



# John "Rock" Urban Rockcastle

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John "Rock" Urban Rockcastle, 92, went to be with the Lord March 7, 2023. He was born August 19, 1930 in Evanston, IL. Rock lived in Oxford, FL for the last 29 years with his wife of 52 years, Ruth.

Rock was a man of Faith and was a deacon at Faith Presbyterian church where he enjoyed opening the church every Sunday, making the coffee for Fellowship time and greeting the worshipers.

Rock loved God and country. After graduating from Evanston High School, he joined the Navy and served for 40 years, Active and Reserves. He was primarily in the Submarine service.

Rock worked in the Marine business for years and retired from Chrysler Marine. After moving to Florida in 1994 he joined SimCom Flight Training Center for 22 years until his retirement at age 90.

Rock became a Flight Instructor in 1982 and his wife Ruth was his first student. He held an Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) certificate, Certified Flight Instructor certificate with Gold Seal, Ground School and Remote Pilot certificates. He was an 'impassioned public speaker' on many topics of aviation safety. He was the winner of many awards, including National CFI of the Year in 1989, National FAAS Team Rep of the year and in 2022 he received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, the highest award for pilots conferred by the FAA. Rock was the World record holder of WINGS Phases, 353 Basic, 307 Advanced and 256 Master. According to the FAA "no one else will ever beat that record."

Rock is survived by his wife Ruth, his daughter Colleen (Ben) Wermes, his step-son Dale (Amy) Fraysur, 5 grand-children and 4 great grand-children.

In Lieu of Flowers, Donations can be made to Faith Presbyterian Church in Oxford Florida.



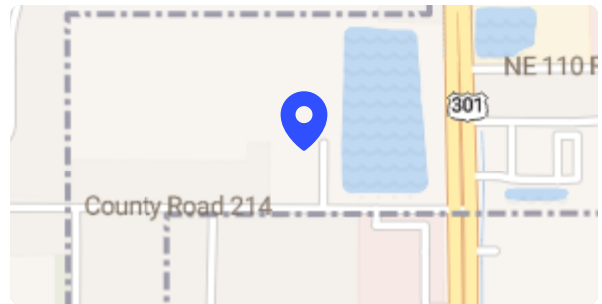
# Events

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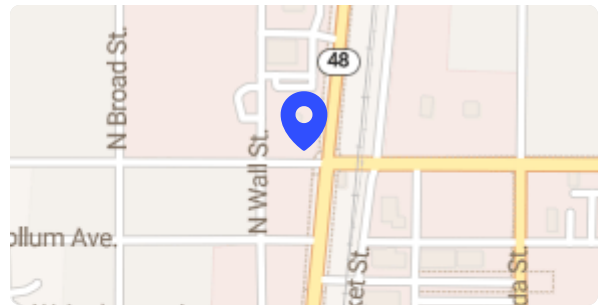
### Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony

- Thursday**, April 6, 2023
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- Faith Presbyterian Church**  
3984 C.R. 214, Oxford FL 34484



### Graveside Ceremony

- Thursday**, April 6, 2023
- 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET
- Florida National Cemetery**  
6502 SW 102nd Ave., Bushnell FL 33513





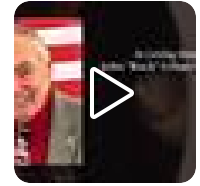
# Tribute Wall

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**Banks-Page Theus Funerals And Cremations** shared a **Video**.



March 17 at 12:20 PM



**Obie S Young** shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

All the Florida Aviation Network from early years to current time know and love Rock.

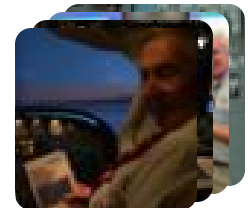


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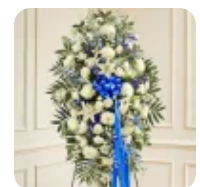
Another of our FAA Production Studio Crew (now Florida Aviation Network) has gone west. John Rock Rackastle joined the FAAPS in 1995. Along the same time became a FAA ASC (Aviation Safety Counselor) Prior to the FAASTeam and Reps. He was knowledgable and was called on many time to make safety / aviation presentations. He became our lead audio tech that worked behind the curtain to outfit the guest. Even then he always ask the guest.."Where are your FAA Wings". While at Simcom he was one of the best promoter of the FAA Wings program. In industry he was awarded the National Flight Instructor of the Year. In 2020 he was awarded the FAASTeam Rep of the Year. He was never a loss to "cut up" at a gatering or crew party. More to follow. I remember in 2018 when he obtained his 6th (sixth) Master Instructor. Fellow flying Fez and QB .. You will be missed.Rock .. Wishing You "Blue Skies and Tailwinds"



March 17 at 3:32 PM



**Obie S Young** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Rockcastle family.

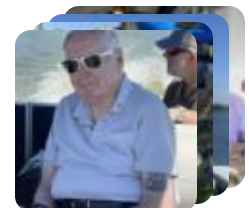


April 4 at 1:08 PM



**Dianne And Mike Mcmillan** shared 7 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Our Rock - always larger than life itself - Mike and Dianne McMillan



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**Anonymous** sent a Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray to the Rockcastle family.

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## Media

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Cast Party 2004



Rock as Santa



Rock present to Troop 6 at St. Luke's



Rock and Ernie Cast Party 2007



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April 4 at 1:25 PM



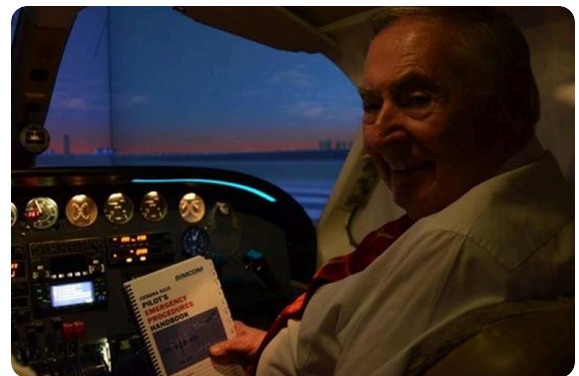
Rock at Christmas - Cast Party



CFI Special Emphasis Meeting



FAAPS



Rock Instructing at Simcom



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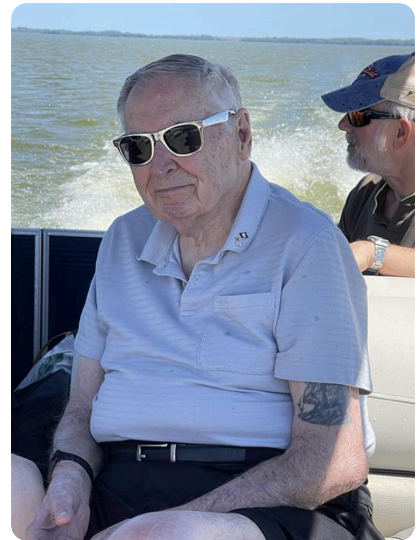
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Faith Deacon



Lady's Man



Fair winds and following seas, our friend



Celebrating birthdays



Peck's Old Port Restaurant



# Media

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Lake Harris



One Another-ing



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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