



John Edward Semones

March 13, 1969 - March 29, 2015

John Edward Semones, 46, passed away March 29, 2015 after successfully fighting cancer for an extended period. John grew up in Pulaski Virginia and later lived and worked around the New River Valley. Since 2008 he has resided in New Castle.

Passionate to follow in his Grandfather's footsteps as an airplane pilot, he accomplished his greatest career achievement by building a successful crop dusting business, Eastern Aerial Applications, which he operated in Morrilton Arkansas.

Aside from airplanes and flying, he loved shooting sporting clays, golfing, both water and snow skiing, riding motor cycles, working on cars, scuba diving, soaring, kayaking, bee keeping, music and much more. He loved some great dogs throughout his life.

He is preceded in death by his Mother, Sharon Ratcliff, Wytheville.

He is survived by: his wife, Cole Frantz Semones; his son, Cody Semones, a student at the University of Georgia; his sister, Jodi Semones, and her husband, Mike Bagarus, Spring Hill, FL and her son, Dylan, who is deceased; his father, Ron Semones, and wife Linda, Clearwater, FL; his uncle and aunt, Mike and Ruth Ratcliff, Claytor Lake; a close cousin, Barry Moore, Pulaski; Cole's parents, Lanier and Thecla Frantz, New Castle and her sister Sloane Frantz Mayberry and her husband Bill, Charlotte, NC.

A memorial service will be held at the Water's Edge facility at Claytor Lake State Park (I-81 Exit 101) on April 2nd at 4 p.m. The family will visit with friends after. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, an organization that John admired and supported (www.stjude.org).

Tribute Wall

TL

“ You are sadly missed my friend ...

Tim Lawhorn - March 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Cole, my thoughts continue to be with you today and the days to come. I can't be at John's services, but please know I will be with you in spirit.

Missy Ring - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ May God's Love and Grace sustain you all at this difficult time in your lives. Our prayers are with you.

David - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Condolences to Cole and family

Brian Williams - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ So sorry for your loss, Cole. Thoughts and prayers your way.

Lane Shuler - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ We spent a wonderful bike week with John many years ago in Myrtle Beach

Dickie and Virginia Duncan - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Even though we didn't know John for very long he made a great impression on us here in Arkansas. His "can do" attitude in the face of great health adversity served as an inspiration to us. He ran a good business providing a much needed aerial application operation in our area but we will remember him as "friend". Rest in peace John, we are better having known you.

Robert Stobaugh - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Very humble and easy going every time we spoke. He will be missed !

Richie Hurst - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My condolences to the family and I am sorry for your loss.

Janet Willisms - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ our hearts are heavy with pain and sorrow for now, but we pray that peace and serenity will soon be in our hearts. Keeping you all in our prayers God Bless

Lillie Brickey and Family

lillie brickey - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To John's Family, I didn't know John personally but his mom and I were good friends. Before she passed she shared with me John's struggle with Cancer and how he was fighting it and winning. I'm so sorry to learn that he has passed. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Denise Bowden - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ We only knew John the last few years, but he treated us like it was much longer. We admired and were impressed by his friendliness and positive attitude.

James and Rusty Gregory - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ You will be so very missed. You made everybody laugh and cheered people up when they were having a bad day.

Ron Cromer - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ So sorry to hear about John's passing. My thoughts and prayers for family, Sharon and Jodi.

Brenda K Dills - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Long time friend with whom I grew up with just a couple of streets over. I'm glad I got to see you at the class reunion. You put up one hell of a fight my fiend.

Ricky Crowder - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ to the family of John I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was an exceptional young man who seemed to accomplish so much in his short life. I know he will be missed by the brss glider club and all that he met and knew.the family is in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Sincerely,
Karen majerczyk

Karen majerczyk - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ So very sorry to hear of John's passing. I know it has been hard on all of you and I pray that peace finds you. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Sheila A Price - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ John was a very nice and respectable person. I lived next to him and his dog "timber" for several years and truly enjoyed our conversations.He was just starting to fly when he moved. Im happy to hear that he found a career in something he loved, flying. I had no idea he was sick. Such a tragic loss for someone so young. May the family find peace and comfort through this difficult time.

Jack McCraw - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ I am very sad to learn of John's passing but am grateful to have known him. Our loss is Heaven's gain. RIP friend.

Tim Lawhorn - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ We, the staff at Paitzel Funeral Home are deeply sorry for your loss.

Paitzel Funeral Home Mar - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM