



H.R. Ackett

June 21, 2012

Obituary of H.R. Ackett

H.R. "Randy" Ackett, 76, of Lake Panasoffkee, FL, passed away June 21, 2012 at his home after a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was a lifelong resident of Florida. His 35 year career in law enforcement began as Deputy Sheriff with Leon County Sheriff's Department, with Florida Highway Patrol including aide to Governor Haydon Burns, Department of Corrections Investigator, Instructor/Training Manager.

Randy was awarded the highest award, Knight Commander Medal of Valor, by the Knights of Michael the Archangel Police Legion for his unselfish rescue of a woman whose vehicle had been blown off the Skyway Bridge during a storm.

He was a lifelong member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 46, Lakeland, FL, and served as President of the Lion's Club, Temple Terrace, FL. Preceded in death by his parents, Kay and Howard Ackett, his grandmother, Myra S. Dodge, and his son-in-law, John Schlichting. Randy is survived by his beloved partner, Nancy Palmer; daughters, Rhonda (Addison) Roan of Lakeland, FL, and Laura Schlichting of Lakeland, FL; grandchildren, Philip Lamar of Lake Panasoffkee, FL, Wayne (Ashley) Clemons of Lake Butler, FL, Kris Clemons of Orlando, FL, and Brandi (Todd) Jackson of Lakeland, FL;

great-grandchildren, Kailey Jackson of Lakeland, FL, and McKenzie and Kierston Clemons of Lake Butler, FL; aunt, Betty Bowers, and cousin, Gayle Bowers of Carson City, NV, and half-sister, Lucy Nelson of Marietta, GA.

In keeping with his wishes, there will be no services and he will be cremated. Because of his lifelong love of water, boating, water skiing, swimming, and his loyal dogs, his ashes along with those of his dearly loved dog, Fawn, will be scattered at sea.

With a grateful heart, Randy and his family wish to thank his loyal friends, his CNA, Patricia Williams, and caring staff of Cornerstone Hospice for their love and devotion. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Michael J. Fox Parkinson Foundation and SPCA of Polk and Sumter Counties.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dad.... you were the BEST! I have watched you over the years not only helping people, but putting your needs on hold in order to help others. You will never be forgotten. Please Never forget how much I Love You. Laura*

Laura - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *H.R. Ackett*

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“ *I spent a lot of time with Randy while he was Chief at Bartow CC, he was a great boss, friend and a lot of fun to br with. I will miss him!*

Bill Lay - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Laura, I'm so sorry. Going on three years with my Dad. It never goes away, but I have to say it does get a little bit easier with time. Hang in there, old friend.*

Jim Pyle - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dad I miss you so much it hurts but I am so lucky to have had a father that has left so many wonderful memories and you have shared with wonderful friends and family as well always in my heart forever*

Rhonda - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To Nancy, Phillip and Family, after knowing Randy (Big Man) for just the several years we knew one another it goes without saying that he will be missed by all that came in contact with him. He was a class act that loved his family, loved his friends and loved life. I will never forget the times we shared. With Love and Condolences.

Joel Merritt - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Dad it took me awhile to say this because I will never say good bye to you. You have always been my rock. You have advised me with some wonderful ideas. I remember when I told you I was getting a little long in the tooth career wise and. You laughed so hard you said I told you so I remember when you would call me at work with your alias names cracked me up. you were always a surprise I love you so much and you will always be in my heart forever I love you Rhonda

Rhonda - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Our family was blessed to have known Randy. He will be forever in our hearts. Love and prayers to Laura, Rhonda, Sue and the rest of Randy's family. We love you all!

Dale and Donna - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ my best to the whole family. he was my best friend times good and bad.

alan c lebeda - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Poppie, you are the reason I was so successful in my volleyball career, all those summers of playing smash face in the pool and all my hospitality knowledge with Sandy Beach! I love you so much and will never forget every moment we shared together. Even though it was mostly you yelling or getting on to me, I love you more than I ever let you know! Your favorite granddaughter and princess, Brandi

Brandi Schlichting Jackson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Randy was with the Highway patrol when I was at Manatee High school back in the 60's. the mere mention of his name struck fear in our hearts as we drove around Bradenton. He was one tough cop. Years later while at a meeting together, we renewed our friendship after I moved to Lakeland and he was with the Department of Corrections. We became good friends. Although we lost contact in the last several years, I often thought of Randy and the good times we had. I will miss him.

Larry Skidmore - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Dear Laura and family, You have my deepest sympathy - my thoughts are with you all..... Lynn

Lynn Mix - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Good-bye to an old friend. Thanks for always being there with a helpful hand in the old days. See you later.

D. Allen - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Laura- I was very saddened to read of Randy's passing. I worked with him for a while in Pensacola. You and your family will be in our prayers. Dale and Frances Jones

Dale Jones, FHP Retired - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Look well to the East, my Brother...

Rick Powell, Retired FHP - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Laura, I was sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You and your Mom are in my thoughts and prayers. Donie Ann Henderson
Tallahassee, Florida

Donie Ann Henderson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Poppie you will forever be loved and missed by our family. I will never forget all the great memories you have left behind. Drinking the coffee creamers is just one of them. Our girls will never forget, Poppie teaching them that. Being the missing groomsmen in our wedding lol and always nick naming everyone of us. I love you and promise to take good care of Wayne and the girls. Please watch over us and please give Mr. John (Pop-Pop) a big kiss from all of us! Love forever, Wayne (Weiner) Ashford (Ashley), Big Mac (McKenzie), K-K (Kierston) RIP to the best grandfather ever. We love you!

Ashley Clemons - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Randy was a great guy and good friend. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. I had not seen him since high school but my memories of him are still vivid. He was one of the many outstanding people from my teenage years who I truly admired and respected. I will miss him. My sincere condolences to the family.

Roger Ferrell Elliott - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Laura, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family on the passing of your Dad. Our deepest sympathy, Connie and Tommy Cantrell

Connie and Tommy Cantrell - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Thanks for the memories. I will cherish them always. You taught me a lot and I will never forget. Your Grandson with Love, Kriss

Kriss Clemons - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Oh Laura, I am so sorry you and your family are having to go through this. There just aren't the words to express the sadness I feel in my heart for you and your family. Know I will keep all of you in my prayers and if you ever just feel like talking about the good ole days or just a good cry with a friend, I will be there for you, just call or message me anytime and I will be there. With my deepest sympathy, Jeannie

Jeannie Ryan - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ I'm so sorry to hear about HR. I had alot of fun with HR when he lived in PSL. Even though I was a wild child person he always treated me with respect and love. HR you had that certain look in your eyes that was man of honor and intergity. Go in peace my friend and fly high over the Ocean and Forest in your home state of Florida and smile upon your loved ones who know you are in a good place. Aloha, Capt. John Young Port St. Lucie , FL

John Young - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ Laura, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Bill and Marie Isbell - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM