



## John Lee Wooley

January 11, 1956 - July 14, 2015

John Lee Wooley, age 59, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away Tuesday evening, July 14, 2015 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. John was born January 11, 1956 in Houston, Texas to Marvin and Mary (Fellers) Wooley. He was a graduate of Sam Houston High School and continued his education at the University of Houston where he earned his Bachelor's degree. John Married Shelley Kae Stork on April 19, 1987 at St. Andrews by the Sea in San Diego, CA. John retired as from the U. S. Department of Homeland Security in 2012, serving most recently as the Special Agent in Charge of Northern Michigan, He and his family came to Michigan in 2006 after serving nearly five years as the Deputy Attache' for Homeland Security to Brazil and Bolivia, where he was attached to both the U. S. Embassy in Brasilia, Brazil and the U. S. Consulate in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Prior to his service in Brazil, he served in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nogales, Arizona, Houston, Texas and Galveston, Texas. He also served with the U. S. Border Patrol in San Clemente, California. During the Vietnam War, he served in the U. S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk. Despite the substantial cases that he facilitated, and significant impact into the illicit activities of those who would traffic narcotics into the United States, as well as illegal gun trafficking, money laundering, human trafficking and smuggling of all kinds, John was a humble and kind man. However, if he found you on the wrong side of right, he was not to be trifled with. Despite his gentle nature, he was not someone to be dismissed. For his sons, he was larger than life and for his wife, he was her

soulmate. He often said he wanted to be remembered as having been a kind man, an honorable man and a man who loved to laugh. John was a member of FLEOA (Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association) and St. James Episcopal Church. He helped with the local Boy Scouts. Before moving to Sault Ste. Marie, he helped start a troop in Green Valley, AZ, and he ran a Lone Scout Troop at the US Embassy in Brasilia. John was currently restoring two Volkswagen Karmann Ghias. He was very proud that all three of his sons were attending college and that Joshua played soccer for Algoma University and that Travis plays football for University of Michigan. John is survived by his wife: Shelley Kae (Stork) Wooley; three sons: Joshua Russell Wooley, Robert Travis Wooley, and Macon Augustus Wooley all of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; and a cherished granddaughter: Payton. John is also survived by his siblings Irene (Willard) Moore of Clear Lake, TX, and Marva (Larry) Franks of New Caney, TX. John was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Mary Wooley and four siblings: Joe Wooley, Lawrence Wooley, Cecilia Wilson, and Judy Carver. A Funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 20, 2015 at St. James Episcopal Church with Reverend Bob Aldrich and Reverend Susan Harries as co-celebrants. Friends may gather at the church from 10:00 until 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Be The Match.

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Dear Shelley: I am so sorry about your husband. My heart goes out to you during this difficult time. Please know that I am thinking of you and your family as you celebrate your husband's remarkable life and all the memories you shared.

*Take care of yourself.*

*Love Chari Bortner from Flint, MI*

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**Chari Bortner** - July 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Shelley,  
*Thoughts and prayers for you and your family.*

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**Jim Whittaker** - July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Shelley,  
  
*I am truly sorry for your loss and I pray for strength and comfort for you and your family at this difficult time. Please know that your GEAR UP family is here for anything you may need. My sincerest condolences.*

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**Danyelle Gregory** - July 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Shelley,  
*My heart goes out to you and your family at the passing of your husband. Thank you for sharing a part of his life story with us. May the peace of God be with you and your family.*

*Flora*

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**Flora Boles** - July 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Shelley, I am thinking of you and your family. You and John had such a rich life together from the stories you've told me, and I am so sad to hear of his passing. Hugs to you my friend.

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**Michelle Snitgen** - July 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers go toward you in this time of bereavement.

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**Tawana Parks** - July 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ My deepest condolences the entire Wooley family on John's passing I enjoyed working with over the years starting from our time as colleagues in Arizona in the 90's and then again the mid-2000's when I was able to bring him to Sault Ste. Marie as the RAC. He always had a smile on his face and he had a big heart and he'll be missed.

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**Brian Moskowitz** - July 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I want to express my deepest sympathy to the family. John was a great man who cared about his job and his employees.

*Was nice when John and I talked about Boy Scouts when he was in Detroit for training.*

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**Jeff Brown** - July 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Dear Shelley, Josh, Travis and Macon,

*Please accept our most sincere condolences during your time of loss. John was a true friend, wonderful colleague and a top notched Special Agent. He played an active role in the US Mission, both at US Consulate General Sao Paulo and at US Embassy Brasilia, and he was an especially close friend of the DSS Regional Security Offices in both cities. He will be truly missed.*

*May your many memories of your wonderful times with John begin to ease your minds, as you realize that he has no more pain or suffering.*

*You are all in our thoughts and prayers!*

*Art & Islandia Balek  
Diplomatic Security Service*

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**Art & Islandia Balek** - July 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *My condolences to Shelley and the boys. I had the pleasure to work with John for a few years in Houston. He was an excellent agent and a very proud husband and father. May he rest in peace.*

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**Ron Worley** - July 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *While I only met John on a few occasions, I knew him most through his sister, my sister-in-law, Marva. He was an incredible man using his life and talents for our country and he had so much love for his family. He will be missed by so many. Thanks John for all you have done.*

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**Donna & Ray Mosley** - July 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Godspeed John. You will be remembered in our prayers*

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**Joe Webber** - July 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *John was a GREAT friend, and a SPETACULAR agent. To this day, some of the most memorable times of my Law Enforcement career, were shared with Special Agent John L. Wooley. Rest in Peace Brother John*

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**Joe Calafell** - July 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *John was a wonderful man. We appreciate all that he did for his country and his family and friends. We loved him dearly. God bless you all.*

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**Archie & Geraldine Franks** - July 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *John was an awesome brother and friend. I will miss all of our talks. Sending prayers to Shelley, Josh, Travis & Macon. Love Marva & Larry*

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**Marva Franks** - July 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ *Our deepest sympathies*

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**Ed Tarver** - July 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Shelley, Josh, Travis & Macon you all are in our prayers. He was an awesome brother and friend.

*I will miss our talks. Love Marva & Larry*

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**Marva & Larry Franks** - July 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Thoughts and prayers for you all!

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**Marianna Ripple** - July 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ When I think of John, I always see him smiling. My sincere sympathy at your loss.

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**Mary Sampson** - July 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM