



Dear Neighbors,

It is with great sadness and shock that we announce the passing of our dear friend and HOA President John Kellerman. Apparently, an infection spread to some of his organs quickly. He spent over 3 weeks in the TMH ICU before passing. Fifty-six-year-old John is survived by his wife Gudrun, his parents William & Veronica; his 4 children (Tanja Ratliff; Kerstin, Markus and M.J. Gocker); 5 grandchildren (Michelle Brown, Christina Ratliff; Alani, Phillip and Preston Gocker); 3 great grandchildren (Mia Hernandez, Emma Brown, and Lukas Baker); and his sister Marie and her children Michaela and Stone Jackson.

During the past four years, John led our HOA Board of Directors to implement many improvements that make our community a great place to live. He was a man of many talents and experiences. He was a Gulf War Army Veteran, a retired Leon County Deputy Sheriff, and a Founding member of the [Forgotten Coast Jeepers](#) club. He loved hunting and fishing, especially with his grandson Preston.

Ceremony Information:

There will be a ceremony at the [Tallahassee National Cemetery, 5015 Apalachee Parkway, beginning at 1 p.m. on Monday July 8, 2024](#). The ceremony will be in one of the outdoor pavilions, lasting 20-30 minutes, with military honors rendered. The Abby Funeral home is taking care of his remains, which will be cremated per John's wishes, and interred on the grounds with fellow veterans.

My understanding is that we will move to the appropriate ceremony pavilion in a vehicle procession. As you come in to the cemetery, follow the "funeral" signs on the right, parking as far forward in row marked as #3. The Abby Hearst and family cars will move to the head of the row to lead the procession. It is recommended you do not arrive earlier than 15 minutes and not later than 5 minutes to 1 pm, since there will be several ceremonies at the cemetery. If you arrive earlier than 15 minutes to 1 pm, or get disoriented, park by the cemetery office center. A representative will give directions on how to join the vehicle procession.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests you donate in John's memory to [K9s4Cops](#) or charity campaigns in [Give Send Go](#).



Sincerely yours,

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