



G. Kiser Hardaway

February 17, 1932 - June 23, 2017

G. Kiser Hardaway, Jr, 85, of Leesburg died Friday, June 23, 2017. Kiser was born February 17, 1932 in Lady Lake, FL and was a lifelong Lake County resident and a member of Morrison United Methodist Church. He owned and operated Superior Cleaners up until 1990 and then passed the business on to his son, Wade, after 38 years. He also continued his ranching and farming. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and traveling, but most of all he enjoyed time spent with his family and friends

Kiser is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Lee; sons, Gordon K. (Julia) Hardaway of Belgrade, MT and Wade T. (Suzanne) Hardaway of Leesburg, FL; daughters, Linda (Samuel) Potter of Sylva, NC and Carol (Billy) Kaylor of Villa Rica, GA; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, June 26 at 2:00 pm at Morrison United Methodist Church, Leesburg.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852 or online at www.kidneyfund.org

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL

Tribute Wall

GS

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with You and the Family.*

Gerald and Elaine Scott - June 26, 2017 at 08:28 AM

LF

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Hardaway family!!*

Lori Feustel-Rheaume - June 26, 2017 at 07:56 AM

TG

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.*

The Gentry's - June 25, 2017 at 07:23 PM

FN

“ *Our support, deepest sympathy and prayers!*

Fred & Evelyn Neth

Fred Neth - June 25, 2017 at 07:13 PM

VC

“ *A donation has been made in memory of Carol's father to the American Kidney Fund by your church family. Please know that we are praying for you and your family at this difficult time. You are loved beyond measure by your church family.*

Villa Rica Christian Church - June 25, 2017 at 10:19 AM

EG

“ *We are saddened to hear of the loss of Mr Hardaway. Please know that we are praying for your comfort at this difficult time.*

Elvis & Tammy Goddard - June 24, 2017 at 09:49 PM

LG

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. I remember talking to him each time I went to the cleaners. That was many years ago. How fortunate the family was to have such a wonderful person to lead the family!

My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family and friends!

Lisa Brown Graham - June 24, 2017 at 09:14 PM

TG

“ A good man and friend will be really missed!



Tom and Linda Grizzard - June 24, 2017 at 07:47 PM

SF

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers ❤️



Sandra Griner McCoy and family. - June 24, 2017 at 04:15 PM

LB

“ I am so sad about the passing of this wonderful man. I know that everyone who knew this man loved him. My love and prayers are with the family. Godspeed Mr. Hardaway! Love, Lytle Bigham

Lytle Bigham - June 24, 2017 at 01:41 PM

JR

“ I am so sorry to hear that Kiser has passed on. He and Mary Lee were so much a part of the village that raised me :) I will cherish the many wonderful memories of times spent with all of you and will keep you in my prayers as you move through this difficult time of life.

Janet Brokaw Randolph - June 24, 2017 at 11:59 AM

JR

“ TO each and all the family of Kiser, my thoughts and prayers are with you ...Leesburg has lost a dear and special man who was always a delightful "kid at heart" ... Remember when he and Mary Lee were courting and what a cute couple they made ...their love everlasting ... May God's surrounding love embrace and uphold you thru 'your days of sorrow ...and may sweet and fun memories of and with him sustain you daily ...

Jan Royal - June 24, 2017 at 10:44 AM

JR

“ My thoughts will be filled with memories of many years of good times. My most sincere condolences to the family.

John Robinson - June 24, 2017 at 10:23 AM

SB

“ *It is with love and admiration for a man and his family that my family has been blessed to know and love for over five decades, that I write some thoughts, feelings and remembrances today. We are grieving right now for the loss of a "one of a kind" loyal friend, man's man, who to his family was a dearly loved, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was always an advocate and supporter of all things good in each of their lives. Memories of good times together with "the Hardaways" flood my mind at this time. Our girls grew up with their girls and their boys were the boys we never had, but hoped that, if we had sons, they would be like the Hardaway boys.*

Superior Cleaners was always a place anyone could go and be greeted by Kiser with a smiling face and a sincere welcome, and any conversation, or news of the day, you chose to bring up. (Still today it gives me such joy to see that has not changed under Wade,s ownership.). We loved the family get-togethers, whether at their house or ours, trips to the farm, boating, tubing, special events like weddings, Super Bowl parties, birthday parties, graduation parties, etc.....Name it, we were up for celebrating it!

We will sorely miss our much-loved friend but know that love never dies and that we will again be reunited in God's time.

*With much love always to all the Hardaways,
Sue and Ken Bragg*

Sue Bragg - June 24, 2017 at 10:03 AM

SD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time. I know he will be missed, but know in your heart he is with you.

Sarah Foard Johnson

Sarah Foard Johnson DMD - June 24, 2017 at 09:35 AM

LB

“ I am truly sorry for your family's loss. Love and peace.

Lisa Bordenkircher - June 24, 2017 at 09:02 AM

RS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers for the family. Know he is now with our God and is in a better place

Roger Smith - June 24, 2017 at 08:42 AM

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Roger Smith - June 24, 2017 at 08:41 AM

BH

“ I thank my God upon every remembrance" of Mr. Hardaway...he taught me so much about how to live life as an adventure. All my love to Mary Lee, Gordon, Wade, Linda and Carol who loved him perfectly are such a gorgeous, honoring reflection of all that made him "The Kise"! Can't wait to reunite in heaven for a big metal trash can shrimp boil.



Beth Bragg Henon - June 24, 2017 at 08:05 AM

“ I have loved Kiser Hardaway all my life. His zest for living life outside the box made possible some of my life's earliest and most beloved adventures, like...

- Eating corn on the cob boiled in a trash can
- Learning to drive a stick shift in the Ocala scrub in the world's oldest Army jeep
- Holding a baby raccoon on my shoulder
- Being bitten (hard) on the thumb by Pierre, the Hardaway monkey
- Feeding a pot belly pig scrambled eggs in the Hardaway kitchen
- Learning to play PIG in the Hardaway driveway on the garage hoop
- Staying up all night hanging over the side of a boat shining a spotlight into the salty ocean water to catch a creepy, slimy shrimp
- Pulling green peppers out of the ginormous garden and eating them like apples with the dirt still on em
- Swimming for hundreds of hours in the world's best backyard pool
- Seeing gold fish the size of catfish in the side yard pond
- Morphing the back of the Superior Cleaners delivery van into a play ground using the clothes racks like monkey bars
- Watching with amazement all his kids head west to work at Yellow Stone, on Alaska fishing boats, and conquer new territories with their Father's blessing
- Trying to learn to waterski behind his boat (his philosophy was to pull you as fast as the boat would go so the momentum would keep you upright)
- Watching countless young people compete on his pool table positioned, appropriately, right in the middle of his house
- Learning that Christmas trees come from family hunts in the woods and not just from the Palm Plaza parking lot

Kiser carved out a life like no other and shared every bit of it generously with his family and friends. I am grateful to have been a blessed member of his large tribe.

I truly "thank my God upon every remembrance" of Mr. Hardaway (Philippians 1:3). Hugs, love, and shared sadness with Mary Lee,

Gordon, Wade, Linda, Carol and all the grands and great grands at our tremendous loss of our wonderful "Kise." I promise to carry on and pass on his adventures. Can't wait to see him again in heaven for more shrimping and Christmas tree hunts. xoxo Beth

Beth Bragg Henon - June 24, 2017 at 08:00 AM

LJ

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Hardaway.....Superior Cleaners has been our dry cleaners ever since I was a little girl growing up here in Leesburg.... Heartfelt thoughts for the Hardaway family!!



Lynn Rigdon Jordan - June 24, 2017 at 03:55 AM

LS

“ Condolences to family and friends.



L. Pierce Standridge - June 24, 2017 at 02:08 AM