



## Matthew Wayne Carothers Sr.

July 21, 1964 - June 5, 2024

In Loving Memory of  
Captain Matthew Wayne Carothers, Sr.

Captain Matthew (Matt) Wayne Carothers, Sr. passed away at the age of 59, in Crawfordville, Florida. He had a heart of gold that unexpectedly stopped on June 5, 2024. Matt was born on July 21, 1964, in Columbus, Indiana and moved to Florida in 1990. Matt was a loving husband, father and stepfather.

Matt entered into the plumbing industry at an early age. He went on to secure his Plumbing Contractor license and established The Plumbing Patrol. Matt was a hard worker and was proud of the fact that he had many repeat customers for over 30 years because of his honesty, integrity, and amazing remodeling work. Matt was extremely intelligent and skilled. There was nothing he couldn't fix or accomplish.

Matt loved the outdoors and the ocean. He has been driving a boat and fishing from a young age so it was only natural that he would pass the test the first time and obtained his Captain's license in 2018. He loved fast cars, motorcycles, big trucks, guns, roller coasters and southern rock and roll. He enjoyed watching football and loved hosting yearly Super Bowl parties. Matt always had jokes as his sense of humor made everyone laugh. Above all, Matt's greatest passion was taking care of his wife. Matt never stopped working and would always say, "rub some dirt on it" as he kept on going till the

bitter end.

Matt is survived by his devoted wife of thirteen years, Darlene Carothers; his sons, Matthew Carothers Jr. (Kristy Carothers) and Lucas Carothers; Brothers, Eric Carothers (Stacey Carothers) and Nathaniel Carothers; Stepchildren, Jennifer Benatatos, Christina Reinhardt and Joseph Reinhardt; Grandson Ryan Carothers.

He is preceded in death by his parents Robert and Mary Kay Carothers and his brother Craig Carothers.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for June 29, 2024. Details to follow.

Matt will be forever missed by all who knew him, and he will live in our hearts forever.

Skip & Trey Young along with Paula and Kimberly are caring and assisting the family. 850-926-5919 [Familyfhc.com](http://Familyfhc.com)

# Tribute Wall

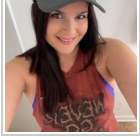
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“ *Matty, not a day goes by that I don't miss you. You were a great friend/ father figure to us. Whether we cracked jokes together or teamed up on others we where a team. You have taught me so much and I wish that I can still continue to learn from your skills. I will see you again one day but until then I will continue to miss you being a part of our lives. Love, Chrissy.*



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**Christina Reinhardt** - July 10, 2024 at 11:52 PM



“ Matt, I’m gonna miss you very much! You’re the best person that has entered our lives. Me and you always sending each other pictures of food to just to get arise out of each other because we both loved eating the same things that my mom couldn’t believe we love eating hot peppers specially. We are always joking or me making fun of you. I’m gonna miss all the fishing trips we’ve gone too, or the vacation trips that I would invite myself to go on with you. I didn’t like the fact you guys moved away so far cause than I couldn’t see you as much anymore. I was always over after work, on my days off or if I was bored. I would come over and help you with some major projects you were working on like putting the sod down and help you with the back room at the tarpon house. I’ve learned so much from you and appreciate everything you have done for me. I’m still secretly your favorite child ❤️❤️❤️ I love you 🥰



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**Jenn Benetatos** - June 12, 2024 at 07:00 PM

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“ From this moment to our first date to the date your heart stopped & mine shattered into a million pieces, you were the perfect man for me. 14 years later & you still held my hand whenever we walked together, you always opened the doors, you always told me you love me, you always pet my hair till I fell asleep, you'd always surprise me with so many little things when I didn't need anything but YOU. You were my GPS & I'm so lost. Thank you for the best 14 years of my life. It was always an adventure filled with peace, love, laughter, family and great friends. I appreciate everything you did for me & will finish what you started here till I see you again. I will love you forever my one true love. See you soon. ❤️



Darlene Carothers - June 11, 2024 at 05:24 PM

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I'm Matt's uncle and remembers when they used to come to the farm in Rockville to visit. Unfortunately I haven't seen him in years and I just want to relay my sympathy to his family. Katie was my oldest sister. At this point we've lost Mary Kay, Jack, Chuck, Deb, Daryl and Steve. I wish I could make it down for the service but can't. Again my sympathies are with you.

david Eldridge - June 16, 2024 at 09:14 PM