



Craig Lee Canniff

July 22, 2023

Craig Lee Canniff, 68, passed away July 22, 2023 at his home surrounded by his loved ones.

Craig was born November 5, 1954 in Hart, Michigan to Leon Canniff and Cecile Daniels. He grew up in Panama City, Florida where he graduated from Rutherford High School and went on to continue his education at Florida State University. Craig served his country by enlisting in the United States Army in May of 1978 and became a Ranger in the Green Beret while fulfilling these duties worldwide. During that time, he met and married his former wife, Joanne (Long) Canniff in Germany and had two beautiful daughters, Alexis and Nicole.

After retiring and being discharged in November of 1998, Craig obtained a few plant management positions. He then moved to Indiana where he started working as a Local Veteran Employment Representative (LVER). Craig then completed a Clinical Mental Health Internship from 2015-2016.

In 2016, Craig received his third Master's degree from Wake Forest University where he majored in Master of Arts in Counseling. He worked as a Mental Health Professional where he specialized with Clinical Mental Health, Person-Centered Therapy (PCT) Orientation, Cognitive Processing Therapy for Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD), Prolonged Exposure for Post-Traumatic

Stress Syndrome (PTSD), and Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). In 2017, Craig pursued a position as a Mental Health Professional (Therapist) with the Psychiatric Hospital at the New Castle Correctional Facility in Indiana. In 2022 he moved to Foley, Alabama.

Craig was a handyman for all trades. He operated his own construction company specializing in residential and remodeling. He also enjoyed a wide variety of outdoor activities and hobbies. He enjoyed camping and had a bucket list dream of hiking the Appalachian Trail. Craig was also a Harley Davidson enthusiast. His love and interest in Harley Davidson initiated from his father Leon and was passed down to his grandsons. He professionally instructed others and personally enjoyed scuba diving.

Craig's surviving relatives include his children, Alexis Canniff-Brown (Jonathan) of Florida and Nicole Canniff of South Carolina; his grandchildren Hunter, Levi, and Rhett Canniff-Brown; his sister, Shiela (Canniff) Crittenden of Alabama and his brother Vincent Canniff of Hawaii. He will be greatly missed by many.

The family will hold private services at a later date in accordance with Craig's wishes.

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Craig's passing. I knew his dad Leon and brother Vinnie when we all lived in the Florida Keys. Great family. I know he will be missed.
Sharlene Skiver

Sharlene Skiver - August 28, 2023 at 08:37 PM

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I am so sorry for your loss, I met Craig in Stuttgart Germany, he was such a wonderful human being. I have wonderful memories of him.

Magdalena Martinez - February 07, 2024 at 09:48 PM