

**Hesteande, John Douglas**

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John Hesteande

The Lord called John Douglas Hesteande, 54, of Slidell, home on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021.

Funeral service is 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel in Decatur with burial at Oaklawn Cemetery.

John was born on June 8, 1966, to Lawrence and Bobbie Hesteande in Decatur and was raised in Slidell. John enjoyed anything outdoors, life and helping others. He was an avid hunter, and he was able to catch fish wherever he was.

John served our country and was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Those who knew John know he loved to live off the land. If he was awake, he could be found in his garden, tending to his birds or raising pigs. John had a knack for making things with his hands and was loved for the gifts that he would make for others.

John married the love of his life, Shawna Strohl Oct. 1, 1986. Together they led a beautiful life and raised their four children.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Penny Shurbet; and his brother, Russell Hesteande.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his sons, Ryan Hesteande and wife, Ashlee, of Alvord, Heath Hesteande and wife, Darci, of Purcell, Okla., and Landon Hesteande; his daughter, Magan Hesteande and fianc , Chance Allmand, of Marietta, Okla.; his sisters, Brenda Walker of Sunset, Ruth Swanson and husband, DC Langston, of Whitesboro, Cathy Sides and husband, Jackie, of Chico, Amy Adams and husband, Mark, of Denton and Jill Richards and husband, Michael, of Slidell; his granddaughters, Saylor and Oaklee; his in-laws, Richard and LaNelda Strohl of Bowie; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

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