



Gifford "Giff" Earl Kidd

February 20, 1952 - March 2, 2017

Gifford "Giff" E. Kidd, age 65, of rural Richland Center died on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at Bloomfield Nursing Home in Dodgeville. He was born on February 20, 1952 at the Richland Hospital the son of Myron and Shirley (Mead) Kidd. After graduation from Richland Center High School, Giff joined the U.S. Navy. He proudly served his country for 20 years as an Engineman. He married Peggy Chitwood on August 31, 1974 at Park Street Christian Church. After retiring from the U.S. Navy they settled in Goose Creek, South Carolina.

Giff served on the USS Cree 1971-1974, Coastal River Squadron One 1974-1977, USS Cannon 1975-76, Naval & Marine Corp Reserve Center 1977-1980, Naval Diving & Salvage Training Center 1980-1984, USS Frank Cable 1984-1985, COMNAVSURFLANT DMTT 1985-1986, and SIMA-Charleston 1986-1990.

Giff loved the hunting and fishing in S.C., so he retired and then was a Game Warden on Base for a few years. He worked in a grain ship yard in Chas. S.C. for a while. Then to Mt. Pleasant as an outboard mechanic, he also started a small outboard mechanic business at home. Heart problems and back surgeries slowed him down, eventually ending up on disability. He loved coon and deer hunting, fishing, and camping with family on Lake Moultrie and Lake Marion. He taught his son and grandson (Josh) how to do those things he loved. He was known as Papa to his grandchildren. Papa loved wrestling and football and followed grandson (Josh) everywhere he could go to watch. Giff wrestled and played football himself and taught Josh a lot. He met so many people who became friends and family.

They moved back to Wisconsin in 2006 to a piece of land in the country- had a few beef cattle and enjoyed some farming. His back finally gave out and ended up in a wheelchair. It was very hard for him to give up a lot of things he loved because of the pain. Peggy helped take care of him but his final stop was Bloomfield Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center by Dodgeville, Wisconsin. He became the Sheriff and kept everyone guessing _____. He absolutely loved it there and they loved him and took wonderful care of him till the end.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years Peggy Kidd of Richland Center, WI; a daughter, Rosanne Kidd of Goose Creek, S.C.; a son, Zachary (Jessica) Kidd of Edgefield, S.C.; 7 grandchildren, Joshua, Marcus, Kahvaun, Haley, Ashleigh, Gabbie, Jaxon; great grandchild, Camden; a sister, Nancy Kidd of California; mother-in-law, Dorothy Chitwood; many aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and father-in-law, Carl Chitwood.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center. Friends may call on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 11:00 AM until the time of service at 1:00 PM.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LW

“ My condolences to the family. So sorry for your loss. I remember the Mead (Kidd) family when I was growing up. His family was friends with my grandparents, Earl and Marie McNamer on Soules Creek. Linda (Wendt) Wilson.

Linda (Wendt) Wilson - March 13, 2017 at 03:11 PM

DL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Peggy. Giff was a great guy, a great classmate, and a great (and tough) teammate at RCHS. I can still see him walking back to the huddle after knocking someone on their butt! I will remember him as someone who always gave his all! -- Dennis Lawton

Dennis Lawton - March 11, 2017 at 09:35 AM

DD

“ Our condolences to Giff's family. I and Giff enjoyed many great times during high school sampling MD 2020 along with one of his family members who thought she could handle the MD better than us- she never did accomplish it tho and Giff and I got a great kick out of that, and after graduation when he was stationed in Great Lakes and I was stationed in Gary Indiana I would ride back to great lakes with him. I always had a great time with his family, memories that I will always have. Dan & Marcia Dobbs

Dan Dobbs - March 09, 2017 at 09:06 PM

DM

“ I see that by all the other that it was not only I that Giff touched with fond memories. I have quit a few but will remember this one. Giff and I were stationed in GooseCreek together. We both loving the outdoors and he with a boat and I with a camper decided to go camping one day. we took Zack and my stepson Johnny with us. We made it and I was half awake lying in bed and got knocked in the head real hard Giff just started laughing real hard. Says "You just got a new toy and broke it already and now he is paying you back". Well what happened is my step son broke his arm and had it in a cast and when I rolled over to look at Giff to mention I would start breakfast Johnny rolled over in his sleep a with the broken arm smacked me right on the forehead. Had a bump for awhile. But anything for you Mr. Giff

Doc McCue - March 08, 2017 at 10:45 PM

VG

“ Our condolences to Giff's family. I enjoyed talking wrestling with Giff. Vern and Gloria Geishert

Vern Geishert - March 08, 2017 at 02:51 PM

LF

“ My prayers and thoughts are with giford and his family. If it hadn't been for gifford I never would have started deer hunting(1968). I also remember a particular new years eve in viola when Gifford got me started drinking beer.

Larry fritz - March 07, 2017 at 06:09 PM

RH

“ Giff was a great person who will be missed by so many people. He touched many lives over the years. He served our great country with distinction and honor in time of need.

We were friends from the age of four or five years old and that never changed. I have so many memories I cannot single out one. I will remember his grin and his love of mischief. God grant him a well earned rest and joy forever.

Richard (Dick) Huffman, MSgt. USAF (Ret.)

Richard Huffman - March 07, 2017 at 03:24 PM

DF

“ I remember him laughing , with that big smile that would light up a room. Asking Bob (bullet Bob) if he has shot any snakes lately. To this day it makes us laugh. You will be missed. .Love you

Diane Foulk - March 06, 2017 at 03:16 PM

JH

“ JACQUE WALTZ HR purchased the Double Lasagna for the family of Gifford "Giff" Earl Kidd.



JACQUE WALTZ HR - March 06, 2017 at 02:40 PM

CP

“ Zack & Family,
I'm very sorry for your loss. The passing of Mr. Kidd is truly his awakening in heaven with the Father. May God bless and comfort you during these difficult times.

Clay Pope - March 06, 2017 at 11:16 AM

PM

“ Fair winds and following seas, Shipmate. Remembering great times in San Diego! Grand to see you at the Richland County Vets Memorial dedication.

Paul Mullendore, CWO3, USN, (Ret)

Paul Mullendore - March 04, 2017 at 10:46 AM

BN

“ Remembering the good time in Goose Creek. Will miss you...

Betty Nix - March 04, 2017 at 09:45 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gifford "Giff" Earl Kidd.



March 04, 2017 at 07:05 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Gifford "Giff" Earl Kidd.



March 04, 2017 at 01:19 AM

JR

“ Gifford will forever be in our hearts:) he was a great man and a wonderful personality to have around!! Love you always Giff!! Sorry I can't make it to the services but I will have the whole family in my prayers

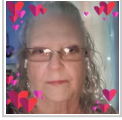
Jessica Richardson - March 03, 2017 at 11:05 PM



“ *Margaret Fullenwider lit a candle in memory of Gifford "Giff" Earl Kidd*



Margaret Fullenwider - March 03, 2017 at 10:41 PM



So sorry for your loss prayers to you and your family!

Margaret Fullenwider - March 03, 2017 at 10:43 PM



Went to High School with Gifford; Rest In Peace Brother !!!! Melvin R. Purington. U.S.Army '71-'82.

melvin purington - March 04, 2017 at 09:47 PM