



Gerald Miner

June 4, 2014

Obituary of Gerald Miner

Gerald Wade "G.W." Miner passed away on June 4, 2014 at the age of 69 after a lengthy battle with kidney failure and related complications attributed to Agent-Orange exposure during the Vietnam War.

G.W. was born and raised in Orlando, Florida. In 1963, at the age of 19, he joined the Marine Corps and served 2 tours in Vietnam and was honorably discharged as a decorated Lance Corporal in 1967. Upon his return home, he pursued a lifelong career in law enforcement, first with the Windermere Police Department, and then with the Orange County Sheriff's Office where he served faithfully until his retirement with the rank of Captain in 1996. During his time at the Sheriff's office he also earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Rollins College.

After his retirement, he relocated to Bushnell, Florida where he pursued his treasured hobbies of being a gunsmith, listening to jazz music, drinking coffee, and relaxing in the surroundings of his rural property. He was a master craftsman, artist, computer technician, and historian, with an unmatched depth of knowledge of science and nature, that revealed his insatiable curiosity for

all things. He was unquestionably a renaissance man who is sorely missed by all who had the honor of calling him "friend."

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Nancy; mother, Juanita Sheffer; daughter, Karen Bigham(Toby); step-daughter, Lisa DeFrancesco (Rodney Ownby); step-son, Eric DeFrancesco (Mary); and 4 step-grandchildren, Bryce and Alexis Ownby, Nathan and Grimm Bigham.

Visitation

A Visitation will be held at the Purcell Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, June 12, 2014 from 10 - 11 am.

Services

Services will follow at 11:00 am with Reverend Lesli E. Rabb presiding.

Interment

Interment will follow at Florida National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. GW was a great person and we loved listening to his stories. He will be missed by us all.* ”

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