



Richard "Rick" VonGriesenbeck Gourdier

April 8, 1955 - September 15, 2021

Richard "Rick" VonGriesenbeck Gourdier, 66, passed peacefully at his Havana, Florida home on September 15, 2021, after a long illness. He was born in Albany, Georgia, and lived in the Tallahassee area most of his life, graduating from Rickards High School. He later joined the U.S. Air Force where he became a member of the Military Police. After being honorably discharged from the military, he worked for many years, until his recent retirement, as an HVAC contractor and as a maintenance supervisor at a number of apartment complexes in the Tallahassee area.

Rick was a lover of nature and was always happiest when out camping or kayaking with friends and family. He especially loved spending time on the Wacissa River. He was also a history buff and a music lover.

Rick was a loving husband and father, and leaves behind his wife of 31 years, Laurie Dughi; son Chris Gourdier; daughter Vicki Smith (Cody); grandsons Luke and Logan Smith; brother Paul Mitchell (Rashel); sisters Suzie and Dolly Mitchell; his parents-in-law Jan and Richard RuBino; his sister-in-law Leslie Dughi; cousin Roderick Palmer; and special family friend Bobbie Chappell. He was predeceased by his mother Joy Harvey.

A memorial is planned for October 9 on the Wacissa River, where Rick's ashes will be scattered. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the

Friends of the Museums of Florida History, where Rick and his family spent happy hours. The mailing address is 500 South Bronough Street, R. A. Gray Building, Room G2, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250. Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee is assisting the family.

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