



Morris "Tony" Hollingsworth

August 30, 2021

Morris Anthony "Tony" Hollingsworth of Gainesville died August 28, 2021, after a brief illness. He was 74.

Tony grew up in Jacksonville and followed his father's career in steel fabrication. He took great pride in the tangible results of his work and would point out to family members structures he created or helped to create all over Jacksonville and Gainesville. After several years working in this field, Tony made a choice to follow a life-long dream of becoming an over-the-road- truck driver. He found this second career to be challenging physically, however he enjoyed having the opportunity to see many different parts of the US he may not have otherwise been able to visit. Due to health concerns, Tony retired early to be able to spend time with his family, friends and go fishing. He was preceded in death by his parents Vara Moore and E.L. Hollingsworth, and brothers Charles Stribling and Billy Stribling.

Tony is survived by his wife Cheryl of Gainesville, daughters; Wendy (Timothy) Forrester of Jacksonville and Erica Hollingsworth of Gainesville, sons; Michael (Lora) Hollingsworth of Jacksonville and Clinton (Melissa) Hollingsworth of San Diego, brother; Bobby (Grace) Stribling of Callahan, sisters; Dale Hollingsworth of Jacksonville, and Susan (Chuck) Kueser of Indianapolis, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services for Tony will be held at 3:00pm on Sunday, September 5, 2021, at Forest Meadows Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Greg Megruder officiating. Private interment will be held at a later date at Forest Meadows Memorial Park- Central. Visitation with the family will be held one hour prior to the service. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made in Tony's name to St. Joseph's Indian School, <https://give.stjo.org/donate>. Arrangements are under the care of FOREST MEADOWS FUNERAL HOME, 725 NW 23rd Ave, Gainesville, Fl, 32609, (352) 378-2528. Please leave words of love and comfort for the family at www.forestmeadowsfh.com

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Tony, I'm very sorry we didn't spend more time together during our adult years. We were close during our years growing up. I very often thought of you after our last visit in 1991. I will always miss you
Love always and will see you soon, David

David Hllingsworth - December 10, 2022 at 06:30 PM

ER

“ I have had a hard time writing this because I'm not really sure how you sum up someone's life. My dad had 4 kids and all of us had different experiences with him and view him in our own way.

For me, my dad was dependable. If I needed something he would always help me. He drove to Tallahassee when I was in college to help me. He drove to Jacksonville when I needed him to fix my car after hitting another car. He built a privacy fence for me. He built stairs so my elderly dog could climb up in my bed. He was dependable.

He was also a giver. While going through his things I recently learned that he had been donating to various organizations such as the St Joseph's Indian School and Wounded Warriors. But, he also gave to me. Whenever I would go on a trip whether it was a mission trip or vacation he would also give me cash for "just in case". Even if he didnt see me before I left he would send it through my mom to me.

And lastly, my dad was proud of me. He was so excited that I joined the Sheriff's Office and was in the Corrections Academy. My last picture with him was in my uniform bc he wanted a picture with me. He told my mom to call me and see if they could come down to school for lunch. I knew my dad well enough to know he just wanted to see me in my uniform. So after class I drove over and spent a few minutes with him so he could see all my gear and take a picture with me. He was so happy. I'm really glad I was able to take that time with him.

We didnt always see eye to eye and my mom ended up having to referee a lot of arguments bc he and I were so similar in being stubborn and difficult. But I will miss my dad more than he will ever know. He was the best dad he could be to me and I love him.

Erica - September 06, 2021 at 01:29 AM

SW

“ *Sending condolences on behalf of the Gainesville DCF office. We love you Cheryl and are here for you.*

Sabrina Williams - September 01, 2021 at 01:22 AM