



Richard Lee Gunnels

February 15, 1954 - July 15, 2022

Richard Lee Gunnels of Tallahassee, FL died July 15, 2022 at TMH surrounded by family. He is survived by his daughter and best friend, Ellen “Ellie” Ann Gunnels (partner, John Lindner); his brother Bill Gunnels (wife, Kaye Gunnels) and the mother of his only child, Missy Gunnels Kane. Richard also leaves behind a host of extended family members who will miss him dearly.

Richard was born February 15, 1954 in Columbus, GA. His family moved to Tallahassee in 1960. He was a member of the 1970 Leon High School State Championship Football team and graduated from Leon in 1972. After high school, he attended both FSU and TCC. He received a degree in political science and was inducted into the TCC Hall of Fame in 2004.

Richard had a long and successful career with the State of Florida Department of Agriculture and retired as Special Assistant to the Commissioner. Richard was quite the character and was considered by friends and family to be the ringleader of laughter with a big heart and a playful soul. He was an avid outdoorsman and particularly enjoyed boating and fishing. He thoroughly enjoyed life and his greatest pride and joy was always found in his daughter, Ellie.

Funeral services will be held at Bevis Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 20,

2022 at 2:00 p.m. with a reception to immediately follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or to the National Young Farmers Coalition.

Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the Gunnels family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com)

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

815 West Piedmont Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Reception

JUL 20. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ From Jim Alderman and family. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard Lee Gunnels.



From Jim Alderman and family. - July 18, 2022 at 05:04 PM

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“ Glenn, Tommy, Ann, Gene and Linda purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Richard Lee Gunnels.



Glenn, Tommy, Ann, Gene and Linda - July 18, 2022 at 02:49 PM

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“ Richard was a dear friend who will be deeply missed.

Don W Davis - July 18, 2022 at 08:52 AM

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“ Johnny, Sandra & Shirley Alderman purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Richard Lee Gunnels.



Johnny, Sandra & Shirley Alderman - July 17, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Gunnels.*



July 17, 2022 at 01:21 PM