



Dennis Reese

January 27, 1942 - November 18, 2012

Obituary of Dennis Reese

Dennis "D.E." Reese, 70, passed away November 18, 2012, in Eustis, FL.

D.E. was born in Inverness, MD, January 27, 1942, to Clayton B. and Lillian S. Reese. In 1955, the family moved to Orlando, FL, where D.E. attended Boone High School.

After graduation, he entered the U.S. Army where he was honorably discharged in September, 1960. He then worked as a Machinist at Martin Marietta until the late 1960's.

He started his Law Enforcement career with the FL Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission as a Game Warden and worked there for over 10 years. During his career there, he became a FL Certified Hunter and Firearms Safety Training Instructor.

D.E. continued his Law Enforcement career as a Deputy Sheriff for Lake

County Sheriff's Office in the Grove and Ranch Division, also teaching firearms safety classes to the public. He briefly worked in the service department at Bill Bryan Chrysler Dodge in Leesburg before working for the Fruitland Park Police Department.

While at Fruitland Park, he worked his way up from patrolman, eventually becoming Chief of Police and served in this capacity for several years. Later, after leaving the Fruitland Park Police Department, he was hired as Police Chief of the Mascotte Police Department, where he ended his over 30 year career in Law Enforcement.

Along with his passion for Law Enforcement, he was also passionate about guns, as his expert knowledge of firearms made him a sought after gunsmith; working for several area gun shops. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. Other hobbies included restoring antique cars and he was a member of the Uniques and Antiques Car Club.

D.E. is preceded in death by his parents, Clayton and Lillian, and his brother, Ronald A. Reese.

D.E. is survived by his wife, Carole, two daughters, Denise J. Barker and Rhonda L., and son, R.A. (Dawn), step-son Steven K. Krieger, and grandson, Lucas A. Barker.

Visitation will be held at Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg on November 26, 2012, from 6:00 " 8:00 p.m.

Funeral service will be held at Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg on November 27, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. with Chaplain Bob Whitworth from the Lake County Sheriff's Office officiating. Burial will follow at Shiloh Cemetery in Fruitland Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Rhonda's Benefit Trust, c/o Citizen's First Bank, 1050 Lake Sumter Landing, The Villages, FL 32162, 352-751-2100, or to the Wildlife Foundation of Florida, P.O. Box 11010, Tallahassee, FL 32302, or online at www.wildlifefoundationofflorida.com/donate.

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Tribute Wall

DP

“ I have known D.E for many years. We instructed Hunter Safety together and spent many hours talking guns in his home. God speed D.E

Dan Pincus - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ D.E. and I were friends from the Sheriff's Office. I use to call his house the museum becuse he was so interested in history and collecting things of great interest. I am so sorry he is gone - he was one of the good guys.

Dave Hall - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ To: Denise, Rhonda and Ronnie- So sorry to hear about the loss of your mother and now your father. Prayers to ya'll. I have such fond memories of pratically living at your home on Vine St. when I was a teenager. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers thru these trying times. Cannot make the services but will make donation for Rhonda's care. To hear about your mother and now your father it just breaks my heart. Tina Goddard

Tina Goddard - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Carole, I am so sorry for your loss. I can only tell you that with God's help, and the passage of time, the pain fades a little. My prayers will be with you and your family in this time of their grief. Donna

Donna Withrow - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Many fond memories of Dennis, especially from my youth. A really good guy.*

Rick Storman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *Not sure if the family remembers my Dad or not...he introduced me to Mr. Reese one time. My dad was Sgt. with FHP in Lake county in 70s. I pray God's strength and blessings on the friends and family of Mr. Reese.*

BOBBY EARP - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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