



## Mr. John H Beck

October 11, 1946 - July 5, 2019

John H. Beck, 72, of Tallahassee, passed away on Friday, July 5, 2019 at the Big Bend Hospice House.

He was the son of the late Jim Beck and the late Bonnie Millikan Cox, and was born in Muncie, Indiana on October 11, 1946. He was an attorney and marine who served in Vietnam, earning two purple hearts. John loved storytelling, cats, dogs, fast cars, and his bourbon neat.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Katherine Gutting Beck; children, Carmen Trammell (husband, Wilson), Kelbe Beck, Andrew Beck, Maxine Beck, John Sharples, Aaron Sharples (wife, Susie) and Wayne Sharples; grandchildren, Marty Trammell, Emma Trammell, Talbot Trammell, Stella Sharples, Marian Sharples and Blaire Sharples. His stepfather, Preston Cox and stepmother, Harriet Beck; stepsisters, Ginger Wade and Nancy Montgomery and stepbrothers, John Beck and Jim Beck. Also surviving are his in-laws, Robert and Vivian Gutting; his goddaughter, Nekeshier Wattley (husband, Stephen) and their children Nikki Gauss and Cheyenne Gauss.

On to Valhalla.

Semper Fi!

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM, Friday, July 12, 2019 at

Tallahassee National Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32311  
(850) 402-8941

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LP

“ Katherine, although I never met John, his obit makes me think he was my kind of guy. We share a birthday (Oct 11) and most of the same hobbies/loves. To win two Purple Hearts says much about him. I'm so sorry for your loss and the family's loss as he sounds like he was a real peach. I will make a donation to the Marine's Toys for Tots this year in his memory.

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**Lisa Packard** - July 13, 2019 at 01:31 PM

SO

“ Memories are forever to treasure. Best to all the family during this time of passing.  
Sallie O'Hara

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**Sallie O'Hara** - July 13, 2019 at 10:00 AM

PP

“ John Beck was indeed one in a million. I loved it when John would hold court. Whenever John told stories of his adventures as a child or marine he always left me wanting more. He shared some of his writings with me and he really had more in common with Hemingway than his sliver locks. Here's to a life well lived! May we all take life by the horns in the manner of John Beck!

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**Paul Peavy** - July 12, 2019 at 11:05 PM

JE

“ I have known John Beck most of my professional career in Florida transportation. His legal advice was always on point. Perhaps most of all I recall his thoughtful advice and counsel to me as I advanced in my career. I will miss his powerful laugh and great sense of humor. He helped to shape Florida Transportation in many ways.  
*Jim Ely*

Jim Ely - July 12, 2019 at 01:17 PM

JS

“ A proverb states: “A brother is a friend God gave you; a friend is a brother your heart chose for you.” One friend in my life experience that truly reflects the meaning of that quote is my friend John Beck. I will miss him. Condolences to Kathie, Preston and all of John's Family. *Jim Spalla*

Jim Spalla - July 12, 2019 at 11:59 AM

TH

“ *Kathie and family*  
John will be greatly missed by his extended Marine Corps family. He was a leader of men and a true gentleman. As the "Gunny " would say. "Mighty fine job"..

*Stay well*

Tim & Kathy Hackett - July 12, 2019 at 09:35 AM

TH

“ *Tim & Kathy Hackett purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. John H Beck.*



Tim & Kathy Hackett - July 12, 2019 at 09:24 AM

CD

“ *Cpl. Ronald Davidson USMC & Sharon Jo Davidson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. John H Beck.*



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**Cpl. Ronald Davidson USMC & Sharon Jo Davidson** - July 11, 2019 at 09:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. John H Beck.*



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July 11, 2019 at 08:05 AM

KT

“ *Kathie and family - my deepest and sincere sympathies go out to you in this difficult time. John was a major force in this state in many aspects, but most importantly in shaping the policies that are the framework in which our state transportation system has been built upon. From his time at FDOT as General Counsel, to his efforts with regional transportation authorities, to his generous support at TEAM-FL, John always advocated for what was best for Florida's transportation system. His input and advice will always be missed.*

*Kevin Thibault*

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**Kevin Thibault** - July 11, 2019 at 06:24 AM