



## Mark Edward Wantola

March 10, 1964 - January 7, 2020

Mark Edward Wantola, age 55, passed away on January 7, 2020 at Baptist Medical Center South in Jacksonville, FL. He was born and raised in Michigan City, Indiana, where he was a 1983 graduate of Elston High School. Upon graduating, Mark enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in San Diego, CA. He served as an aviation electrician onboard two aircraft carriers, the USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63) and the USS Ranger (CV-61). After being honorably discharged, Mark settled in Anaheim, CA and went to work as an aviation electrician for McDonnell Douglas for 1 ½ years. He then went to work for Boeing Aerospace Company and moved to Everett, WA. He worked for Boeing as a master electrician for 30 years. He had the distinguishing honor of serving on the team responsible for Air Force One. He also spent time in England working with British Airways on the Concorde Supersonic Airliner. In addition, he was also part of the original team of electricians that served the U.S Navy's P-8 Poseidon aircraft and weapons program. He was an avid outdoorsman who spent most of his free time either on the water fishing or in the mountains hunting. Mark had a passion for music which allowed him to meet musicians such as Uli Jon Roth, David Gilmore and Michael Schenker. More than anything else, Mark loved his family. The two loves of his life were his wife and son. He will be deeply missed.

Mark is survived by his wife, Tami Wantola of Jacksonville; a son, Nathan Wantola of Jacksonville; his mother, Lorna Miller of Kansas City, MO; sisters, Nancy Toth (Bill) of Sarasota, FL and Janet Mashburn (Darrell) of Kansas City,

MO and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Theodore Wantola; sisters, Betty Miller and Denise Black.

A private memorial service with military honors will be held at Faith City Assembly of God, 1314 S Woodland Ave, Michigan City, IN 46360. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Salmon for Soldiers, 41 E Rhododendron Ln., Union, WA 98592; or the Alyssa Arneson College Fund, c/o Jessica Blumenfeld, Edward Jones, 2146 N Karwick Road, Ste B, Michigan City, IN 46360. Please make checks payable to Edward Jones.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark Edward Wantola*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - January 23, 2020 at 10:46 AM

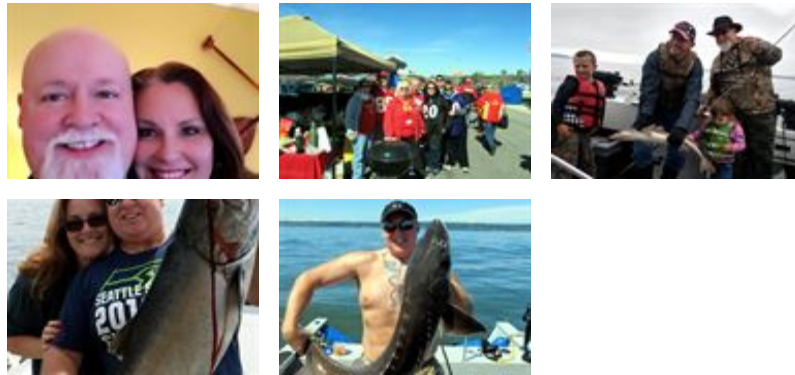
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*That was very beautiful*

Kathy Taylor Wantola - February 08, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ *50 files added to the album Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - January 23, 2020 at 10:44 AM

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“ *Tami, Nathan, Lorna and family,  
My deepest condolences to all of you. Mark was a good friend of mine and we both share a common bond of love for life and what it offers. I will miss him and I know we all do but he would be one of the first to tell us to keep on moving forward, for he will always remain in our hearts where ever we may be.*  
*Love, Thomas*

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**Thomas** - January 20, 2020 at 10:49 AM

JK

“ *Tami and Nathan,  
We loved spending family time with the 3 of you. We are so glad we got to know Mark much better since the move to Florida. We will cherish our memories of Mark and our time together with him.  
Please know you will always be family to us. Praying for you both.  
Sending our love,  
Jim and Kelly*



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**Jim and Kelly** - January 17, 2020 at 11:31 PM

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“ *Rich & Dale Huhn lit a candle in memory of  
Mark Edward Wantola*



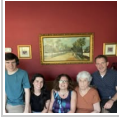
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**Rich & Dale Huhn** - January 17, 2020 at 12:54 PM

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*When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Hold on to your memories, and let them guide you during this time of sadness.*

**Rich & Dale Huhn** - January 17, 2020 at 01:00 PM



*To the family, condolences from Yvonne and Cynthia Carallo*

**Yvonne Carallo** - January 18, 2020 at 01:30 AM