



Donald Lee Gainey

November 5, 1946 - August 18, 2016

Donald Lee Gainey passed away at Big Bend Hospice on August 18, 2016, due to complications following cancer. He was 69.

Mr. Gainey was born on November 5, 1946, in Waycross, Georgia, to his parents, James and Sarah Gainey. He graduated from Florida High and Chipola Junior College. He served proudly in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and upon returning, attended Florida State University where he became a fully-fledged, passionate Seminole at both football and basketball games.

He married Brenda C. Colson in 1972. He began work at McKenzie Tank Lines and worked there for 42 years retiring in 2014 to indulge in a passion for hunting, fishing and his grandchildren. Mr. Gainey was a long-standing member of the Tallahassee Bass Anglers Club where he terrorized the fish regularly with a number of good friends, the Coonbottom Gun Club, the Havana Chapter of Ducks Unlimited and a Firearms Safety Instructor for Talon Training.

Mr. Gainey is survived by his wife, Brenda Carol Colson Gainey; his two daughters, Donna Gainey Strickland and husband Charlie, Shana Gainey Marshall; six grandchildren Dusti, Kelli, Sarah, Matthew, Jessi and C.J.; his mother, Sarah B. Gainey, a brother, Dennis N. Gainey, a sister, Lisa Gainey; and Sweet Pea, his beloved dog.

Visitation will take place on Sunday, August 21, 2016, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Bevis Funeral home Services will be at 11:00 a.m., Monday, August 22,

2016, at Bevis Funeral Home and Committal Services with full military honors at the Tallahassee National Cemetery at 12:00 p.m. Please join us to celebrate his life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, Tallahassee, Florida. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevsfh.com 850-385-2193)

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Graveside Service

AUG **22**. 12:00 AM (ET)

Tallahassee National Cemetery
5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Celebration of Life

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Brenda and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Don was a good man who loved his family dearly. May your gift of memories help to comfort you during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers,*
Paul and Sheila Rayborn

Sheila Rayborn - August 20, 2016 at 07:32 PM



“ *Mrs. Brenda and family, I am so thankful I was able to get to know Don, MTL just hasn't been the same without him, he was a great man that taught me a lot. I spent many years working for him, I was just a youngin when I started working with him, he was like a second father to me. All I can say is "boy howdy" "that dog won't hunt"! Rest easy Don Gaineey, we got this!*

Cheryl Holly Martin - August 19, 2016 at 06:53 PM

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“ *He was a good man and always treated me good,he will surely be missed by many.*

Marshall Murphy - August 19, 2016 at 06:45 PM

BG

“ *Worked with Don for many years at McKenzie Tank Lines and he's was one of a kind but he was loved and will surely be missed.. Prayers for his family & friends. Love Brandy & Junior Gardner*

Brandy Gardner - August 19, 2016 at 05:28 PM