



## John Lewis Bartholomew jr.

May 23, 1954 - April 21, 2020

John L. Bartholomew Jr., 65, of Palmetto FL, passed away unexpectedly on April 21, 2020. John was the owner and operator of JB Air Conditioning Inc for over 30 years in Palmetto, FL. John is survived by loving wife of 47 wonderful years Crystal; daughter Evany Savage and husband Richie; grandson Khai Bartholomew who John raised as his own; and grandson Gabriel; brother in Law Henry Lafferty Jr; niece Theresa Stevens and husband Grant and nephews Ray Wenck and Billy Atchley and a host of other family and friends. John was always the life of the party, and enjoyed making those around smile and laugh. His house was known for his Christmas display and the bar golf cart around the neighborhood. A visitation will be held on Friday May 1st from 6-8 pm at Skyway Memorial Gardens 5200 US Highway 19 N. Palmetto FL 34221 with a visitation from 11 am to 12 pm and a service at noon on Saturday May 2, 2020. Please feel free to bring a memory and lawn chair to help remember John's life and legacy.

### Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;  
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

# Events

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**MAY**   **Visitation**                      06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Skyway Mausoleum Chapel

5200 US Highway 19 N, Palmetto, FL, US, 34221

**MAY**   **Visitation**                      11:00AM - 12:00PM

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**MAY**   **Service**                                      12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Evany Savage** - February 19 at 01:06 PM

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“ It hasn't gotten any easier... the days just go by and I find myself wondering why and how - it was so fast. Everything is just so different... it feels weird and uncomfortable. I really wish I could call you. What I'd give to stay for just one more song... I miss you, dad.

**Evany Savage** - June 30, 2020 at 09:58 AM

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“ Dan and Diane harden your new neighbors purchased the Eternal Love for the family of John Lewis Bartholomew jr..



**Dan and Diane harden your new neighbors** - May 01, 2020 at 09:50 PM

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“ Mary Sander lit a candle in memory of John Lewis Bartholomew jr.



**Mary Sander** - May 01, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ Tom Brown purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of John Lewis Bartholomew jr..



Tom Brown - April 30, 2020 at 12:24 PM

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“ Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of John Lewis Bartholomew jr..



April 24, 2020 at 05:26 PM

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“ Fly high on the mountain and rest easy! You have always brought so much love and joy to those around you. I will cherish all of the great memories with you. I know your dancing to Mustang Sally up there! Until we meet again.

Lori Ludwig Sloat - April 24, 2020 at 11:06 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Evany Savage - April 24, 2020 at 10:18 AM

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**Evany Savage** - April 24, 2020 at 10:17 AM

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“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of John Lewis Bartholomew jr..



April 23, 2020 at 07:22 PM

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“ We are so very saddened to hear of John’s sudden illness and passing. It is said that we each have our own impression of each person we meet in life.

To us, John was unfailingly happy and positive, a man who clearly enjoyed life. He loved, above all, his wife and family.

He took great pride in his beautiful home and was a frequent host to his many friends, usually the guys, in his air conditioned garage, with the popcorn machine and a stocked fridge.

He was honest and fair, and as a result he grew a successful business, and was a pleasure to deal with.

Weekends would find John out fishing on his boat, riding his motorcycle, hanging with the guys in the neighborhood or maybe cutting his hair with the flowbee.

He always offered a smile and a good word. He was a gentle soul. It’s hard to fathom that he will no longer walk the earth. He will be missed by so many.

We can only imagine the depth of your grief and the pain in your heart. To have known John is a great honor. Our thoughts are with you. Our memories of John will forever be in our hearts.

Steve & Kim



Steve & Kim - April 23, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ Steve & Kim,

Thank you so much for sharing the kind words about my dad. We are in shock and can't believe it. Before my dad knew he was sick, he explained that he would want all of his friends and family to celebrate his life and to not be sad. As hard as that is to do, we are trying to honor just that and keep everything going just as if he were still here. Thank you for being his friend and your warm thoughts during this tough time.

Chris and Evany

Evany Savage - April 23, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ I'm not surprised by your Dad's wishes. Just one more party! He'd love it!

kim - April 23, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ Crystal, Evany and family,  
We are so sorry to hear about John. He always had an interesting story to tell and enjoyed a good laugh. Once his elaborate Christmas display was complete, Christmas in the neighborhood was in full swing. Our kids and grandkids loved the display and the fun music that went with it. The neighborhood will not be the same without him. Our deepest sympathy, Dave and Ellen Benshoff

**Dave and Ellen Benshoff** - April 23, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ Chris, Evony and family  
Sending condolences from all the families in New York. Lifting up prayers for all of you.

**Dagmar Doland** - April 23, 2020 at 10:55 PM



“ Thank you all for the kind words. We truly appreciate knowing that my father was well thought of and cared for. The Christmas lights will go on, just as he would want them to. He always let me know that he did it for the kids in hopes of keeping the Christmas spirit alive and magical for them. He was surely a great man!

**Evany** - April 24, 2020 at 10:15 AM



“ I only got to know him for a little while when he was little and I babysit him but he was always a sweet kid and I did visit him once in FL. and him and his wife were both so very good to us. May he rest in peace. Hugs to all.

**Mary Doland Lisowski** - April 24, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ Dear Aunt Chrissy,  
I am truly heartbroken over the loss of Uncle Johnny. I remember our days and parties at Jeanette and Phil's. Back when Jeanette was always hosting some get together, it didn't need to be a special occasion! Uncle Johnny was the quiet one however; when he did get a word in everyone would definitely stop and listen! You both welcomed me into the family the same way Jeanette and her family did, lovingly without judgement. We all "grew up" together. I watched as Theresa June and Evany grew into beautiful young women. How they loved Heather and would take such good care of her while the adults played. A close family who treated me as one of your own. The love and laughter while together is the memory that will remain in my heart forever.

I apologize for loosing touch with you, Uncle Johnny, Evany and the rest of the family after Jeanette passed away. I never was able to see your home that you and Uncle Johnny made. I apologize for not seeing your epic Christmases, the bbq's, celebrations and your Grandsons.

Uncle Johnny is definitely one of a kind. A loving and caring Husband, Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, Brother, Cousin and Friend!

He is in Heaven with his family who left us way too soon. Another Guardian Angel keeping his earthly family safe and protecting us from harm especially during these scary times. May he rest in peace in the arms of our Lord. May his perpetual light continuously shine upon all of us. Amen

**Mary** - May 01, 2020 at 08:17 AM



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**Mary** - May 01, 2020 at 08:20 AM



“ Thank you for the kind words, Mary. Those were the days - at Aunt Jeanette's house :) I hope all is well and truly appreciate your message.

**Evany** - October 16, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ Really missing my dad. They say that time heals - but not this time... it seems to get harder to try and figure it out and to accept that I will never see you again.

**Evany** - April 27 at 10:07 AM



“ Denise purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of John Lewis Bartholomew jr..



**Denise** - April 23, 2020 at 04:41 AM