



Eric Daniels

February 6, 1949 - July 4, 2025

Gilbert "Eric" Daniels, 76, of Old Town, Florida, passed away on July 4, 2025 at North Florida, Hospital of cardiac arrest. He was born on February 6, 1949 in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Eric was a graduate of Naples High School and joined the US Navy after graduation where he served for 6 years. He was a Vietnam Veteran. He retired from the Collier County Sheriff's Office in 1998 where he rose in the ranks to a Lieutenant and retired as a Captain.

Eric moved to Old Town, Florida where he enjoyed fishing, motorcycling and playing bass fiddle in his Bluegrass Band. He was an active member of AMVETS Post 422, where he served as Provost Marshal. He was also a very active member of Joppa No. 4 Masonic Lodge where he served as Secretary for 10 years. He is Past Master of Cypress Lodge No. 295 in Naples, Florida. He is a Past District Instructor, Past District Deputy

Grand Master,
Past Grand Historian and Past Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of
Florida. He was also
the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Bosnia and Hersogovinia.

Eric is survived by his wife and partner of 37 years, Mary "Lee" Layne, his
sons Shanon
Daniels and Robert Layne(Christy), nephew Judd Daniels, and his
grandchildren Logan and
Brooke Daniels and his aunts and cousins. He was preceded in death by his
parents
Harold and Wilma Daniels and his brothers, Brian Daniels and Guye Daniels.

A Masonic Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 30,
2025 at the
Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either the
Masonic Home
of Florida or AMVETS Post 422 Building Fund.

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

Memorial Service

JUL **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel
16984 SE Hwy 19
Cross City, FL 32628

Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Eric Daniels



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - July 30, 2025 at 11:48 AM

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“ Wow I still cant believe your not here You played a pivotal roll in mine and Alexandria's life thank you brother you were like a dad to me in a lot of ways we will miss you Alas My brother

Robert Cooper - July 27, 2025 at 06:31 AM