



## Monty Darden Hinkle

August 13, 1950 - May 18, 2022

Hinkle, Monty Darden, Wildwood, FL, passed from this earth to his heavenly home on the evening of May 18, 2022 at the age of 71. Born in Nashville, TN on August 13, 1950, he moved with his family to Wildwood at a young age.

Monty graduated from Wildwood High School in 1968 then worked in law enforcement most of his career starting in the Wildwood Police Department. He then joined Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission in Naples, FL as a duly appointed United States Law Enforcement Officer. He transferred to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in Ocala, FL when he came home to Wildwood to help with his aging parents. He retired from there in 2010.

Monty enjoyed many hobbies. Fishing and golfing with the Miona Lakes Bandits at Miona Lake Golf Club, in Wildwood, then for many years with a group of friends at Water Oaks Golf Course in Lady Lake. He enjoyed playing in Pool tournaments; he played Dominoes every Monday; and played cards at the Card Room, where since his passing a tournament is to be named in his honor.

He is preceded in death by his parents Wallace Darden Hinkle and Billie Katherine (Mayes) Hinkle. He is survived by his sweet dog Gracie, his sister Dianne Smith (Jugle), brother David (Cindi), brother Mark (Maggie), brother

Michael (Michelle), brother Darren (Beth), and many nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews and cousins.

Monty was well respected and known as a man of integrity by his friends and coworkers. He was loved by his family and will be missed by all.

A Celebration of Life will be held June 4, 2022 at Beyers Funeral Home in Lady Lake. Visitation will be at 2:00 followed by a service at 3:00

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Lady Lake  
134 N US Highway 441  
Lady Lake, FL 32159  
(352) 753-4444

## Celebration of Life

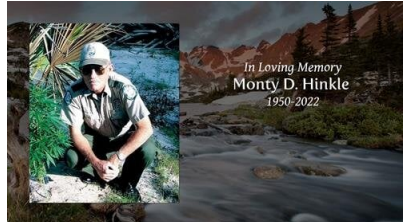
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Monty Darden Hinkle*



**Beyers Funeral Home** - May 25, 2022 at 02:53 PM



*Monty was a school mate of my two brothers in school and he and his family were my aunt and uncle's neighbors. My mother knew his whole family well and so did my sisters and brothers. Rest in peace Monty Dale (as we knew him). The video tribute was beautiful.*

**Mary Andrews** - May 27, 2022 at 03:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Monty Darden Hinkle.*



June 02, 2022 at 06:22 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Monty Darden Hinkle.*



June 01, 2022 at 05:13 PM

TL

“ *The Bandits of Miona Lake purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Monty Darden Hinkle.*



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**The Bandits of Miona Lake** - June 01, 2022 at 03:03 PM

WM

“ *I worked with Monty as a fellow officer in Collier County. We made a lot of trips to Tu Palm camp by swamp buggy and patrolling the Big Cypress. Our favorite patrol was to head down to Lostman's River and camp out. We made some good cases together. Monty was a good man to work with and treated the public with respect. Off duty sometimes we fished together and play cards. He knew more card games than anybody I knew. Monty will be missed. May you rest in peace my friend.*

*Wayne Maahs*

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**wayne maahs** - June 01, 2022 at 01:58 PM

MH

*Myself and Monty shared a duplex in Naples, Florida in the mid 80s. I was the Duty Officer for FHP when they were in Everglades City. Monty never did tell me his secret Snook holes!! Later in 2000 I had been a US Immigration Officer and moved to Everglades city until 2015. I drove to my office in SW Miami Dade. Now living in Saint James City, FL (Pine Island). While in Naples we played cards many times. I knew when Monty had a good hand because he would always light up a cigarette. Surprised he did not stay in Collier county when he retired. A good group of State Law Enforcement Officers AKA GFC. I remember Wayne also as mentioned above. Lost Man's River is about as peaceful as Graveyard Creek.*

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**Michael Holmes** - November 08, 2025 at 02:31 PM

SG

“ Dianne Hinkle Smith is my sister-in-law and I've had the pleasure of meeting most of the family. Monty was always kind and friendly. I am so sorry for the loss of your brother.

Sharon Smoth Gamble

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**Sharon Gamble** - May 31, 2022 at 12:38 PM

LW

“ All my love and condolences to one of the best families ever.. grew up with the Hinkles and always was welcomed to a peanut butter and jelly sandwich all mixed together “hinkle style”.. tree climbing ,borrowing Monty’s car ,borrowing Monty if he wouldn’t let us go alone to wherever in his car!! Daytona, the springs, the lake.oh how much fun and laughs we had .. peace to you all. Laura Warren née Carver.

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**laura warren** - May 30, 2022 at 04:02 PM

BL

“ Boots, Debbie and Lynn purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Monty Darden Hinkle.



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**Boots, Debbie and Lynn** - May 29, 2022 at 12:33 PM

JG

“ I knew Monty when he was still in high school. The best way to describe him is in simple, but profound, words. He was an honest man. When nobody was looking and there was no one to impress, Monty always did the right and moral thing... and I can give no higher praise. David and the entire Hinkle family, I'm sorry for your loss.

*Jim Gibson*

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**James Gibson** - May 24, 2022 at 03:29 PM

CA

“ Carol lit a candle in memory of Monty Darden Hinkle



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**carol** - May 24, 2022 at 12:49 PM

BH

“ Dear David and family: Mike and I express our deepest sympathy during this time. I remember Monty growing up. He graduated with my sister, Vicky. It's hard to lose people we love but siblings are a special kind of loss. Sending love and prayers -Becky and Mike Hampton

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**Becky (Morrison) Hampton** - May 23, 2022 at 11:00 PM

BM

“ *Betty Mendenhall lit a candle in memory of Monty Darden Hinkle*



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**betty mendenhall** - May 23, 2022 at 09:18 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Beyers Funeral Home** - May 23, 2022 at 08:43 AM