



Charles "Mike" Michael McCaskill

July 31, 1944 - December 7, 2022

Charles Michael McCaskill "Mike", 78, of Cross City, Florida, passed away December 7, 2022. He was born July 31, 1944 in Gainesville, Florida to the late Bert B. McCaskill and Hildred Michael McCaskill, and raised in the Baptist faith.

Mike was a PADI dive instructor since 1966 in open water and cave diving but his love was cave diving. He located and worked on the City of Hawkinsville on the Suwannee River and had it declared as the first underwater historical preserve in the state of Florida. He was instrumental in developing the artificial reef program in Dixie and Levy Counties. Mike started a Marine Science Program in Levy County, teaching many students to dive as part of the program. He was the Sponsor and Director of the Dixie County Search and Rescue Dive Team for many years. Mike was a certified Pilot and Boat Captain and a Scout Leader in Dixie County for many years; he enjoyed any outdoor excursions including camping, kayaking, canoeing, mountain and road biking, fly fishing and spending time on the Suwannee River.

An educator by trade, Mike served many years as a Guidance Counselor, Assistant Principal, and Principal for school systems in Dixie, Madison, Hernando, Levy and Baker Counties.

Mike is survived by his wife, Barbara A Rowell McCaskill of Cross City,

Florida; sons, Marc (Kristen) McCaskill of Cross City, Florida, Todd (Devyn) Chorvat of Bronson, Florida and Dane (Tiffany) Chorvat of Bronson, Florida; daughter, Mari-Michael (Troy) Smith of Trenton, Florida; grandchildren, Kayse, Katie, Peyton, Kyler, Amie, Trace, Kade, Rhealyn, Annastyn, Kate, Bristol and Jackson; three great grandchildren; sister, Kay Harden of Cross City, Florida; and nephews, Scott Harden of Cross City, Florida and John McKinney of Cross City, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Hannah Michaelyn Jones.

Funeral services for Mike will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chapel, Cross City, Florida with Rev. Michael Killian and Rev. Joe Brooks officiating. Burial will follow at Cross City Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City
16984 SE Hwy 19
PO Box 1208
Cross City, FL 32628

Funeral Service

DEC 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Charles "Mike" Michael McCaskill



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - December 11, 2022 at 01:01 PM



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles "Mike" Michael McCaskill



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - December 10, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ Charles "Mike" Michael McCaskill

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ Charles "Mike" Michael McCaskill

January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM

JH

“ To brother Mike's family, our deepest condolences. He was a true outdoors man, adventurous, funny, & always had a great sense of humor. I had the pleasure of working with him on the city of hawkinsville project. I didnt realize the Impact it had on our communities. He truly had an educator s heart. He will be missed.
Jimmie , Rachel, and Zach Hill
Maddie, vivi grae & Joe Giles iii.
Charles and LeAnn hill.

James Charles Hill - December 11, 2022 at 07:27 AM

SM

“ Our deepest sympathy for your loss of a good man. Sorry we are not able to attend the service but our thoughts and prayers will be with all his loved ones now and in the days ahead. May God comfort and keep you. Sylvia, Bo, and Luci

sylvia markham - December 10, 2022 at 09:20 PM

TF

“ The Family lit a candle in memory of Charles "Mike" McCaskill



The Smith Family - December 10, 2022 at 08:59 PM

KO

“ I have a lot of fond memories of learning to SCUBA dive in high school with Mr McCaskill as our Master Dive Instructor. Kyle O'Connor, Major, United States Marine Corps (Retired) Class of 1992.



Kyle O'Connor - December 10, 2022 at 08:05 PM



“ 84 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - December 10, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ *Bud Shipley & Susanne Clifton purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles "Mike" Michael McCaskill.*



Bud Shipley & Susanne Clifton - December 10, 2022 at 09:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles "Mike" Michael McCaskill.*



December 09, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles "Mike" Michael McCaskill.*



December 09, 2022 at 05:37 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Charles "Mike" Michael McCaskill.*



December 09, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ *How could I forget our duck hunting trips and getting Mike's stuck Bronco out of the mud, he became a legend for this. What tells we could tell. What a great time and memories. Mike was loved and will be missed. Jibba Killian*

Jib Killian - December 09, 2022 at 01:42 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Charles "Mike" Michael McCaskill.*



December 08, 2022 at 09:29 PM

NP

“ *Nina Peterson lit a candle in memory of
Charles "Mike" McCaskill*



Nina Peterson - December 08, 2022 at 07:02 PM