*

**maude Manley** - July 18, 2020 at 12:12 AM

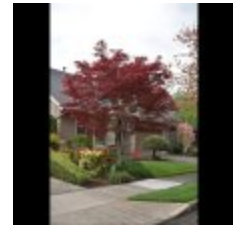
MA

*Was shocked & saddened to see this Wonderful tribute for "Frog". Had known him for over 30yrs..he was a good guy that loved his "Doxies" and had a Great "green thumb"! He had a Good sense of humor & was a "Perfectionist" on Nearly EVERYTHING he set his mind to. RIP John Ray..😞🙏*

**Mary Abbott** - October 09, 2020 at 05:23 AM



“ *Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of John Ray Mankey.*



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July 24, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Ray Mankey.*



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July 22, 2020 at 08:12 PM



“ *I treasure the many fun, loving memories of Frog. There's no love like the first. Cruising in his Monte Carlo with the music blaring. Swimming at Four Acre. His enjoyment of music and You Tube videos. Our serious conversations, bantering back and forth will be greatly missed. I am blessed for knowing a decent man who left us too soon. Mourning the passing of your wonderful father and brother with you. Praying you find comfort during this difficult time.*

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**Lory Crowe** - July 20, 2020 at 09:34 AM



“ *You will always be my baby brother. I will miss your phone calls and you always saying "it's ok sis" because I was so sorry for what you were going thru. I have a huge hole in my heart not. I love you more....*

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**pat** - July 18, 2020 at 07:14 AM

PA

*I have a huge hole in my heart now.*

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**pat** - July 18, 2020 at 07:16 AM

JA

“ *John worked for me until he had to go out on medical leave in March. He worked every day during his cancer treatments, always making sure Quail Hollow Condo property was taken care of before he left for his treatments. He was always so positive and loved to smile. He loved his Quail Hollow family and they loved him. He will be sorely missed. He was a great part of my Coastal Realty team and always had my back! Love & miss you John. Judy Alligood/Coastal Realty & Property Management, Inc.*

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**Judy Alligood** - July 16, 2020 at 04:56 PM

RC

*John Ray was the love of my life. We were married March Fourth 1986 and I cared for him until the day God took him "Home". I will always have a special place in my heart for John Ray. I have many wonderful memories of the times we had together. Just like the picture we recently got that says "Together is our favorite place to be". Thank you for loving me for all those precious years we had together. I miss you already John Ray, but I do know you are in heaven and I will see you again. I love you John Ray.*

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**Rebecca Cowan** - July 17, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ 20 files added to the album LifeTributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - July 16, 2020 at 02:34 PM

SW

“ John was greatly loved!  
Till we meet again !



Stephanie Witt-Hurr - July 15, 2020 at 09:02 PM

DF

“ I hadn't seen Frog in years, but he was always a good friend. I used to babysit for him and his brother Mike and sister Patty. How mom and dad wouldn't leave the kids with Steve because they thought he was mean to them. Don't know about that ...we grew up with them, living across the road. He will be missed I am sure. My sincerest sympathies to you all.

*Deryl VanAtta Fleming*

Deryl Fleming - July 15, 2020 at 08:58 PM