



## John "Bubba" Hoover Jr.

June 24, 1943 - April 4, 2023

John "Bubba" Hoover, Jr. passed away peacefully in his home in Ponchatoula, Louisiana, with his family by his side, on April 4, 2023. Born on June 24, 1943, John truly embraced the statement "live life to the fullest." After graduating from Ponchatoula High School, he enlisted in the United States Airforce, where he served four years as a flight engineer. Upon honorable discharge, John graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University and began his career as a teacher. He taught at Kentwood High School and Ponchatoula High School and later finished his teaching career as a college math instructor at Southeastern Louisiana University. The impact he made on students was immeasurable. His passion for teaching was evident and he would often say he "never took a sick day" because of his love for being in the classroom. In between his teaching years, John was an entrepreneur and scuba diving instructor. He opened his first dive shop, "Bubba's Dive Shop" which grew into "Gulf South Diving Academy" where he began teaching scuba diving through the Continuing Education program at Southeastern Louisiana University. He also served as a scuba diver on the search and rescue team and was one of the first on scene for the Manchac Bridge Collapse in 1976. After retiring from Southeastern Louisiana University, John began his last career as a contractor and builder, developing a subdivision in Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

John lived a full life, but his greatest accomplishment was his family. He was a devoted husband to the love of his life of 42 years and a wonderful father to his children. He was immensely proud of his children's accomplishments and

took every opportunity he had to share that with others. John was a passionate historian, who spent lots of time uncovering artifacts throughout Louisiana. He built a collection of various Indian artifacts, bottles, coins, and other items, which he proudly displayed in his home and enjoyed sharing with his family. He was known for his infectious laugh that would light up any room. He was a happy person who lived fearlessly, loved with his entire heart, and found the positives in all situations. He touched many lives throughout his life and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

John is survived by his wife, Pamela Alvaro Hoover; son, John V. Hoover, III (Tammy); daughter, Kayla Jane Hoover (Fiancé: Lawrence Castillo); and granddaughter Emily Hoover. He is also survived by his sister Patricia Charbonnet and his four-legged companion Hoss Hoover. John is preceded in death by his parents John V. Hoover, Sr and Edith Hoover and daughter Carolyn Hoover.

The family would like to personally thank the North Oaks Hospice team for showing such kindness and allowing him to be comfortably at home with his family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to North Oaks Hospice (PO Box 2668 Hammond, LA 70404) or his favorite charity, the Louisiana SPCA.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation at Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 1190 Hwy 51 N. Ponchatoula, LA 70454 on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until the memorial service at 12:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA  
1190 Highway 51  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454  
(985) 370-9296

## Memorial Service

APR 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA  
1190 Highway 51  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454  
(985) 370-9296

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Pam, John was a great mathematician and a fantastic teacher. I am so sorry for your loss; may God grant you the grace to grieve John's death and the faith to remember the joy of his life.

Brenda Sciortino - April 10, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John "Bubba" Hoover Jr..



April 09, 2023 at 10:06 PM

DL

“ Prayers for all of you.  
Stormy & Denise Lee



Denise Lee - April 09, 2023 at 09:59 PM

GP

“ Sad to hear this about John, he was a true pillar of the community. Patient, kind and humble- that honestly describes him. My deepest condolences to Pam and all the rest of his family. 🙏🥹🕊️❤️

Gretchen GiGi Perrin - April 09, 2023 at 02:47 PM

GA

“ So sorry for John’s loss. Our prayers are with you.

Gordon Anderson - April 09, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John "Bubba" Hoover Jr..



April 09, 2023 at 01:25 PM

TF

“ The Bachot Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of John "Bubba" Hoover Jr..



The Bachot Family - April 08, 2023 at 04:25 PM

TW

“ Shared a lot of great family memories with Mr. Bubba, what a great personality!! Surely will be loved and missed by us always.

Tommy Warner - April 07, 2023 at 11:12 PM

SW

“ Bubba we go a long way back, first you were my teacher in high school, how we all loved that class! Next you and Pam were my neighbor, then u helped my daughter and son in law get into their first house! U will be missed by many! Rest in Peace



susan f warren - April 07, 2023 at 08:55 PM

DF

“ Pam I am so sorry for your loss. John was a great teacher and person. My prayers are with you and your daughter.

Debbie Ferrara - April 07, 2023 at 02:31 PM

GF

“ So sorry. Great friend and will be greatly missed 😭

Glynn Fendlason - April 07, 2023 at 01:12 PM

SM

“ I enjoyed Mr. Hoover's typing class at Ponchatoula High. He always had a smile for his students. I signed up for Dev. Math at Southeastern four times under Mr. Hoover. Each time I had to drop it. I was working full-time and couldn't wrap my head around it. Mr. Hoover always said, "Don't give up on it Sandy." BUT I did. Thank you Mr. Hoover for helping prepare me for my Administrative job at Southeastern. You will be missed



SANDRA MILLER - April 07, 2023 at 09:26 AM