



Johnny M. Petty

September 15, 1947 - October 11, 2017

Johnny M. Petty of Cadillac passed away Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City surrounded by his family. He was 70.

Johnny was born September 15, 1947 in Waycross, Georgia to Willie L. and Ocie G. (Sowell) Petty and they preceded him in passing.

Johnny was a power plant project manager. His last job before retiring was the Cogeneration Plant in Cadillac, Cadillac Renewable Energy. It was while he was in town for that job from the South that he met his wife, Linda.

Johnny loved his family very deeply; he was a family man, always putting them firsts. He was a master in the kitchen, cooking family meals and a memorable spaghetti. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and watching college sports, especially Florida State Seminoles. Johnny was a one of a kind Southern man.

On November 25, 1995 in Louisburg, North Carolina he married the former Linda Nixon and she survives him along with children: Johnny (Angela) Petty, Jr. of Brunswick, Georgia, William (Beth) Petty, Groveland, Florida, Jamie (Sara Jo) Dorland of Rogers, Arkansas, Ashley Dorland (Christopher Brookshire) of Cadillac; eight grandchildren: India Grace Petty, Katelynn Belle Petty, Jordan Faith Petty, William Lawton Petty, Jr., Natalie Grace Dorland-McCain, John Paul Dorland, Rylee Anne Dorland, Haleigh Morgan Whitley;

siblings: Willie Jean (Ray) Yates, Wanda Toler, Franklin M. (Judy) Petty, Gayle (Bruce) Fletcher; mother-in-law, Anna (Nixon) Hosmer and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and sisters and brothers-in-law and several aunts and uncles.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert E. Petty and Shelly L. Petty and fathers-in-law, Melvin "Pete" Hosmer and Bruce E. Nixon.

A celebration of life will be held 3:00 PM, Sunday, October 15, 2017 at the Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Brian Farmer officiating. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at church.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the family. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

BP

“ We are very sorry for the loss. I hope you are

Beth Petty - October 15, 2017 at 02:46 PM

JD

“ Daddy,

Just spent the last 3 hours trying come up with something to express how meaningful and important you are to me but nothing seems to come out on paper the same way it is in mind so I'm just going to stop overthinking it. You know how much I love you and how blessed I was to be able to spend the amount of time on this earth with you as I did. I have so many memories with you. Trout fishing in Michigan, fishing off the pier in Tampa Bay, family reunions on Jekyll Island GA and the infamous motor home trip. The unconditional love from the entire Petty family is a whole other discussion.

And then there was North Carolina. This is one of the places that helped mold me into the person I am today. Horses, goats, chickens, turkeys, the pond, the garden. Fishing the Outer Banks and sleeping on the beach in the back of the truck. Running deer with dogs. Weekend pig pickens' and BBQ's. Working on the tobacco farm. Strawberry Brandy and of course poison ivy.

All of the experiences and love from you will be with me forever. I will raise my kids with the same southern values that you instilled in me.

I love you Daddy.

Jamie Dorland - October 15, 2017 at 01:55 PM

WP

“ On October 11 2017, we lost a parent, husband, brother, and friend. While he will no longer answer my phone calls his lessons taught will be with me forever.

I don't even know where to begin to celebrate his life. His love of the outdoors was something, growing up, was such a special time in my life. The camping trips to Yellowstone, the fishing trips to Blackfoot Reservoir, sledding on Scout Mountain, The family trips to the cabin. The countless weekends spent on the Altamaha River. These times are some of my most cherished memories. This list could go on. His love of sports is well known. The debates we had over the Hurricanes and Seminoles could get interesting. I believe he found the most joy in watching Little Johnny and I play sports. He coached both of us no matter the sport we played and truly taught us the meaning of team. When he wasn't coaching he would travel down on Saturday's to make it to my games. The many nights spent at the race track in Waynesville Georgia working on race cars surrounded by family. All of these things are memories that bring a smile to my face.

I think the one lesson I learned the most was loving your children. While no one sees eye to eye all of the time I always knew he loved me (forty three years together, you're going to disagree occasionally). While throughout life we were separated by sometimes thousands of miles I knew I was always in his thoughts. Not a second passed I did not know my Dad loved me. Dad would end every conversation with tell little Willie and Beth I love them and I love you and be careful. There was not a conversation I can think of which did not end this way.

So my last words are- Dad I love you and I promise to be safe.

William Petty - October 15, 2017 at 01:53 PM

WT

“ Johnny is my baby brother who I will miss very much he was always there for me especially when I needed him the most I will miss our talks on the phone . He is in heaven now with all our family .Johnny I love you very much love your sister wanda

Wanda Toler - October 14, 2017 at 04:07 PM

HS

“ You have our sympathies

Heather and Mike Strom - October 14, 2017 at 03:57 PM

GF

“ Johnny was a big brother to me. I will always cherish our Friday night talks which seemed like hours which they probably were. As kids growing up Johnny would stop what he was doing to watch over me I'm sure in heaven you are still doing that. My heart is sad and broken I can still you laughter in my heart. I will miss you. The fun times and the sad times we shared. I will always remember our last conversation your words to me were (honey if you got it flaunt it). Bruce and I will miss you he said you taught a lot about plumbing if not for you and Frank he would not have been where he is today. Inside joke(you were hard Frank was a breath of air) but he said you taught him so much and he loves you for that. Thank you for being a good brother to me. I love you and miss you. You will forever be in my heart. Love Your sister Gayle (newt) Bruce ,Erin and Alex.

Gayle Fletcher - October 14, 2017 at 11:14 AM

HP

“ Thinking of you and Johnny's Memory today so sorry for your loss He was a great man

Harold & Connie Pollington - October 14, 2017 at 11:10 AM

LW

“ I met Johnny when he was building their home in Crystal River. He took pride in showing me all of the hand work he was doing and especially the book shelves in the kitchen for his cook books. He was a very special man, and even though we only talked a few times, I consider him to be a great friend. Prayers for his family to be comforted by our Lord, who understands our hearts like no other.

Luther Willis - October 14, 2017 at 11:09 AM

MC

“ Johnny and Linda were our neighbors a few years ago. Johnny was such a kind and loving man. He and Linda were like grandparents to my kids. The world lost a great man.

Matt Clark - October 14, 2017 at 10:55 AM

AO

“ We met Johnny and Linda as neighbors when we lived in Florida years ago. We spent many days and nights eating, talking or playing cards. Johnny is one of the sweetest caring men I have met. The Pettys are like family to us we love them both so very much. Prayers to Linda and family. We love you.

Alias & Jim Odell - October 14, 2017 at 08:14 AM