



## Mark Wendel Glisson

August 5, 1951 - March 30, 2012

Mark W. Glisson of Monticello, Florida, passed away on March 31, 2012. Mark was born on August 5, 1951, in Jacksonville, Florida, the youngest child of Merrill and Marie Glisson. He grew up in Jacksonville and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1969. He was a proud graduate of the University of Florida ... not to mention an avid Gator fan ... and served his country as an honored member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Mark went to work for the Florida State Park Service as a park ranger at Gold Head Branch State Park in 1977. He spent his entire 30-year career with Florida's Department of Environmental Protection, serving as Bureau Chief of Natural and Cultural Resources, Scientific and Technical Services Director for the Office of Greenways and Trails, and Staff Director for the advisory board of the Florida Forever project. In 2004, Mark was named Conservationist of the Year by the Florida Wildlife Federation, a recognition that reflected his lifelong love for and protection of Florida's natural resources. Mark will be remembered, by everyone who knew him, for his wit, his genuine love for people and his willingness to help others. He is predeceased by his parents and survived by: his wife, Kristi Glisson, of Monticello; his sisters, Gail Eilers (Maynard) of Jacksonville and Janice Wilder (Tim) of Keystone Heights; nieces Brenna Thomas, Robin Pratt, and Stacey Wilder; nephew Seth Wilder; great grandnieces and nephews Dylan Wilder, Austin Kaylor, Sadie Pratt, Brooklyn Wilder, Merrill Whetstone; and many wonderful, supportive friends and relatives. For those of you who loved him and suffered through his terrible

jokes ... he will leave you with this ... "Why the long face?" A private family service will be held at a later date. Bevis Funeral Home, (850)385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com), is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was just thinking of Mark while watching a program on T.V. It was about Wardens. I am not sure if Mark was a Warden but I know he was in a similar line of work. Mark and I were best friends and enjoyed times together at his property in Keystone Heights as kids. My Dad and I would hunt on the Glissons property every Thanksgiving and then go visit with Mr. And Mrs. Glisson afterwards. I remember going to a beauty pageant Gail was in at Lee High School I think. I remember going to their lake place one summer with Mrs. Glisson Janice and Mark. If I remember correctly Janice was a hoot. Everyone remembers where they were when Kennedy was shot. I was at Marks playing. My condolences.  
Bob Hamilton  
Marietta, Ga

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bob hamilton - April 02, 2015 at 08:13 PM

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“ I am just learning of the passing of my dear friend, neighbor and playmate. My much belated condolences and continued well wishes to the entire family. I know he is sorely missed by many.

Mark and I were acquainted in 1952 soon after my birth. As young children, we not only made great playmates but he served as my "protector" from perceived harm and any bullies on our block of Merrimac Avenue in Lakeshore. His gentleman's nature was truly inborn.

As we grew older, we became childhood sweethearts. Our lives took different paths in high school drawing us toward other work and love interests. However, . anytime we saw each other (following his return to Florida in 1977) we picked up right where we left off as if no time had passed between us. We were true soul mate friends. The last time I saw Mark and Sheri was at his mother's funeral in 2009. He looked tired, drawn but was wise and witty as always with that infectious smile and chuckle that was all his.

I will keep him close in memory, to my heart and look forward to celebrating him (\*along with Marie and Merrill) in heaven. I know he is entertaining and serving his new purpose there.

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**Diana Dobbs Chastain** - August 07, 2014 at 09:17 AM

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“ For all of us on the board of directors at Millstone Institute, this news of Mark's passing brings sadness and loss. He was above all, a true gentleman. His love for Millstone Plantation and all of America's natural treasures was evident throughout his distinguished career in conservation. We have lost a general in the battle to save this country's precious natural resources.

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**William F. Conrad** - April 04, 2012 at 11:41 AM