



Horton Eugene Gafford

July 16, 2019

Horton Eugene Gafford, CMD, USCG Ret., age 89, passed away at his home in Virginia Beach on Tuesday, July 16, 2019.

He is survived by his devoted wife Ruth Gafford; sons William Gafford, Michael Gafford, Dennis Gafford, John Gafford; stepdaughter Linda Curry; sisters and brothers Ernest Gafford, Betty Joyce Dodd, Charlotte Murry, Judy Hamilton; grandchildren Chris Keel, Cheri Seery, Brian Keel, Christina Murray, Andrea Robertson, Dennis Gafford, Jr., Zachariah Gafford, Nichole Gafford, Tara Gafford, John Gafford, Jr., Joseph Gafford; numerous great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; extended family and friends.

He was a member of the Hillsboro Masonic Lodge #25, Scottish Rite Bodies and the Egypt Temple and in Tampa, Florida and the Marine Square Club in New York City, NY.

A funeral service with Military Honors and Masonic Rites will be held at 2 pm Friday at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum Chapel. The family will receive friends in the chapel 30 minutes prior to the service.

He requested memorial contributions to one of his favorite charities, the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 1:30 PM - 1:55 PM (ET)

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens Chapel
3920 Airline Blvd.
Chesapeake, VA 23321

Entombment

JUL 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum
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Tribute Wall

HS

“ I always loved when PawPaw would tell me stories about his different travels. He knew so much about so many places in the world, and it always inspired me to want to pursue even more travel opportunities. I will miss getting to learn from him. I love you PawPaw!

Hailey Seery - July 20, 2019 at 11:21 PM

WM

“ Like my Cousin Jeff, Horton roped me in one summer to chasing down properties in Lakeland to rehab and buy for rentals. Although it was exhausting, the time we spent together talking and hearing his stories about his life and my family's history, especially stories about Nanny and my mother, will be cherished. He could tell stories and jokes like no one else. Our last visit, I brought him some biscuits and gravy for breakfast from a local diner he liked, that was his favorite. He was at my Moms house for a quick visit, I am so glad I was able to see him then. A lot of people probably don't know that my middle name is "Horton", so I was always partial to him. Uncle, REST IN PEACE.

Love, Woody "HORTON" Murray

Woody Murray - July 19, 2019 at 08:38 AM

KS

“ I was so lucky to have pawpaw in my life. He always wanted his grandchildren and great grandchildren to be happy and he would do anything he could to make that happen. My favorite memory of pawpaw was from when I was little and when I spent the night he would give me chocolate ice cream and potato chips for breakfast. It's the little things! You will always be in our hearts.

Kelsey Seery - July 19, 2019 at 01:05 AM

RK

“ I would always love spending the night at Grandma and PawPaw’s house, because PawPaw would always serve ice cream for breakfast, and then Grandma would top it off with tons of good southern breakfast foods.

PawPaw was one of the most thoughtful men, and never missed a milestone birthday for his favorite girls. The roses he bought for each of us were so special and meaningful.

PawPaw showed unconditional love to our family and I will always cherish the time I was able to spend with him.

I will always remember PawPaw as generous, funny, thoughtful, and the best Trump supporter out there. I will always love you PawPaw, and I will miss you forever.



Reagan Keel - July 18, 2019 at 11:54 PM

DK

“ Gaff,
Counting my lucky stars that you were a part of our lives. We will always remember you because there’ll never be another to replace you in our hearts, and the love we’ll always have for you. We will miss you and the smiles you put on our faces!



Debbie Keel - July 18, 2019 at 11:49 PM

TN

“ Tut, Robin, Chelsea and Nick purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Horton Eugene Gafford.



Tut, Robin, Chelsea and Nick - July 17, 2019 at 10:51 PM

JG

“ I just seen Uncle Horton in February. He and talked about old times. Him and I running around fixing things on rental property in my old 71 Chevy pick up truck. Talking and solving the world problems. Times and memories that I will cherish and never forget. Thank you for the great times Uncle Horton. Love you. Rest In Peace.

Jeff Gafford - July 17, 2019 at 08:32 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Horton Eugene Gafford.



July 17, 2019 at 04:45 PM