



Mr. Rufus Edward Gandy

October 10, 1944 - April 11, 2015

Mr. Rufus Edward Gandy, 70, of Sylvester passed away on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at his residence. A graveside service will be held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 in the Oakfield Baptist Church Cemetery.

Born on October 10, 1944m he was the oldest son of Rufus Littleton Gandy and Myrtle Hill Gandy of Colquitt County's Hartsfield Community. His life was the true picture of a farm boy. He did it all---and it all began for him at a very early age. He loved tractors, cattle, horse and donkeys---and most of all his dogs and cats that became so much a part of his entire life.

He was a farmer, and was employed at the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany for 10 years, working in the Repair Division. Employees did not always know what Rufus Gandy looked like---but they knew there was a man named Rufus Gandy who could take apart the largest tank piece by piece, and put it all back together again.

In 1988, he applied for the position of Rural Letter Carrier for the Hartsfield and Sale City Post Offices. He was accepted to fill this position. He retired in January 2006.

He was a wonderful gardener. His vegetables, corn, melons, etc. he graciously picked and shared joyfully, especially with the older members of the Hartsfield and Sale City Communities. He was happiest when he was on his tractor. When his father passed away in 1989, Rufus inherited the family heirloom: one Ford 8N tractor. Rufus had plowed with a mule, and to him, this tractor was most precious.

In 2011, his health began to fail. Unlike many men, Rufus seemed to accept this as just a part of life and living. He handled it with great dignity. He was a Christian man. He loved his LORD. He was never prideful or arrogant. He was a humble man...meek---but Not weak! He always considered others before himself. He was a rare breed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his oldest sister, Bobbie Faye Gandy Blunt of Plantation, Florida and one son, Rufus Lyle Gandy of Pensacola, Florida.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Marsha Carol Watson Gandy; step-daughter, Jennifer Lynn Gay and Layla, his adoring Australian Shepherd, who was always by his side; his sisters, Betty Ann Rowland (Ronnie) and Peggy Maxwell (Lester); brothers, Cecil Gandy (Jackie) and John Gandy (Lynn) all of Colquitt County.

Also surviving is his dearest friend, Hazel Hines of Beulaville, North Carolina, the wife of

his First Sergeant, I. J. Hines, who Gandy met while he served a tour of duty with the United States Army from 1965 through 1967 and Larry Trowbridge (Betty), one of his Army "Buddies" from the Vietnam Era.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Rufus Edward Gandy*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM

DC

“ *Leave a condolence or a memory.*

Deidre Stone Costello - May 14, 2018 at 03:20 PM

DC

“ *Dearest my loves, Marsha and Jennifer I am so saddened to hear about the passing of "FROG"... He was such a sweet man! I am so happy though knowing that he is living his eternal life now with no hurt or pain. Marsha I am so glad I gave you and him that "GANDY" burlap painting for your new home. He seemed so proud of it. Please let me know if I can do anything for you all and know you'll be in my thoughts and prayers. I will pray for peace and comfort for you in the days to come. I'm sure you'll have many happy memories to reminisce about! I love you both so much!!!! Bless you both!!! Deidre*

Deidre Stone Costello - May 14, 2018 at 03:20 PM

PC

“ *Marsha, my condolences to you and your family in the loss of your loved one. My thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult days.*

Patsy Walters Carmichael - May 14, 2018 at 03:20 PM

JK

“ *Our prayers are with you. Frog was such a great person.*

Jim, Fred, and Maxine Kilgore - May 14, 2018 at 03:20 PM

RC

“ *Our prayers are with your family. We love you all.*

Roger and Sandra Clayton - May 14, 2018 at 03:20 PM

TP

“ My sincerest condolences to the family of this kind and gentle man who exuded both strength and serenity. The one time I met him over 10 years ago is still remembered. I am sure that his quiet warmth is what kept Marsha so well grounded and happy with her life and marriage, and his humility was evident. I know he will be greatly missed.

Tracy A Powell - May 14, 2018 at 03:20 PM

KH

“ I was so sad to hear of Frog's passing. I met Frog when we served together in the Army. Upon my discharge i stopped and spent some time on the Gandy Farm before i returned home. I Loved the whole family. I returned to visit several times. The last time I believe was in 1999 the year I retired. I was never successful in getting Frog to come North for a visit. He loved his farm. My Condolences to the family. RIP My Friend.

Kenneth W Howland - May 14, 2018 at 03:20 PM

BS

“ Marsha...Just wanted you to know I'm thinking about you. Your husband was such an accomplished person. I'll never forget our days working together. You are in my prayers.
Love,
Barbara Saturday

Barbara Saturday - May 14, 2018 at 03:20 PM

MG

“ One important thing I failed to mention when I wrote his Obituary: While stationed in Hawaii at Fort Shafter, my Dearest had the best Driving Record in his Division.....President and Mrs. Lyndon Johnson and the Presidential entourage flew into Honolulu to visit the bases and the troops. (They stayed at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel).....My dear, one-in-a-million husband was selected to drive the President and First Lady to the Governor's Mansion for a formal Affair. He was also invited, and had dinner with President and Mrs. Johnson, at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. He told me: "Imagine a little South Georgia country boy having dinner with the President.....I didn't know which fork to use first.....It did not seem to bother the Johnsons one bit." Precious Memories---how they linger---how they ever flood my soul.

Mrs. Rufus Edward Gandy (Marsha Carol Watson Gandy) - May 14, 2018 at 03:20 PM

BH

“Dusty and Jennifer, I am sad for you, knowing how much you will miss Frog. He was truly one of the kindest people I have ever met. He exemplified the attribute of Matt. 5:5, and the Lord said he would "inherit the earth". We know he was a man who loved the land and he taught you the love of simple pleasures in nature. I pray you will find peace in celebrating his life and knowing you cared for him right to the end, he knew he was loved!

Beth Barnes Hortman - March 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM