



Leslie Rios

October 18, 2013

Obituary of Leslie Rios

Leslie Gil Rios Jr., 67, of Eustis, Florida, passed away Friday, October 18, 2013. Born in San Luis Obispo of a family that was one of the original land grant families in southern California in 1885, Les graduated with a bachelor's degree from Lake Tahoe College in California where he played basketball on full scholarship. Les loved sports and was recently inducted into the Atascadero High School Hall of Fame in basketball and baseball.

He and his wife, Jo-Ann Stanley, moved to Lake County from California in 1987. Les was one of the founders of Aero Electronics Systems which grew from a start up to a multi-million dollar business. He served as Vice President of Business Development, Marketing and Sales. He was Six Sigma trained. Les loved sports and was active in the Eustis High School baseball program for many years.

Les was the loving brother of his late sister, Pat Bill, and sisters, Pam Clark and Gerry Hetrick. He was the loving father and grandfather of his daughter, Julie, and her two children, Calli and Carter, his late son, Travis, and his youngest son, Kyle. At the request of his wife, Jo-Ann, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Travis Rios Scholarship Fund, LSSC Foundation at 9601 US441, Leesburg, Florida 34788 in memory of Les Rios.

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Memorial Donations

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Tribute Wall

LR

“ Dear Jo-Ann, Julie & Kyle, Although we haven't seen each other since you & Les lived in San Diego after learning today of my brother's passing, I send your family my condolences. I have memories of driving up to Lake Tahoe College to watch Les play in a basketball game w/ our father, Leslie Rios, Sr. I remember his terrific smile. Be well.

Lina Rios - January 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Les was my friend. He was such a funny guy and full of life. He wasn't serious very often, but was capable of great wisdom. It was my privilege to share so many Saturday breakfast dates with him and Dr. John Cowin and others. It is still such a shock. He so loved Josie and his boys Travis and Kyle. His face would light up any time they, and his daughter Julie, were spoken of. It's that smile that I miss already. RIP my friend.

David Lee - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Dear Josie, Kyle and Julie, So sorry for your loss. As you know I saw Les when he visited California a year ago. We spent a day together and talked about you three (of course he had the biggest smile) and was so proud of each of you and Travis. We did tell some stories about how Les, Kent Grooms and Bill, beat everyone at Pacific Beach (PB) Rec in the 70's. What an athlete he was. I loved him like a brother and miss him deeply. Please email or call when you can. All our love, Bill & Pamela Bender

William (Bill) Bender - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Joann and Kyle, when we heard about Les, our hearts hurt for both of you. I can't possibly imagine what you are going thru. We have thought of you often and asked many how you were doing, just did not know where to contact you. May God Bless you both, give you comfort, strength and peace each day. Our sincere condolences.
Carl and Brenda Head

Carl and Brenda Head - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ It has been a number of years since I've had any contact with Les. I worked with him professional as a customer of AIS and AES. Les was always courteous and professional. It was a pleasure working with him. AES and the community have lost a great man.

Susan Hastings - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Joanne & Kyle, My heart goes out to you and I can't express how deeply I'm hurt by your loss. Les was a colleague, friend and mentor. I will miss his encouragement, guidance and wonderful humor. Les will remain forever in my heart and memories, God bless you in this time of loss.

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

KG

“ Jo-Ann Our thoughts and prayers for you and family. Les was a true friend. There are so many good memories of our times together that I will always cherish and remember. Les was special and had the ability to relate and develop relationships with strangers within a short period of time. May God Bless and comfort you and family during these difficult times. Yours Kent & Polly

Kent & Polly Grooms - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Joanne, Kyle, and Julie our deepest sympathy to you guys for your loss. I will always remember the good times with Les and the boys around the ball field and his love for the sports and his children. May God bless you and comfort you in this time. Sincerely Tim, Donna and Shaun Cunningham

Tim Cunningham - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Our deepest condolences to your family for your loss. We met Les through Aero and our relationship grew from that. He was one of those people you don't forget. We will miss him and the kindness he showed us all. God Bless and comfort your family. Always in our hearts, Mike and Marilyn Rego.

Mike & Marilyn Rego - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Jo-Ann: I was a close business and social friend of Les's. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. I will always keep you in my daily prayers. I will miss my frequent conversations with Les, concerning our many sports likes and dislikes. He was a true friend. Peace be with you.

Joe Perry - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I LOVE YOU - 37 YEARS OF MARRIAGE, WE WERE ALWAYS THERE FOR EACH OTHER THROUH THE GOOD AND BAD TIMES. I CAN'T IMAGINE NOT HAVING YOU BY MY SIDE. YOU ARE WITH TRAVIS NOW, GIVE HIM A HUGE HUG FOR ME. KYLE LOVES YOU SO VERY MUCH AND MISSES HIS DAD. YOU WERE HIS STRENGTH, HIS FRIEND. YOU ARE SPECIAL TO SO MANY. I LOVE YOU ENDLESSLY.

Jo-Ann - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HN

“ *JoAnn, I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family daily.*

Harold Nelson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *I came to know Les through our business relationship (Harris Corp. & AES). Les was wonderful, always helpfull and understanding. We shared our love for sports and became more than business associates. Les was a very outgoing, kind, and thoughtful man. My thoughts and prays are with his family. Les will be sorely missed.*

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