



James David Girtman

January 18, 1948 - July 10, 2019

James David Girtman, 71, of Carrabelle, Florida, passed away on July 10, 2019 and is now at peace from the holds of dementia. Cremation has occurred. He was born January 18, 1948, in Miami, Florida. He is preceded in death by parents: Ralph & Ova Josephine 'Jay' Girtman; grandparents: J.D. Girtman and Kate Horne Girtman, early pioneers of Coral Gables, Florida. He is survived by: wife of 47 years Mildred 'Sissy' Girtman, Carrabelle, Florida; Sister: Debbie Schiller (Laren), Austin Texas and her family: son Scott (Jaynia); children Emma & Wyatt; daughter Kelly Greenheart and husband Jeff; son Wilder; Sister: Georgina Taddia (Ed), Dripping Springs, Texas; and her family; son Ryan (Brooke) children Josephine, Maelyn, Reid. Son Evan (Wendy); son Ben. Daughter Rebecca Krohn (Marcus). son Elliot and Cousin: Charlie Girtman, Coral Gables, Florida.

Dave was very proud of the Girtman heritage in South Florida dating to 1896 when his grandfather, J.D. Girtman, opened a mercantile and trading post. Dave's love of the nursery and foliage industry and real estate development was honestly inherited from his father and grandfather. He was a successful entrepreneur and real estate developer – creating businesses from scratch following in the footsteps of his father and Big Pop so many years ago – from Miami to Honduras, Florida to Montana, Orlando to Costa Rica. After selling his successful nursery and tree farm, Concepts in Greenery, in Orlando, Dave and Sissy packed up everything they owned in a U-Haul truck including 4 bird dogs and headed to Montana. Over the course of 30 years in Montana, they

built the Columbia Mountain Cabins resort near Glacier National Park and Uncle Fester's Pheasant Farm on the Milk River in Glasgow. The Great Falls area was home for almost 15 years. He loved attending auctions of any type and collecting knives, Indian beadwork, and western art. Dave chose the Carrabelle area for its 'Old Florida' living and, of course, the fishing. Special friends: Enos Kerr, Ralph Johnson, Tracy Marquis, Joe Bergtoll, Nadine & Jerry Pickthorn and Montana godson Ryan Bergtoll. Dave was blessed with many memories of bird hunting, fishing, field dog trialing and big game hunting and developing close friendships. A special thank you for the compassionate care received at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital; Dr. Hubbell, Dr. Nava, and the nursing staff of 3N, CICU, and the 7th Floor Palliative Care. A Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday, July 17 at 11:00 a.m. at Carrabelle Christian Center, Carrabelle, Florida. David Conn of Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey Young Chapel in Crawfordville is assisting the family with arrangements. (850-926-3333 or www.bevisfh.com).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Carrabelle Christian Center
142 River Rd
Carrabelle, FL 32322
(850) 697-3232

Tribute Wall

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss Sissy and we wish we could have seen David before his passing. I remember one Christmas when we were really young, Uncle David gave us home-made jerky for Christmas. It was so strange to my little child taste-buds but the tastiest thing I had ever had! Scott and I fought over the last of the jerky after y'all had left.

-Kelly Greenheart

Kelly Greenheart - July 16, 2019 at 11:11 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James David Girtman.



July 15, 2019 at 08:27 PM

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“ Sissy, Ken and I are both so sorry to hear of the loss of Dave. Many great memories of him, including your lovely wedding. We're thinking of you and sending you love and peace.

Diane Owens - July 13, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James David Girtman.*



July 13, 2019 at 05:36 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Dave's passing - have many fun memories! Thinking of you, Sissy!! Jackie Bell*

jackie bell - July 13, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ *Condolences to you, Sissy, and your family for your loss of Dave. I have fond memories of our college years and hold those memories dearly.*

Trudy Pratt - July 13, 2019 at 09:19 AM



“ *I am sorry for your loss.*

janet ragland - July 13, 2019 at 07:47 AM



“ *Sending my sympathy to you Sissy and all the family. This is sad news for your "college family."*

Cathie Jones - July 12, 2019 at 07:15 PM



“ 54 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bevis Funeral Home - July 12, 2019 at 03:10 PM